

The seminar was wonderful & informative. There were 47 LSC's & 9 people from federations in attendance (Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guatamala, etc.)

Swim suits: consult with experienced coaches with legality of suits; ONLY if someone complains. 18 & under can have undergarments for modesty reasons.

Backstroke finish: whole body must be submerged including toes in order to DQ.

Butterfly: Shoulder to wrist is considered arm, therefore whole arm DOES NOT need to come out of water.

Scratch rules must be on meet information, also what penalties are going to be reinforced.

We had situation breakouts -- we divided up into groups & discussed problems that were sent in by each person attending seminar. They recommend chief judge testing at local level (covered in www.stroke&turn.com). Make ½ of clinic recertification about chief judge. Open water officiating - safety officers, medical officers. (swimnetwork.com).

Starting: the philosophy of starting is on the internet. Have patience-admit mistakes. Work each session/heat as if it is your last.

Recruiting & keeping officials: most LSC's charge between \$50 & 75 to become officials. You do not have to be a USA Swimming member in order to shadow. Ask coaches to e-mail parents about becoming officials. Make "pitch" at timers meetings. If not interested in working "wet" side of meet, find a way to find jobs or make up titles for them: timing judge, admin judge, admin assistant, etc.

Recommend LSC's have Admin Referees for local meets. We went through all deck positions: Head Referee, Deck Referee, Starter, Chief Judge, Stroke & Turn, Timers, etc.

USA Swimming is now going to underwater video cameras in order to confirm DQ's. They had it at Olympic Trials. We had another open discussion that lasted about 2 hours before adjourning for the weekend.

If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to e-mail me. Thanks again, Judy Wetzen