

To: ISI Board of Directors

From: Amanda Schleede, Officials Chair

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Since my last report:

1. The officials clinics for Spring 2021 are listed on the ISI website. As of today, we've completed online training for 22 new or advancing officials (1 Ref, 6 Starter, 7 AO & 8 S&T). We have more clinics scheduled throughout the spring and will be sending an email to all ISIS head coaches to promote the clinic program and recruiting parents to become or advance as officials.
2. We continue to recertify official credentials for 2021. We continue to encourage teams to remind their officials to renew their non-athlete at least 72 hours before the start of a meet to make sure the ISI office has time to process the payment. If an official's certification card is not updated, they cannot be on deck as an official (proof of payment is not a "free pass").
3. We continue to certify new and advancing officials – please remind any training officials that the update of their certification cards from trainee to certified is not an instant process – there is updating in OTS that needs to be completed manually by volunteers. Additionally, instructions for the process are provided on the ISI website – new and advancing officials need to follow those instructions.
4. The Officials Committee is always happy to help connect teams with Meet Ref's and/or officials for deck positions. Please reach out to Amanda if you have a need (repeat of report from April).
5. Since our last meeting, we've certified three new referees in Illinois.

ACTION ITEM:

1. Discussion of the originally budgeted \$1500 for the Olympic Trials scholarships.
 - a. Illinois has three officials attending Wave #1 of Trails.
 - b. One of the officials will not be applying for the scholarship as he will have a swimmer at Wave #1 and will be receiving the athlete support funds.
 - c. Additionally, I was just informed that officials have to be in Omaha 2 days before the start of Wave #1 and hotel rooms at \$229 per night.
 - d. Given the loss of one official not requesting scholarship funds, I would like to propose that we split the original \$1500 evenly between the two remaining officials.
 - e. So for the two Illinois officials attending Wave #1 of the Olympic Trails will receive a scholarship award of \$750 each.
 - f. **Therefore, I'm amending my previous asks to provide two (2) of the Illinois officials with scholarship support at the Wave #1 level of \$750 per official – so a total of \$1500 will be awarded and will meet the 2021 budgeted amount for Officials scholarships.**