

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 1st, 2023, at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Nancy Barton, Connie Christensen, Julie Floyd, Adelaide G., Lori Onsaе, Tiffanie P., Theresa Werner, Mike Wynn

EXCUSED: Izabel G., Carri Oviatt, Susan Winter

July 2023 minutes approved via email after last meeting and meeting called to order by the committee chair.

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership

Chair: Alicia Simon	Communication: Theresa Werner
Vice Chair: Carri Oviatt	Mentoring and Retention: Mike Wynn
Advancement: Susan Winter	Open Water: Julie Floyd
Athlete Rep: Adelaide G	Safety: Nancy Barton
Athlete Rep: Izabel G.	Team Liaison: Lori Onsaе
Athlete Rep: Tiffanie P.	Training: Connie Christensen

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- The following advancements and certifications were discussed tonight:
 - Two were discussed.
- We discussed these at the last meeting (in July):
 - One was discussed.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming will be updated later this week after the new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online 07/07/2023).
- *OTS has new categories: certified, experienced, and mentor (no longer can put in your own as R1, R2, R3). We will need await full updates before changing our officials lists and policies with the new categories.*

New Committee Business

- Welcomed Tiffanie P. (KYAT) as a new athlete representative to our committee.
- Discussed feedback from LC UTAGS and LC Senior State meets.
 - Alicia will discuss with Champs Committee at their next meeting as she is part of that committee.

Championship Meets

- Short Course Senior State November 30 to December 2, 2023, in St. George (not sanctioned yet).
 - This meet has been moved up two months, same three-day format as Feb 2023 meet.
 - We will need to nominate MR and AR to the Championship Committee for this meet soon so people can plan for the holidays.
 - Nationals is that week and Junior Nationals is the following week. So, we may need to wait to solicit out of state evaluators if we make this meet an OQM.
- Short Course Age Group State February 29 to March 2, 2024 (not sanctioned yet).

National Certifications and Opportunities

- Many of our officials worked at/are working at Senior Zones (Clovis) and AG Zones (Boise).

Officials Training and Clinics

- We will determine dates for S&T and AO training for end of August/early September and get those posted.
- We need to update both checklists for S&T and AO now that the certification tests are back online at USA Swimming (removed the old test links from our webpage).
 - Remind trainees to get registered as a non-athlete member soon after starting training (apprentice official status expires in 60 days).
- Need to place instructions online so that referees know the steps for training (number of hours) and that the officials chair needs to be notified of planned final observations.
- *Continue to have set months for officials' trainings, and plan to do them at least quarterly; will continue to do them virtually to allow those from across the state to attend.*
 - *Planned months of offering training clinics: August/September, October/November, January, and April/May.*

Mentoring

- Goals: to get more of our senior officials trained as mentors and utilize our mentors and officials to help recruit more officials for Utah Swimming and more Utah officials working national meet decks to gain experience.

Upcoming and/or ongoing agenda items

- Need to consider if we will do a live training (maybe S&T and starter) at Swimposium this year (Oct 21st in Provo).
- We would like to update our officials web page.

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

Next meeting Tuesday September 5th, 2023, at 7:30pm via zoom.