

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2025, at 7:00pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Connie Christensen, Erik Harris, Barry Hayden, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner

EXCUSED: Julie Floyd (chair), Lola H., Maliya M., Lori Onsaе, Tiffanie P.

September 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 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 have had a few stroke and turn, two admin officials, and one starter certified 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 September 2025).
 - Theresa sent email reminders to all officials with expired APT and/or Background Checks (they are not included on the online list until they are in good standing).

New Committee Business

- Officials uniform policy was approved at last board meeting, should be incorporated into policies and procedures.
- Julie is working on officials' reimbursements for travel meets.
- Payments for USA Officials who did high school observed meets just went out this week (per Serena, UTSI Treasurer).
- Theresa or Carri will attend HOD to present the Officials Chair report for Julie.
- Theresa will present Official of the Year Award at the banquet as Julie is out of town.

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 TBD.

- Admin Referee is Carri Oviatt.
- Meet Director is Jarid Gray.
- UTAGS LC State, July 16-18, 2026 (tentative dates).
- Senior LC State, July 20-22, 2026 (tentative dates).
 - This is Mon-Wed, and we noted that it will 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 were recently 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 again discussed that referees and trainers for apprentice officials need to only sign off on tasks that are witnessed and trained on at a meet (for example two recent AO candidates had heat malfunction checked off on all four meets they trained at.) We will be paying close attention to the training logs and ask referees and trainers for clarification.

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 November 4th, 2025, at 7:00pm via zoom.