

New Jersey Swimming Officials' Committee
Report for the NJ Swimming Board
December 18, 2018

There is not much to report at this time, but here are a few things that might be of interest to you. We have also offered two proposals for your consideration.

Officials Training

During the Fall, we ran 7 USA-S training clinics: five stroke & turn clinics and two A/O clinics. These are in addition to the 19 clinics run under the YMCA auspices, which can be used by USA-S officials to initially become stroke & turn judges and to recertify as referees, starters and stroke and turn judges. The clinics were run throughout the state, making them readily accessible to officials and prospective officials.

We also again ran a state-wide referee meetings/clinic where referees could attend, take the test and renew their credentials for the next three years.

So far this season, we trained 106 new officials, about one third of whom have completed their apprenticeships and are acting as fully certified officials. Experience tells us that about half of the remaining apprentices will complete their training

Staffing Meets

We changed our Meet Referee's report this year to try to bring us better information concerning the meets. Reviewing the early reports, we again see the problem of some clubs hosting meets but not having their own officials available to work the sessions, having to rely on whomever walks through the door. We have had two meet sessions already this year where we only had the minimum number of officials, and in one case we had to delay the start of the meet until we could find one more official. If we cannot staff meets with the required minimum number of officials, then the meet times cannot go into SWIMS. The LSC needs to address this problem; it is not an officials' problem, it is an LSC problem.

Resignations of Committee Member

Mark Butler, who has served on the Committee for over ten years, decided it was time to hang up his whistle as he has moved to Pennsylvania and getting to NJ meets is not very convenient. We will sorely miss his wisdom, knowledge and experience.

Ed Miller
NJ LSC Officials' Chair
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