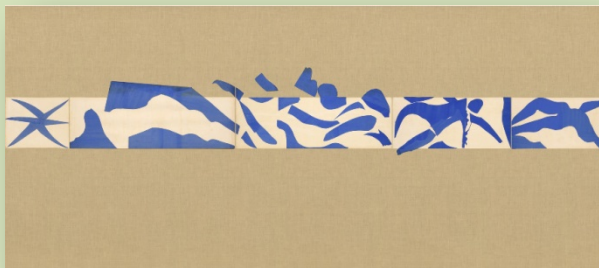


A Splash of Art

Taking a Moment to Enjoy How Artists See Our Sport



The Swimming Pool, Henri Matisse 1952



Circa 2009 (est.), Unknown



Etching from 'The Art of Swimming',
Everard Digby 1587



One of the 'Athlete Series'.
George Psaroudakis 2018

Girl Swimming, White Lotus 2017

CONTINUUM

We Are One Team

By Izumi Horikawa

In a preliminary session of the PVS Champs some 10 years ago, I was one of five CJs. The lead CJ was Bob Vincent, with each of the other three CJs covered their quadrant of the pool. I recall that, prior to the session, Bob had emphasized that CJs should work as a team.

There was a lull of activity in my quadrant and so I giving some observation time to the other pool half and, in doing so, recording raised S&T hands and radio conversation by others on my heat sheet. With multiple rapid DQs accumulated in one of the quadrants, the CJ of that quadrant became unsure of the heat number of one of the possible DQs. Fortunately, my heat sheet had the answer and I was able to give the correct heat number over the radio. This was then followed by a confirmation from the CJ and the S&T who had made the call. I still remember that at the conclusion of the session, Bob told me with smile that we had made a good team.

Fulfilling our responsibilities in our respective jurisdictions is certainly the top priority. However, whenever it's possible, we can contribute more than just the minimum to further ensure the team's success. Through the above experience, I re-learned that something that may seem just precautionary at the time could turn out to be very helpful or even critical.

It is a pleasure to have experienced so many PVS meets where a team member supported another. I strive to continue making additional back-up or overlapping efforts whenever possible and hope to be supported in the same manner by my fellow officials as well. 🙏



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What is a 'Call Room'?

By Elizabeth Jester

In early December I had the honor of being selected to work the U.S. Para-Swimming 2019 National Championship Meet. At this meet, US Para-Swimming assigns officials to different positions on each day of the meet. On the last day, I had the privilege of being assigned as the lead referee in the Call Room, also known as the *ready room*.

The Call Room is a defined area where the athletes must report prior to their respective heats/events. A timeline for reporting is established and published prior to the meet. The actual room has an entry doorway and a clock with the official time stationed at the entrance. Each athlete must check in by the time posted for their heat. If an athlete fails to report on time, they are disqualified. For this meet, the requirement was for athletes to report fifteen minutes prior to the start time of their heat in each final event.

As the Call Room Referee, my duties included checking in the athletes, assigning the athletes to their area of the Call Room, and assisting in positioning the athletes up in the correct order to parade out when their heat was announced. In addition, as Call Room Referee, I was to ensure the athletes' suits and caps were legal and that there was no illegal taping or advertisements.

It was a fantastic opportunity to work directly with the athletes. I would highly recommend accepting this assignment if you have the opportunity. 🙏

OFFICIALS' INSTRUCTION

Becoming a PVS Clinic Instructor or Evaluator

By Elizabeth Jester


In 2019 the Official's Committee introduced a new approach regarding the selection of personnel to serve as clinic instructors or evaluators. The philosophy behind the new approach emphasizes inclusion and opportunity. After much thought and discussion, it became clear that there were many qualified officials in PVS who could serve as clinic instructors or evaluators for the initial certification of chief judge, starter, referee, administrative official, timing system operator, and Hy-Tek. However, many of these folks were not serving in this capacity or may not have even been aware that they were eligible to serve in these roles.

In light of these findings, the Officials' Committee developed minimum requirements for an appointment as an evaluator or clinic instructor. The intent is to provide an objective framework that details what each person should strive to achieve in order to qualify. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee an appointment; they serve to show the committee that the minimums have been met and to establish baseline eligibility for consideration as a candidate.

An application process was also developed. The application is not lengthy, but asks you to provide background information and an explanation of why you are interested in becoming an evaluator or clinic instructor.

The Officials' Committee encourages folks who are interested in exploring these opportunities to review the requirements and submit an application. Requirement details may be found on the Officials' Home Page of the PVS website. The application may be found on the PVS website or at: <http://goo.gl/jQbULU>.

Finally, an individual may submit for consideration an application for one or more appointments. You are encouraged to apply for the positions that match your strengths.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at elizjester@gmail.com. 

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Richmond, VA

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15 Years of Service to PVS

OCTOBER: Suey Nordberg (OCCS)

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Katie Carman (MACH)
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