

PVS Officials Committee Meeting November 12, 2019

Participants: Rich McMillen, Erika Livingston, Lynne Gerlach, Kelly Rowell, Scott Witkin, Courtney Johnston, Barb Ship, Pam Starke-Reed, Elizabeth Jester, Dave DiNardo, Catherine Lim
Location: Zoom convened at 7:02 pm

Minutes from August 25, 2019

Decision Minutes approved

Subcommittee Reports

Training, Mentoring and Evaluation subcommittee - Elizabeth Jester

- Starter handout update to document false start before the starting signal is activated and the process for DQ - clarification
- Rule change May 1, 2020 relay needs to be legal for leadoff leg time to count

Certification subcommittee - Barb Ship

- No Report

Administrative subcommittee - Kelly Rowell

- 538 certified official, 254 (November 1) are eligible for registration, 37 no sessions in 2019

Communications subcommittee - Courtney Johnston

- Newsletter sent September 19, 2019

Unfinished Business

Recruiting 18 year-old athletes as officials - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Athlete view of becoming an official
 - Time is a concern for those still in high school
 - Possible interest later in life
 - Finding coaching opportunities is a priority for most in high school
- Best ways to reach athletes
 - Use PVS Flash email to all the PVS athletes encouraging those 18+ to become officials
 - Send a direct message to athletes each month upon turning 18 encouraging them to become officials
 - Reach out to teams to find interested athletes
- Potential barrier to becoming an official is the cost of the required background check for athletes
- Possibly combine a rules clinic with a stroke and turn clinic

Follow-up

- Rich and Dave to write up a draft of an invite for PVS athletes for a rules clinic combined with stroke and turn clinic and send to the committee for feedback
- Dave to discuss with the PVS House of Delegates the possible reimbursement for athlete background checks

Rules Clinics for athletes - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Athlete view of Rules Clinic
 - There is Interest in a rules clinic for high school swimmers
- Situation discussion about athlete swimming illegal stroke and the official's ability to see all infractions
- Room reservations are available in January for both Maryland and Virginia to hold clinic

Follow-up

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Evaluator/Clinic presenter Requests - Elizabeth Jester

Discussion (Closed Session)

- Review applications for evaluators

Follow-up

- Elizabeth to write an article for the next newsletter on how to become an evaluator or presenter
- Elizabeth to send evaluation forms to all evaluators and meet referees as a reminder for evaluators to be attentive during evaluations with system of acknowledgment
- Training, Mentoring and Evaluation subcommittee to discuss possible means to objectively evaluate evaluator candidates
- Training, Mentoring and Evaluation subcommittee to discuss how to share Evaluate the Evaluator input

New Business

Championship Meets and OQMs - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Meet referees, lead and evaluators for PVS spring championships
 - PVS Short Course Championships (Sr. Champs) - Ellen Colket (MR), Jan van Nimwegen (AR), Jack Neill (head SR), Tom Allison (TLCJ), Fran Werner and Bob Vincent (evaluators)
 - PVS Short Course Junior Championships (Jr. Champs) - Cherlynn Venit (MR) - tentative
 - PVS 14 & Under Junior Olympic Championships (JOs) - Barb Ship (MR), Karyn McCannon (AO), Paul Jampole (evaluator)

PVS Open Meet Review - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Review of the October Open
- Review of the November Open

Follow-up

- Rich to refer concerns about the operation of the October Open to the PVS Board

Process for decertification/suspension of an official - Barb Ship

Discussion

- Per the PVS Policy & Procedures, the General Chair is the responsible person for decertification/suspension of an official
- Consensus that the PVS Officials Committee Chair should recommend the decertification/suspension of an official

Follow-up

- Certification subcommittee to review and draft proposed language for the PVS Policy and Procedures for review by the Officials Committee

Reimbursement for officials registration and background check - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Motion: Recommend the PVS Board have a consistent policy for all officials to be reimbursed consistently for registration and background checks
 - Passed
- Coaches who are also officials are not allowed to be reimbursed for their background check per PVS website, it is not present in the Policy and Procedures

PVS Annual Official Award - Kelly Rowell

Discussion

- Motion: PVS Official Award be named after Boots Hall be awarded yearly April 1 to March 31
 - Passed

Follow-up

- Courtney to present potential dates for the annual spring official gathering to the Officials Committee
- Official Committee to review potential candidates for the 2019/2020 award

Announcements

- Next meeting: January 22 at Overlee 7 pm
- Remind coaches to Deck Pass Plus and concussion training

Adjourn: 9:15 pm