

Officials Committee Report February 3, 2013 - Judy Sharkey

The LSC official chairs from around the country had a conference call on Jan 9th. We discussed several things.

1. Please be sure to address the deck changing issue. USA swimming does not want it to be an issue which the deck officials must handle. A notice in the meet announcement with the penalties is a way to go if the LSC doesn't want to create a new policy.
2. USA swimming will require a new position Administrative Official at every sanctioned meet effective Sept 1, 2013. This is a dry side position. While it is not a true Administrative Referee position, it should be a position that handles all timing issues and any other issues which affect the running of the meet on the dry side. The committee talked about this and is looking into who this responsibility should fall to. Once USA swimming decides which test are required we will run a class for anyone who is interested in the position. This will bring to 4 the number of officials needed for a meet to be entered into the swims data base.
3. USA swimming is also looking into having all the expiration dates of the background checks and Athlete protection sync so the LSC doesn't have to issue more than one card a year.
4. Eric Schott is in the process of creating a handbook for all Meet Referees. We are trying to be consistent in the running of the meets throughout the LSC. This should help in that respect.
5. Renewals from the officials are coming in slowly but surely. We have lost about the same number of officials due to retirement as last year. We will be offering a new starter and referee class in the spring and have targeted a number of officials for these positions.
6. The committee would like to initiate the Sarah Levine Service award give to a volunteer in the LSC who has given of themselves to the sport and in particular to this LSC. We would like to present it at Spring JO's each year.
7. I would like to attend the LSC official's chairs meeting in Orlando May 17 to 19. USA swimming will provide all lodging and meals. The LSC would need to pay for my airfare.