

## VSI Officials Committee Report

### 27 September 2009

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Members Present: Bryan Wallin, David Strider, George Smith, Jim Frye, John Squires, Kevin Hogan, Mike Willard, Michael Downs, Pat Donohue, Stephanie Suhling, Tom Colasurdo, Tom Elliott, Wally Hunt

- Introduced new committee members and reviewed roles of the District Officials Chairs.
- Distribute officials patches, hang pens, badge reels, and anniversary pins.
- Reviewed status of Referee trainees and discussed future trainee possibilities.
- Rules: Reviewed updated swim suit rules clarifications. No longer allowed to re-submerge in butterfly (prior to 15 M). Updated and revised DQ slips are now available.
- Coaches credentials: Unanimously agreed to recommend to the VSI BOD that enforcement of coaches credentials at meets should be done by the Meet Director, and that the Meet Referee should only be involved to the extent that an individual refuses to comply with the policy.
- USA-S non-athlete membership for officials: Unanimously agreed that all officials (both wet deck and dry deck) should be required to be members of USA-S. This resolution will be forwarded to the VSI BOD for approval. Philosophically believe that all officials should be members of the body that provides their certification and membership will ensure that all officials are in OTS.
- OTS: The certification capabilities of OTS were reviewed. The pros and cons of using OTS in place of or in conjunction with our current Access database were discussed. It was decided that shifting to OTS was the most expedient measure, although dry deck only officials will have to be tracked in the Access database. Assuming that the VSI BOD approves USA-S membership for all officials, this will cease to be an issue when that measure goes into effect. District Officials Chairs will track their district officials within the database, the LSC Officials Chair will track the Referees, and John Squires will setup the meets. To support the use of OTS for certification, Meet Referees or their designees will now be required to enter the sessions worked for each official in a meet. Certification cards will be issued via OTS.