

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Floyd (chair), Connie Christensen, Adelaide G., Izabel G., Erik Harris, Lori Onsae, Theresa Werner

EXCUSED: Barry Hayden, Carri Oviatt, Tiffanie P.

April 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 Onsae
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 few new stroke and turn certifications in the month of April and someone beginning starter training.
- 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 April 2025).
- Julie will send out instructional letter to all referees about the training log process.
- Julie is now sending email to anyone that takes an online training course (as she gets notified) that includes a welcome, explains our process, and includes checklist and links to our official's website. Erik as the certifier is included on these emails as well.

New Committee Business

- Lori Onsae will be stepping down from the committee. We will work on a replacement for her (she has been serving as the Team Liaison representative on our committee).
- We have two senior athletes that will need to rotate off and we will need replacements. Asked them for suggestions, and Theresa emailed the senior athlete representative as well to look for replacements.
- Julie's term as chair will expire in October and she is willing to run again for a second term.
- Several LSCs have a paid Entry Chair for championship meets. Many have their paid executive secretary handle all the LSC Championship entries. We discussed possibility of having a permanent entry chair and Julie discussed this with the general chair and will discuss at the May UTSI board meeting.
- Awards nomination request will be coming out soon and we should nominate fellow officials for Official of the Year.

Championship Meets

- Shared drive for all championship meets sanctions was created by Carri. We will store all sanctions here for future reference.

- We will be 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.
 - Theresa send slides from last year's meeting to the meet leadership teams for editing.
- Senior LC State, July 10-12, 2025 [this will be an OQM, Julie has evaluators scheduled]. Sanction was completed and posted in April.
 - 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.

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 June 3rd, 2025, at 7:30pm via zoom.