

VSI Officiating Update

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Mentoring Activity

Advancement to N2 and N3 certification levels requires mentorship activity on the part of the applying official. To help officials track this activity we've added space to the VSI certification/session record card. Mentoring is not limited to such activities as conducting an officials clinic or presenting at a Swimposium, but also includes activities such as one-on-one mentorship of trainees at swim meets, or a more experienced official partnering with a newly certified official to provide feedback, encouragement, and direction.

Championship Meets

We're rapidly approaching the championship season. As officials, we are challenged to provide championship level officiating for these meets. If you've never worked a championship level meet before, please consider doing so. There's always new things to learn, new people to meet, and most importantly, athletes in need of high quality officiating.

February 16-18. District Champs hosted by NOVA, SEVA, PWSC, and CCA.

February 23-25. Regional Champs hosted by CGBD, LY, and QDD.

March 8-11. Senior Champs hosted by GATR at the University of Virginia.

March 15-18. Age Group Champs hosted by TAC & WAC at MAC and FEAC.

The Senior Champs and Age Group Champs meets will each present unique staffing challenges. Senior Champs will be run with some events being swum simultaneously in two courses, while Age Group Champs will have the morning sessions conducted in two separate facilities. Both of these meets will offer national officials evaluations, with details to be posted shortly on the VSI website.

Official's Shirts from Land's End

Between now and May 4, 2007, Land's End has suspended their minimum item number requirements on our orders. This offer makes it a great time to stock up on official's shirts embroidered with the VSI logo. Both white polo and

blue, button-down, Oxford shirts are available. Sizing is available for both women and men.

Please contact [George Smith](#) to obtain the ordering details.

Election of New Officers Highlights Next HOD Meeting

Elections for new VSI officers will take place at the next VSI House of Delegates meeting. The positions of General Chairman, Administrative Vice-Chairman, Senior Chairman, Age Group Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Planning Chairman, and Membership/Registration Administrator will all be up for election. Officers serve for a two year term.

VSI is an all volunteer organization. Whether you're happy with the status quo and want to see it continue, unhappy with the status quo and want to see radical changes, or are somewhere in the middle, your participation is critical to successful governance. If you'd like to run for a Board position or know someone who you think would make a good candidate, please contact [Terry Randolph](#) or [Bob Rustin](#) on the Nominating Committee.

Following the elections the new General Chairman will appoint the committee chairmen who will in turn constitute the standing committees. Participation at the committee level is an ideal way to get involved.

Questions?

Do you have a question about officiating or a tip you'd like to share? Is there a rule that you'd like to have clarified? Is there something that you'd like to see the Officials Committee do? Do you have a suggestion for a future item in this newsletter?

If so, please send your questions/comments to Kevin Hogan (Chair, VSI Officials Committee, kevinhogan56@earthlink.net).

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