

Officials Committee Report 20 April 2004

Incentives and rewards

- Swing pens were ordered as a thank-you/incentive for working the short course championship meets. Due to a change in ownership of the company from which the pens were ordered, the pens only arrived in time for the Age Group Championship meet. The Officials Committee will determine if the remaining pens should be held for the long course championship season, or if an attempt should be made to distribute them to those that worked the short course championship meets.
- Years-in-service (5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years) pins have been ordered and should be received by the middle of May. The Officials Committee will determine how and when the pins will be distributed.
- The "Official of the Year" program is being reviewed for possible revision. Action is expected at the next Officials Committee meeting.

Items for sale

- Officials shirts (with VSI/USA Swimming logo) and name tags are available again. Forms for ordering these items, as well as instructions on where to purchase other items of interest for officials (rule book, DQ slips, bell) are now posted on the officials section of the VSI website.

Training and Certification

- The "Timing Judge" training manual has been completed and is now available on the VSI website
- A training card has been developed for apprentice referees.
- A training card for clerk-of-course is nearing completion.
- A training clinic outline is nearing completion.

Continuing Education

- The Swimposium is scheduled for September 25-26, 2004, in Richmond. Mary Scott Garrett is putting the Swimposium together. Helen and Bob Brown will be the facilitators.
- Mary Scott Garrett and Kevin Hogan will be attending the Referee/Facilitators Workshop in Dallas on May 29-31, 2004.