

VSI Officials Chair Report August 2015

2015 LC Championship Meets

Seniors- 35 officials attended. The meet setup was discussed by the Admin team because of the 18 and under D Final requirement. The software produced 2 sets of alternates which wasn't the intent of the Senior Committee. After playing with the set-ups and basically changing the event setup after the prelims were finished we were able to produce the desired results. I talked to Lucy Duncan about this at a later meet and she told me that was the only way it could be done at this time in Hy-Tek.

Age Groups- 40 officials attended. Chase starts were run in the morning sessions. No issues were had.

Futures- We sent 9 officials to Greensboro and West Lafayette.

Junior Nationals- There were 3 officials representing VA in San Antonio

Nationals- 4 officials attended.

Zones- 19 VA officials were present. Chase starts (boy/girl) were run with no problems. There were a few equipment issues the facility had to take care of. We did run most of the sessions with a 0 interval factor and we finished just ahead of schedule on all of the sessions that ran on time, and finished right at the time line or just beyond it on sessions that ran into to equipment issues. Granted we ran a "relaxed" start protocol with the athletes almost being at 35 meter mark before firing off the next heat.

2016 LSC Championship Meets

Meet Referee appointments will be discussed during the Officials Committee meeting September 12th.

Regarding the Senior and Age Group Committee desire to swim both LC Championship meets the same weekend. There is minimal concern regarding the officials since it is usually a separate set of volunteers that work those meets with only a handful working both. The greater burden falls on the coaches and parents. It was brought up that if we ran the same schedule that we did this past summer it wouldn't be a problem. Swimming Summer Awards a week later pushes everything back. The Olympic Trials are the week prior but the LSC doesn't host meets the week of the 4th and the athletes involved at Trials aren't really training for the summer championship meets to begin with.

Recruitment

Currently we have 421 officials with 52 certified this past season. Of those 421, 258 worked 10 sessions or more. The training program we modified last year brought us in some higher numbers, especially in a year when the cycle should be down. Still some bugs we need to work out.

Rules and Regulations-USA

An email was sent out to the Officials Committee to see if there were any concerns regarding the proposed amendments to 2015 Rules and Regulations- USA-S. There were only 2 items questioned.

1. Proposal R-2 If there is an ongoing concern that our meets are running to long why would you add events and include a 2 hour break proviso.
2. Proposal R-1 Clarifying what constitutes deck changing is similar to the Supreme Court philosophy on pornography. You know it when you see it. But if there isn't a defined penalty then what is the point.

Respectfully Submitted,

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