

Officials Committee Report to the PVS House of Delegates

May 2026

The Officials' Committee is authorized and obligated to recruit, train, test, certify, evaluate, retest, recertify, and supervise officials for PVS.

Number of Certified PVS Officials (as of April-May 1 each year)

2019	529
2020	505
2021	386
2022	394
2023	452
2024	515
2025	566
2026	586

There are currently 116 officials who are registered as officials but have not yet completed certification requirements.

Training, Testing and Clinics 2026-2027

With the implementation of standardized certification requirements, certifying/recertifying clinics and testing is done by USA Swimming for all positions except Chief Judge. PVS continues to offer Chief Judge clinics and any supplementary (but not required) clinics.

Certifications for Computer Operator and Timing System Operator do not exist. These positions no longer require membership in USA Swimming. PVS has maintained our web-based programs as voluntary training programs and there is interest in becoming proficient at these skills (typically on the pathway to becoming a certified Administrative Official). Separate meet referee certification does not exist; all certified referees may act as meet referees.

Since 4/1/25, we have had 5 officials complete training and evaluation for Timing System Operator and 1 official complete training and evaluation for Computer Operator. Note that a club may request a \$200 reduction in the fine for each volunteer who is not a certified official but who has completed the computer operator training program or the electronic timing system training program (including evaluation) during the year OR who has worked as a CO or TO at least 3 sessions per year.

Clinics since 5/1/25

Clinics	# of clinics	PVS Initial	PVS Recerts	Non-PVS Initial	Non-PVS Recerts
Chief Judge	4	61	7	8	7

New officials since 9/1/25 per position (as of April 26, 2026)

Stroke and Turn Judges	85
Starters	20
Chief Judges	41
Referee	9
Administrative officials	14
Open Water Judges	2
Open Water Referees	1

First-time PVS Certified officials

April 2005-March 2026	90
April 2024-March 2025	116
April 2023-March 2024	118
April 2022-March 2023	110
April 2021-March 2022	65

Current Junior Officials

Stroke and Turn Judge	1
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Officials Qualifying Meets

PVS Meet	Meet Referee	Evaluators	Evaluations
2025 LC Open Champs	Erika Livingston	Barb Ship, Blair Cameron, Linda Tucker	18
2024 Katie Ledecky Invitational	Paul Jampole	Traci Johnson (NT) Jamie Cahn (MD) Blair Cameron Becky Fowkes Rich McMillan	27
2025 SC Open Champs	Bill McMahan	Mike Dilli (CO) Ellen Colket Trish Buswell Paul Jampole	30
2025 SC 14&U Champs	Andrea Hickman	Jessica Moore Tom Matysek (MD) Erika Livingston Becky Fowkes	18

Officials Education Travel Stipend

PVS offers an Officials Education Travel Stipend for officials who officiate at Zone or National meets. As of May 5, 2026, PVS has provided 32 stipends for 26 officials (at 11 meets), \$19,434.04. This compares to last year at this time: 45 stipends for 35 officials (at 9 meets), \$20,074.87.

Officials Recognition

In 2025, USA Swimming recognized two PVS officials with the Officials Excellence Award for outstanding service to local swimming: Ellen Colket and Barb Ship.

The PVS Boots Hall Official of the Year was John Avelis.