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Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

I would like to report that, as of September 22, 2021, we have 84 registered officials certified as stroke and turn, starters, administrative officials, referees, and apprentice officials (this is significantly lower than last year at this same time). I'd like to encourage the current trainees to complete their certification and urge others to join the officials and help support our swimmers. Ideally, we would have over 100 registered officials to support our athletes. Additionally, we need to ensure we have enough Admin officials and Referees to cover every meet. USA Swimming requires an Admin Official at every meet in addition to all the other required officials.

Although this season was better than last season, Covid-19 made Long Course season challenging. As of now, Short Course looks more normal with several meets already scheduled.

As the 2021 short course season starts, I would like to reinforce the need for all teams to step up and work to recruit new officials as we will continue to lose officials each year and the need for trained officials grows. My goal continues to be having over 100 registered, active officials supporting Montana Swimming.

I would like to thank everyone for sticking with us through the challenging long course season. I would also like to thank all the officials that have worked meets throughout the last year, and for all your efforts in training and mentoring our new officials. I would encourage all our officials to continue with the training and mentoring of each other. 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 needs anything, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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