

ISI Referee Conference Call

October 17, 2013

Attendance: Travis Albang, Kerry Barnes, Phil Barnes, Barb Beatty, Lewis Rosser, Cindy Opitz
Curt Oppel, Kirstin Oppel

Chairman Phil B. presided over the discussion

Topics discussed:

- A. Rule Changes: In summary,
- Backstroke – the words clarified our interpretation for turns and finishes
 - Butterfly and Breaststroke – hands, fingers, thumbs cannot be overlapping. In fact they have ruled that triangle is legal
- B. Staffing a meet: Meet referee in Iowa is consistent with USA swimming. We need a minimum of four officials. The deck referee can serve as meet referee. The admin official can relieve the meet if needing an admin referee

When staffing the deck, try to place officials and balance experience of the deck officials. Don't staff all one end with Novice and the other end with experienced refs.

We have large number of N2 and N3 officials, try to use them as mentors. Allow them to provide the newer officials with experience.

- C. Official Tracking System: Phil discussed how to use the OTS for referees. This is important for the new apprentice program. The apprentices need to complete their BGC and APT within 60 days of their first apprenticeship. Referees will be able to see if the apprentice has exceeded the 60 days.

The official committee will be asked if we, ISI, want apprentices, to register before the apprenticeship? We will grandfather in apprentices that are already working. We will start the 60 days when they do their next apprenticeship.

If we can't look them up on OTS then we shouldn't let them on deck.

- D. Other topics:
- Recertification clinics: Our trainers are Barb, Elliot, Jim A., Dennis P., Lewis L., Phil B. We are looking for more officials to be trainers.
 - Officials Committee: Phil (chair), Travis (vice chair), Lewis and Jim A. (training chairs), and Curt (secretary). The athlete reps are from ACAC and Mason City. Phil will get me their names.
 - Referees need to complete recertification test every two years. These are different from the Admin Officials test.