

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Monday, June 9th, 2025, at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Floyd (chair), Maliya M., Lori Onsaе, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner

EXCUSED: Connie Christensen, Erik Harris, Barry Hayden, Tiffanie P.

May 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: TBD

Open Water: Julie Floyd

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- Officials' certifications and advancements were discussed:
 - We had a few new stroke and turn certifications in the month of May and at least 10 new 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 May 2025).
- Julie will send out instructional letter to all referees about the training log process.

New Committee Business

- We have replaced one athlete on the committee-Maliya M was welcomed to the committee tonight. We are working on one more athlete for the committee.
- Awards nominations were due June 1st, and our committee will be voting on Official of the Year (likely at our next meeting).
- Julie will be presenting permanent entry chair for championship meets at the board meeting this week.
- Discussed issue of giving athletes DQ slip carbon copy with officials' names on them and will discuss with coaches that this information is for the coaches to discuss with their swimmers, and at senior championship meets the swimmer will be informed of their DQ at the time by the officials.
- Discussed our standard uniform for Utah LSC meets is white top, black bottoms, and black closed toed shoes. Will add this to the Officials Policy and expect teams to abide by this for our meets. Special exceptions per meet referee can be included in the sanction (e.g. special shirts the finals night of a championship meet).
 - Draft policy with Julie for review and she will need to present at board meeting.

Championship Meets

- Shared drive for all championship meets sanctions was created by Carri. We will keep all sanctions here for future reference, as well as meet relevant information like numbers to order for bag tags (athletes, officials, coaches).
- We are having a combined coaches meeting 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.

- Slides were sent from last year's meeting to the meet leadership teams for editing.
- Carri will send out another email reminder for officials to sign up for both LC meets as well as reminder to fill out application if they want to be evaluated for a national certification.
- We will be doing gift bags for officials in lieu of white meet shirts this year. We also discussed gift card distribution for officials at championship meets.
- Senior LC State, July 10-12, 2025 [this will be an OQM, Julie has evaluators scheduled].
 - 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 were given to 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.

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 July 1st, 2025, at 7:30pm via zoom.