

VSI Officials Committee Report

September 25, 2006

Summary of activities since August 10, 2006 report

1. Certification/re-certification
 - a. The VSI *Officials Handbook* has been completed. This will serve as a comprehensive resource for trainees as well as certified officials.
 - b. The training material for Timer (*Timer Certification*), Stroke & Turn (*Stroke & Turn – Philosophy, Procedures & Protocols*), and Starter (*Starter – Philosophy, Procedures & Protocols*) has been updated and revised.
 - c. Training material for Referee has been developed (*Referee – Philosophy, Procedures & Protocols*).
 - d. The *Clinic Outline/Materials* has been revised and updated.
 - e. The VSI Officials Certification Card has been revised to track advanced VSI certifications as well as mentoring activity.
 - f. Officiating clinics have been planned (with more to follow) in each district.
2. Swimposium: The officials' component will be held October 7-8, 2006 at the Koger Center.
 - a. Tom Elliott with George Smith have been coordinating.
 - b. Rather than using outside facilitators the weekend is being completely run by VSI officials.
 - c. The components will include a Referee Refresher component (Sat AM), a wet deck component (Sat PM), a dry deck component (Sat PM), and a clinic for training Referees (Sun AM).
3. Officials Database: Tom Colasurdo has been cleaning up the database. This has involved a check against USA Swimming Registration list and updating certification dates. This information is being used by District/Club Chairs to update listings. Beginning this fall, the database will also reflect certification levels.