

2010-2011 VHSL SWIM & DIVE RULES CLINICS

PAYMENT: The certification fee is \$40.00 and is paid at the clinic for all seeking officials' certification. The certification fee includes VHSL registration, insurance and a rule book. There is no charge for coaches or guests attending clinics, but they receive no rules book or test materials. (Schools were sent two rules books.)

USA SWIMMING OFFICIALS: USA Swimming certified stroke & turn, starter and referee officials will be recognized to officiate at all levels of VHSL meets by registering and obtaining a NFHS 2010-2011 Swim/Dive Rules Book from the Virginia Swimming or Potomac Valley Swimming Officials Chair or their designees. These officials are **not** certified VHSL officials, but are recognized. These officials may serve in any position for **swimming**; diving judges and diving referees must be VHSL certified.

TEST: VHSL Referee, Starter, Stroke & Turn and Diving officials are required to complete and pass test. Officials must score 80% to be fully certified to officiate at district, region, or state championship meets. The test is taken on-line—log in at <http://exams.nfhs.org>. The exam will be open from 23 October 2010 to 6 February 2011.

TRAINING CLINIC: Clinic participants will not be fully trained when they leave the clinic. Each participant is responsible for completing their certification education by studying and learning the rules contained in the Rules Book and by working meets. On-the-job training is by far the best.

RULES: Coaches must review to ensure understanding. Officials learn them when taking the open-book test. The clinic PowerPoint and handouts provide a review of common violations and rule changes from last year.

UNIFORM FOR OFFICIALS: White tops, navy bottoms, white shoes and socks, VHSL patch. Certification card should be carried.

VHSL WEBSITE: <http://www.vhsl.org/> contains information and forms to use as an official. The clinic PowerPoint can be downloaded from this site as well.