

New Jersey Swimming Officials' Committee
Report for the NJ Swimming Board
July 11, 2017

There is not much to report at this time, but here are a few things that might be of interest to you.

Training of New Referees and Starters

In May we ran our normal new Referee and new Starter clinics. The Referee clinic attracted eight candidates, all of whom have completed the tests, and four of whom have already completed their apprentice sessions. The two Starter clinics attracted 17 candidates, all of whom completed the tests and are actively working on their apprentice sessions.

It is worthy of note that one senior coach took the approval process seriously and contacted me concerning a candidate from his team who he did not believe was ready to move up. After some discussion, including with the officials coordinator on his team, we decided to defer the candidate until next year. That's the way the process should work! Approval should not be perfunctory.

Observed Swim Meets

This past spring, there was a sharp increase in the requests to have high school championship meets observed by USA-S or YMCA certified officials so the times could be entered into SWIMS. It became apparent that we needed to better formalize our procedures to handle these requests. The accompanying document sets forth our revised procedures, based on input from the LSC General Chair, the LSC National Times Chair, the LSC Officials Chair and the NJS Office. Everything in the document conforms to the applicable USA-S rules. We are requesting approval from the Board for these revised procedures, which we will then pass on to the NJ High School Officials group. We will also send them to the Middle Atlantic LSC and Metropolitan LSC Officials Chairs for their information, as some New Jersey high school championship meets are held in those LSCs.

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NJ LSC Officials' Chair
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