

Officials Report

Henry Clausen from KVV will be attending the Referee Clinic being held in Florida in October. A report will follow when he returns, and he has also agreed to work on the Officials Committee.

I will be reviewing the status of our officials list as many will not be officiating this next season due to the graduation of their swimmer(s) and other reasons. There will be a strong focus on teaching/training our referees to be able to teach stroke & turn and starter clinics as well as on recruiting. A limited number of stroke & turn, starter, referee, and AO clinics will be held. Those needing a clinic for recertification will be expected to attend a scheduled clinic. No training clinics will be held after January 12 as it does not give enough time for the appropriate number of shadows to be completed before the end of the season. Coaches will need to start recruiting very early. I will have a clinic schedule out by the end of the month.

The rule stating that all teams must have one certified official to work championship meets in order to compete as a team should be removed. It is hurting our swimmers and has not added any quality to our level of officiating.

I am looking forward to working with all our MESI teams this season. Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Nicole Viele
bnviele@gmail.com
MESI Officials Chair