

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 4th, 2024, at 7:00pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Floyd (chair), Connie Christensen, Izabel G., Erik Harris, Barry Hayden, Lori Onsaе, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner

EXCUSED: Adelaide G., Tiffanie P.

May 2024 minutes approved and meeting called to order by the committee chair.

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership (11 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

- The following advancements and certifications were discussed:
 - No new advancements this past month.
 - We had several new stroke and turn certifications in the month of May.
 - There are few certifications pending (need to update from apprentice official).
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming will be updated later this week after any new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online May 2024).
- We had our first apprentice complete the Foundations and S&T training online; they should email Officials Chair after completion as we do not get an automatic notification from USA Swimming and we will track on our officials' list online.
- With R9, USA Swimming put out certification requirements for CJ as some LSCs do certify their CJs; Utah has not done this in the past.
 - Julie will send out information about the role of CJ to our officials and we will keep it as a non-certified position in our LSC.

New Committee Business

- We will have committee members be available to come to teams and speak to parents about being officials; Lori will draft email to have Carri send out to coaches and team admins to let them know we are available.
- Lori is working with Julie on our next quarterly Officials update email.
- We are planning to nominate an official for the USA Swimming Officials Excellence Award (will need to submit in July 2024).

Championship Meets

- Long Course Senior State July 18-20, 2024 (sanctioned).
 - This will be an OQM with a focus on N3 certifications. Julie has secured two out of state evaluators for this meet.
 - She has submitted the OQM application.
 - Meet Referee Mike Wynn, Admin Jenn Nielsen, Meet Director Allen Jones.
 - Link to officiate has been posted.
- Long Course Age Group State July 25-27, 2024 (sanctioned).

- This is the first time this meet will be happening after the Pioneer Day holiday.
- Meet Referee Trent Weight, Admin Theresa Werner, Meet Director Jarid Gray.
- Link to officiate has been posted.
- Short Course Senior State will take place in early December 2024 in St. George.
- Julie submitted our championship meet sanction edits to Champs Committee and changes to Rules and Regs at May UTSI Board Meeting, which were approved, and updates are included in the new sanctions.
- Julie will discuss with Shane about ordering Utah Swimming white polo shirts for both LC meets this year.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- Julie will be working at US Olympic Trials in Indianapolis, IN, in June 2024.
- Policy 4.2 on officials' reimbursements for high level meets previously reviewed. Will plan to add some criteria for who should be considered for funding (those seeking national certification, those working the full meet, those attending meet for the first time).
 - We will plan to come up with criteria for travel reimbursement for officials working at higher level meets with new policy for 2025. [ongoing action item]

Officials Training and Clinics

- New Stroke and Turn Training went live online 04/01/2024. This includes the training course and the test.
- There is also a new Foundations Course that all new officials need to take as well.
- We will still need to do our AO, starter, and referee clinics for the time being.
 - Any aspiring referees will need to complete full AO certification prior to starting referee training.
 - Carri and Connie will plan on a Starter Clinic for June.
 - Theresa is working on an advanced AO training class for veteran AOs to attend [ongoing action item].

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

Next meeting Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, at 7:30pm via zoom.