

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Floyd (chair), Connie Christensen, Adelaide G., Izabel G., Lori Onsaе, Carri Oviatt, Tiffanie P., Theresa Werner

EXCUSED: Erik Harris, Barry Hayden

January 2025 minutes approved and meeting called to order by the committee chair.

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership (10 members):

Chair: Julie Floyd	Team Liaison: Lori Onsaе
Vice Chair: Carri Oviatt	Training: Connie Christensen
Advancement: Erik Harris	Athlete Rep: Adelaide G
Communication: Theresa Werner	Athlete Rep: Izabel G.
Mentoring and Retention: Barry Hayden	Athlete Rep: Tiffanie P.
Open Water: Julie Floyd	

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- Officials' certifications and advancements were discussed:
 - We had a several new stroke and turn certifications in the month of January and a few this first week of February.
 - Also had one advancement to referee.
- Utah Officials List posted on Utah Swimming website will be updated later this week after the new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online in January 2025).
 - Those with expired certifications or those that are not registered for 2025 are not included on the online officials list until they have all their certifications current.

New Committee Business

- Updated policy on reimbursement criteria for unattached officials for Utah Swimming was approved by the UTSI board at the January board meeting.
 - We will need to update our policies and procedures.
- CJ training and certification information is now posted on our website.
- We will be removing the clinic information since all officials' clinic training will be online at USA Swimming (referee training to go online this spring).
- Still looking for more officials for UTAGS meet in March.
- We will create shared drive for all champs meets sanctions for reference for future championship meets teams.
 - Theresa and Carri will start working on LC sanctions (Jarid was notified).

Championship Meets

- Utah Beehive Finale Feb 28-March 1, 2025, in Heber City, Utah.
 - Meet Referee is Pierre Guzman, host is Wasatch Swim Club.
 - This meet is now happening before UTAGS as a last chance meet.
- UTAGS Short Course State March 5-8, 2025.
 - Meet Referee is Jarid Gray.
 - Admin is Jenn Nielsen (also doing entries).
 - Meet Director is Stephenie Glissmeyer.

- Added the 50s for 13-14 age groups and the meet is now back to four days from three days this year.
- Senior LC State, July 10-12, 2025 [this will be an OQM, Julie has evaluators scheduled].
 - Meet Referee is Trent Weight.
 - Admin is Theresa Werner (also doing entries).
 - Meet Director is Mo Schiffman.
- UTAGS LC State, July 17-19, 2025.
 - Meet Referee is TBD.
 - Admin is Carri Oviatt.
 - Meet Director is TBD.
- Utah Beehive Finale, July 25-26, 2025.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- Discussed that we would like all four of our champs meets to be OQMs with two of the four being with Utah evaluators; though we need to have more of our officials become national evaluators.
 - Barry (mentoring and retention) is planning on some trainings to get more interest in national certification and advancement.
- Policy 4.2 on officials' reimbursements for high level meets was previously reviewed by the committee. We are planning to add some criteria for who should be considered for funding (those seeking national certification, those working the full meet, those attending certain meet for the first time). Plan to have set amounts for high level meets depending on how many sessions were worked.
 - Julie will edit travel reimbursement for officials working at higher level meets with new policy for 2025 and have this reviewed by the board.

Officials Training and Clinics

- We hosted our last in person CJ, Starter, AO, and Referee Clinics at Swimposium in September 2024.
- USA Swimming AO training and test have been online as of October 1, 2024.
- USA Swimming Starter training and test also has been online as of October 1, 2024.
- CJ training and certification information is now posted on our website.
- Information for junior stroke and turn officials is on the website; they use the same training document we have posted for stroke and turn officials.
- All new officials need to take the new Foundations Course as well that is online.
- Reminder that anyone wanting to advance to Referee must become a certified AO prior to starting Referee training.
- New USA Swimming Referee training is supposed to go online in the spring.
- We discussed having some optional practical clinics for some hands-on training that is not covered as well in the online trainings for Referee, Starter, and AO.

Theresa has set up upcoming meetings as a recurring Zoom meeting (closed meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month).

Next meeting will be **Tuesday March 4th, 2025, at 7:30pm via zoom.**