

Currently we have 290 certified officials. Of that, we have 42 referees and approximately 40 starters. 84 people have either started or finished up the apprenticeship as stroke and turn since September 2008.

We currently have six referee apprentices that are either finishing in long course or who have just been certified during short course.

The officials committee has come up with new guidelines for all advancement positions over the past six months.. They are posted to the website.

The board has authorized the purchase of name tags for all officials. We are in the process of finalizing this with the vendor.

NC Swimming will also provide every new referee with a whistle and each new starter with a bell.

We have implemented dedicated meet and admin referees for all state championships.

Our LSC is among the national leaders with national qualifying meets and certification levels above the LSC level. This is a continued focus during the remainder of this year. We currently have 33 officials that are qualified at the highest level for at least one position.

We will be releasing a brand new part of the web site that shows when clinics for new officials are being held around the state. This will help promote new officials joining the ranks. It will be active by 4/22/09.

Respectively submitted,

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NC Officials Chairman
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