

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Floyd (chair), Connie Christensen, Erik Harris, Barry Hayden, Lola H., Maliya M., Lori Onsaе, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner

EXCUSED: Tiffanie P.

June 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: Tiffanie P.
Communication: Theresa Werner	Athlete Rep: Maliya M.
Mentoring and Retention: Barry Hayden	Athlete Rep: Lola H.
Open Water: Julie Floyd	

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- Officials' certifications and advancements were discussed:
 - We had a few new stroke and turn certifications and an admin official certification in the month of June and several more people start the officials training online.
- Utah Officials List posted on Utah Swimming website will be updated later this month after the new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online June 2025).

New Committee Business

- We have replaced another graduating athlete on the committee-Lola H was welcomed to the committee tonight.
- We did private voting on Official of the Year from the nominations and Theresa will submit as she is on the Awards Committee.
- Julie edited our policies and procedures for officials uniform which we reviewed as a committee. She will add this to the Utah Swimming Board Meeting agenda this month.
- Carri will send out reminder on uniform for upcoming state meets and to remind all to log into USA Swimming (on internet, not through the app) as their password may need to be updated.
- Connie updated list for high school USA observed meets and we will send in for reimbursements.
- The board approved a permanent entry chair position for championship meets.

Championship Meets

- Shared drive for all championship meets sanctions was created by Carri. We are keeping all sanctions here for future reference, as well as meet relevant information like numbers to order for bag tags (athletes, officials, coaches) and coaches' meeting slides.
- We are having a combined coaches meeting July 7th for both LC meets at the same time, to be run by the respective meet referees with admin referee and meet director to present their information as well.
 - Julie will ask McKay to set up a zoom and sent out that information to the teams.
- We will be doing gift bags for officials in lieu of white meet shirts this year.

- Senior LC State, July 10-12, 2025 [this is OQM].
 - Meet Referee is Trent Weight.
 - Admin Referee is Theresa Werner.
 - Meet Director is Mo Schiffman.
- UTAGS LC State, July 17-19, 2025.
 - Meet Referee is Natasha Scott.
 - Admin Referee is Carri Oviatt.
 - Meet Director is Jarid Gray.
- Utah Beehive Finale, August 1-2, 2025.
 - Meet Referee is Pierre Guzman.
 - Admin is Theresa Werner.
 - Meet Director is Chad Starks (WWD is the host team).

National Certifications and Opportunities

- Our plan is to have all four of our champs meets be OQMs with at least one being with outside national evaluators.
 - Barry (mentoring and retention) had some trainings to get more interest in national certification and advancement at UTAGS and will hopefully do the same at LC championship meets.
- Travel Reimbursement. Policy 4.2 on officials' reimbursements for high level meets was previously reviewed by the committee. Draft policy updates are with Julie for review and then submission to the board for approval.

Officials Training and Clinics

- All certifications are online on USA Swimming now:
 - USA Swimming Referee training and test launched today April 1, 2025.
 - 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.
 - All new officials need to take the new Foundations Course as well that is online.
- CJ training and certification information is 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.
- Reminder that anyone wanting to advance to Referee must become a certified AO prior to starting Referee training.
- Policies and procedures have been updated to refer to USA Swimming for all training and certification.

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

We will be taking the month of August off; next meeting will be in September and we plan to move the start time to 7pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, at 7:00pm via zoom.