

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, at 7:00pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Connie Christensen, Erik Harris, Barry Hayden, Lola H., Maliya M., Lori Onsae, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner

EXCUSED: Julie Floyd (chair), Tiffanie P.

October 2025 minutes approved, and meeting called to order by Theresa Werner (in Julie's absence).

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: 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 have had several stroke and turn officials certified and two new starters advanced within the last month.
- The 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 October 2025).
 - Theresa continues to send email reminders to all officials with expired APT and/or Background Checks (they are not included on the online list unless they are in good standing). If referees have questions at meets, please email or text Theresa.

New Committee Business

- Discussion on officials training for Spanish speaking persons. Nothing is posted on USA Swimming for officials.
 - Erik will inquire about this to USA Swimming.
- Discussion on Observed Meets and now LSC can dictate policy on this. Reviewed the USA Swimming Times & Recognition Policy Manual (section 9) and we discussed:
 - Should there be a limit to how many observed meets one HS team can host (would like to see a diversity of teams if multiple meets are being hosted by the same LSC to offer opportunities to different teams).
 - USA Swimming states 4 or more teams are minimum requirement (dual, double dual and instar-squad meets cannot be observed meets); all regions in Utah HS have at least four teams.
 - Can we consider have dual certified HS and USA-S officials at our observed meets.
 - The AO entering the USA times from an observed meet must be a certified USA Official. We also prefer the HS meet AO also be a certified US Official (though this is not required currently).

- UHSAA is requiring some AO training in Canvas course this year. Theresa will be doing an online training clinic for high school AOs, likely next month.
- Connie will work with the Officials Committee to draft a formal policy for Utah Swimming (LSC) for observed meets.

Championship Meets

- Shared drive for all championship meets sanctions has all the prior sanctions, which should be used as reference for future sanction templates.
- Senior SC State, December 4-6, 2025 [this will be an OQM with local evaluators-Carri and Julie].
 - Meet Referee is Mo Schiffman.
 - Admin Referee is Stephenie Glissmeyer.
 - Meet Director is Dani Caldwell.
- UTAGS SC State, March 4-7, 2026. [this will be an OQM with local evaluators-Barry and Shane].
 - Meet Referee is Jordan Gilbert.
 - Admin Referee is Carri Oviatt.
 - Meet Director is Jarid Gray.
- UTAGS LC State, July 16-18, 2026.
- Senior LC State, July 20-22, 2026.
 - This is Mon-Wed, and we have noted that it will likely be difficult to get officials to take off that many days in a row during the work week.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- We will have all four of our champs meets be OQMs with at least one being with outside national evaluators.
 - Carri and Shane are now certified as national evaluators which makes 4 total in Utah, including Julie and Barry (we can evaluate for N2 positions).
- 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 have been online as of April 1, 2025.
 - USA Swimming AO training and test have been online as of October 1, 2024.
 - USA Swimming Starter training and test have been online as of October 1, 2024.
 - 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.
- We sent out another reminder to please use the updated training logs on the Utah Swimming website for new official certification and advancements (under the Officials' tab). We are paying close attention to the training logs and will ask referees and trainers for clarification when needed.

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 December 2nd, 2025, at 7:00pm via zoom.