



Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

I would like to report that as of September 15, 2011 we have 52 certified officials and 3 trainees working on their certification.

We had a very successful long course season that concluded with the State Championship Meet in Missoula the end of July. We had 29 officials that worked the meet over the three days. With this many officials working the meet was ran extremely well and the comments which were made during and after the meet were all positive and with over 300 swimmers the meet was completed ahead of the projected time line each day. The meet was designated as a National; Certification Meet and we had 18 of the 29 officials evaluated and certified as N2 or N3 during the meet weekend. This is a great opportunity for the officials in Montana and allows them to work upper level national meet.

Montana Swimming had 7 officials that went on to the 2011 Western Zones Meet in California in making the meet a huge success for the swimmer.

As we continue onto the 2012 short course season I would like to ask that we continue to recruit new officials from all the teams as we will continue to loose the older officials each year and the need for trained officials will grow each year. I would like to ask that we continue to add two officials to from each team every year.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the officials that have worked at the meet throughout the last year, the officials that have helped me this year and for all their efforts in training and mentoring our new officials. I would encourage all our officials to continue with the training and mentoring of all the officials. We have a great group of officials in our LSC and I know we all learn something at the meets we work.

If anyone has questions or need anything please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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