

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
Board of Director's Meeting
April 26, 2021

Officials Committee Report

1. Our website has been updated, courtesy of John Stanley and is much easier to search and find information.
2. We have hosted 17 Zoom Clinics for Officials training – This has been a great medium for clinics for both new and tenured officials.
 - a. For new officials, 101 attended clinics for S&T, TEO and AO
 - b. For tenured officials, 20 attending clinics for advanced certifications.
 - c. The date and times of clinics are sent to the Team Chairs for distribution to their membership. Hopefully, all the clubs are seeing this information.
3. We are currently hovering around 400 Officials certified in VSI. This is a decrease from last year by approximately 70 officials. We suspect COVID-19 played a role in the drop off and whether some of those 70 or so officials return to officiating is unknown.
4. The LSC Officials Committee has completed the succession plan noted in previous years summary and it is posted on the webpage.
5. Officials Staffing at meets. There are a couple of items that clubs should review.
 - a. For an Officials to remain certified, our VSI Officials Handbook requires Officials to work, as a minimum, of 8 sessions per calendar year. In Non-COVID era, that equates to 32 hours per year. Suggest clubs look at their internal policy for yearly volunteer hours and hopefully be within the ballpark of our certification requirements to keep officials within the pipeline.
 - b. The Officials Team Chair is a key player when developing meet schedules. They should be administratively strong and a great voice for promoting Officiating and the need for officials. We have an Officials Team Chair Guide on our website that is available to anyone. Also, the LSC Officials Committee will be happy to host a Zoom Clinic on the same subject matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Demers

VSI LSC Officials Chair