

**Officials Chair Report
HOD Meeting
October 7, 2018**

Officials Count

We currently have 134 certified officials. This is up from 125 at the time of the Spring HOD meeting.

Officials Training

Edie Mueller and Bob Pelzer attended the "We ARRE Mentors" workshop hosted by the USA Swimming National Officials Committee on June 22-24, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN. The goal of the workshop was to educate, encourage and prepare officials in all our LSCs to become National Evaluators. The workshop focussed on mentoring at the N2 and N3 levels, along with tips for recruiting, training and retaining LSC officials. ARRE stands for Appreciation, Recognition, Respect and Encouragement.

Kevin Axtell and Jamie White will be attending a Referee Workshop the weekend of October 19-21, 2018 in San Antonio, TX. This workshop is also hosted by the USA Swimming National Officials Committee and will allow referee-level officials from across the United States to gather in a group environment and be challenged with a presentation of ideals and philosophies.

State Championship Meets

Between the State A Championship in Rapid City and the State B Championship in Sioux Falls, we had a total of 43 officials who volunteered in different capacities.

State Meet Officials Shirts

We had a total of 9 officials who worked at either of the State Meets and have not previously received an Officials Shirt from SD Swimming. I am getting shirt sizes from those officials and will order additional shirts to distribute during the upcoming season.

DQ Slips

DQ Slip booklets were ordered at the end of May and distributed to clubs during the Long Course season. The booklets were ordered online through Lighthouse Printing at a much more reasonable cost. I will posting order details on the Officials page of SD Swimming for any clubs that may need to order additional booklets prior to our next order.