

JANUARY 2013

VIRGINIA SWIMMING OFFICIALS

2013 REGISTRATION

Remember that before you get back on the deck in January you need to make sure your registration is current. If you haven't gotten your 2013 registration card yet and you've paid your fee plus your background check and athlete protection are current, then contact the Registration Chair, Mary Turner registrationchair@virginiawimming.org

For those officials who were in "the first wave" of completing the USA Swimming criminal background check in 2011, and renewal is due this January. Mary is holding 2013 registration cards that have their background check ending January 2013. If you work a meet in January before you get your 2013 registration card, make sure you have a current copy of your Certification Card. It will have all of your current expiration dates in the upper right corner.

RECERTIFICATION

Your District Chairs should be recertifying everybody at this time. The requirements for recertification are in the [Va Officials Handbook](#) starting on page 11. There are a few changes for 2012-13. In April the committee voted to increase the number of sessions worked from 6 to 8. We also added a stipulation that an official must work at meets hosted by at least two different teams.

If you notice that your certification didn't get renewed, please contact your District Chair and see what you were missing or if it was just an oversight.

MENTORING

Make sure you keep up with your mentoring of other officials also. Anytime you train someone, you need to add this into OTS under your activities. When you apply for a N2/N3 advancement, mentoring sessions are part of the approval process and many of us forget to add them. You can also add stroke briefing so double check your activities in OTS and make sure your current.



NATIONALS AND JUNIORS

Kevin Hogan went to Nationals this December in Austin Texas and was assigned to a Chief Judge position. This was the first time Kevin worked an assigned position at a National event.

Jessica Simons, Pat Donahue and David Hillary all attended Junior Nationals at the University of Tennessee this December. This was David's first National event.

Congratulations to all.



National Evaluated Meets in VA

Currently there will be 6 meets in Va this year that you can be evaluated for N2 or N3 certifications.

Short Course: Seniors, Age Group and Sectionals

Long Course: Seniors, Age Group and Zones



The purpose behind the National Certification Program is to develop officials who are competent, current and consistent from the LSC level meet to the highest level in our sport through a progressive training program based on an accumulation of experience acquired by specific meet attendance, mentoring and constructive evaluation.

You may sign up to be evaluated online now for the [Sectional meet in Christiansburg](#). Evaluations for short course champs meets will be on the application to officiate, which should be under the officials section on VA Swimming website shortly.

Upcoming Meets

January 4	Contact to Officiate
Lynchburg	Annette Mills--wva80@comcast.net
ODAC	Jeff Kauffman--jefferykauffman@msn.com
VAST	Jeff Sheffer--jsheffer@comcast.net
January 11	
NOVA	Laura Razzolini--lrazzolini@vcu.edu
WAC	Lee Holder--holderpl@cox.net
January 18	
Poseidon	Ron Webb--rmkwebb@verizon.net
TAC	Art Zachary--zacharyaa@gmail.com
CGBD	Jeff Jones-cgbd.officials@gmail.com
Storm	David Bihl--davidbihl@yahoo.com
QDD	Spencer Quinn-spencer@sqsoftware.com
January 26	
GATR	no listing yet
Feb 1	
NOVA	Laura Razzolini--lrazzolini@vcu.edu
ODAC	Jeff Kauffman--jefferykauffman@msn.com
BASS	Ric Barklund---ric.barklund@comcast.net
February 8	
ODAC	Jeff Kauffman--jefferykauffman@msn.com
Lynchburg	Annette Mills--wva80@comcast.net

Virginia SC Senior Champs

Senior Championships is being hosted by Poseidon at the Collegiate Aquatic Center in Richmond.

Date: February 28-March 3

Meet Referee: Jim Frye

Administrative Referee: Mary Turner

National Evaluations: Jamy Pfister

The application to officiate will be on Virginia Swimming's website. Please sign up to officiate by February 14th. If you wish to apply for an assigned position (Deck Referee, Starter, Chief Judge, Admin Ref) please apply by February 8th.

White shirts with blue pants/shorts/skirts will be worn for Prelims. Blue shirts with blue pants/skirts for finals. Event shirts will be given to officials that sign up to work 4 sessions.

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Virginia SC Age Group Champs

Age Group Championships are being hosted by H20kies at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center in Christiansburg..

Date: March 7-March 10

Meet Referee: David Bihl

Administrative Referee: Jessica Simons

National Evaluations: Kevin Hogan

The application to officiate will be on Virginia Swimming's website. Please sign up to officiate by February 21st. If you wish to apply for an assigned position (Deck Referee, Starter, Chief Judge, Admin Ref) please apply by February 15th.

White shirts with blue pants/shorts/skirts will be worn for Prelims and Timed Finals. Blue shirts with blue pants/skirts for finals except Saturday night when Hawaiian shirts will be worn. Event shirts will be given to officials that sign up to work 4 sessions.

New Official Training

We've had around 100 people attend clinics since the start of 2012-2013 SC season. Since January 2012 there have been 64 officials certified at different positions and currently we have almost 40 training (registered) at Strokes and Turns.

Recruiting for new officials is a year around process. The Team Chairs should be working with the District Chairs during the year to establish clinics when needed.

Check with your District Chair for when the next clinic is in your area, or look at [the website](#) near the bottom for any information about clinics in your area.

Old Officials-- New Hats

If you've been certified for one year at Strokes and Turns or if you work on the dry deck- look around at your next meet and see where else you may be needed. If you see a position that interests you talk to the Meet Referee and ask them what you need to do to get certified. Being able to do multiple positions makes it much easier to staff a meet.

On Virginia Swimming [webpage](#) you will not only see newly certified officials but officials that have earned additional certifications.

Congratulations to Ginny Kimble for becoming certified as a Deck Referee as well as everybody else that appears on the above mentioned list.

Thank You

As anyone that was at the SEVA Christmas meet knows, and others that may have heard, Bob Hood is hanging up his whistle. Bob has been a staple in the Southeastern District for years; Meet Refereeing more meets than his share, training/mentoring more officials then even he can remember.

Thank you Bob for all of the time and the contributions you've made to Virginia Swimming.

By the way, technically you're still certified through next December.

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RAISE YOUR HAND....

A breaststroke swimmer moves his hands in a sculling or flipper movement at the end of the first armstroke after the start and also after the turn. Should he be disqualified?

No, he should not be disqualified. This is legal provided "The arms shall move simultaneously and in the same horizontal plane without any alternating movement." A sculling motion of the hands only as part of the armstroke is not considered the beginning of a new stroke.

Applicable Rules: 101.2.2

Near the finish in a butterfly race, a swimmer starts his final stroke and finds himself too close to the wall to make a full recovery, so he ducks his head under and reaches forward simultaneously with both hands underwater from the breast to touch. Is this legal?

No, this is illegal according to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. "Both arms must be brought forward over the water...."

Applicable Rules: 101.3.2

These and many other situations can be found under [Situations and Resolutions](#).

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