**New Jersey Swimming Officials’ Committee**

**Report for the NJ Swimming Board**

**July 10, 2018**

There is really not much to report at this time, but here are a couple of things that might be of interest to you.

**Staffing of Meets with Officials**

Despite nominally having over 500 Officials on our roster, the staffing of meets continues to worry me, particularly meets hosted by clubs with few or no officials. Last weekend, I attended a meet session where we had twenty officials, a good number for a long course meet. However, the host team supplied only two of those officials. Two weeks ago I attended another long course meet session where we had only five officials in total, way too few for a meet that size. We had to stop the meet at one point to sort out all the DQs. I don’t have a magical solution, but every coach should be concerned and every host team should be required t have a minimum number of officials before we grant them a sanction. Even then, we could run into short situations, but hopefully the host team could pick up some of the slack.

**Training Clinics**

We ran two Starter Clinics, a Chief Judge Clinic and a Referee Clinic in May and June. We trained 24 new Starters, eight new Chief Judges and six new Referees. Despite having run over 30 training clinics during the fall, with two last chance clinics in mid-December, we still had a number of people miss their required clinic attendance, although we did pick up eight of those people in the May-June clinics.

**Open Water Swimming**

We continue to need some definitive guidance on this area as we have been asked about training people for OW swimming. Currently, we are working with the Mid Atlantic LSC to have them handle our training and they have a scheduled clinic in Brigantine in late July. Anyone interested should contact Robert Schailey (robertschailey@gmail.com).

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