

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Monday January 9th 2023 at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Nancy Barton, Connie Christensen, Adelaide G., Lori Onsaе, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner, Susan Winter, Mike Wynn

EXCUSED: Julie Floyd, Ralph F., Maddalyn G.

December 2022 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: Maddalyn G.	Safety: Nancy Barton
Athlete Rep: Ralph F.	Team Liaison: Lori Onsaе
Athlete Rep: Adelaide G.	Training: Connie Christensen

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- The following advancements and certifications were discussed tonight:
 - Three were discussed.
- We discussed these at the last meeting (in December):
 - Two were discussed.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming is updated as of 12/06/2022 (will be updated online this week by 01/11/2023).
 - There were several officials that needed to be updated to LEHI as their club team.

New Committee Business

- Welcomed two new committee members: Nancy Barton, who replaced Trent as Safety representative, and Adelaide G. as athlete representative.
 - Online committee roster was updated last month.
 - We will check with the athletes to see about their ability to make the meetings; we have a few other athletes who perhaps do not have conflicts with our meeting time.
- On Deck Credentials need to be checked for officials working meets and also for those officials doing training (as we cannot yet access this in SWIMS 3.0).
 - We need to confirm that those in training have taken the online test.
 - Also need to see screen shots of credentials for those working as USA officials at observed HS meets.
- From the recent national officials meeting that Alicia attended, these rule updates were discussed:
 - Rule committee will be revamped, and rule changes will no longer need to be approved at convention. Thus, they can make changes faster.
 - Whistle protocol is changing in regards to timing with announcements; will impact higher level meets, zones and higher.
 - Back stroke ledges need to be set to zero at the start of the meet and athlete can adjust as needed (Wasatch, South Davis, Utah Tech pool have them).
 - For back stroke start, at least one toe of each foot needs to be in contact with the pad.

- Breast stroke does not need to be on the same horizontal plane anymore.
- False starts: if athlete is moving back and then sets, it will not be a DQ.
- False starts: involuntary movements (e.g., twitch) will not be a DQ.
- No running starts for take offs.
- Lochte Rule added to Rulebook: SW 9.2 In Freestyle the swimmer must be on the breast except when executing a turn. The swimmer must return to the breast before any kick or stroke.
- Athletes will be allowed to wear one way transmission device to transmit information to their coaches.
- Committee reviewed draft and agreed to adopt a new policy: UTSI SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION
 - This is currently being reviewed for final wording.
- Discussed training of CJs in reviewing calls and discussing in professional manner with S&T official and presenting calls to deck referee (Alicia received two complaints from recent meets and will address with individual officials).

Upcoming Meets

- Request made to Championship Committee Chari (via email) to ensure that the meet director, meet referee, and admin referee of each championship meet all have an opportunity to review the sanction before it is sent out.
- Senior State Championships are February 23-25, 2023 (updated to 6 sessions).
 - Format changed to a full three-day meet now (6 sessions).
 - Susan will confirm with Gail that hotel rooms are now secured for Wednesday night as well since the meet starts Thursday morning.
 - Susan MR, Sarah AR, Connie starter, Gail meet director.
 - Sanction was posted online and distributed to the LSC.
 - There has already been a change with C final being 17–18-year-old and not open final as originally written. The re-sanction was posted.
 - Discussed that with the C and D finals limited by age. The admin team has discussed with outside LSC and will manually seed these final heats.
 - But the issue of alternates if swum in the order it is written D-C-B-A will cause issues with alternates. Proposal to change to fastest to slowest A-B-C-D to allow alternates to move up and have the opportunity to swim in the fastest heat or consider checking in A and B finals to make sure all swimmers are there prior to racing D or C final.
 - Susan will discuss with championship committee.
 - Change to the relay cards based on AG State discussion (see below) will be added to the re-sanction for Senior State so we are consistent with our Utah Championship meets.
 - Carri will add the google doc link for officials application to officiate.
 - OQM evaluators will be: Carri, Julie, and Trent.
 - Carri will train Trent to be an evaluator.
- AG State Championships are March 1-4, 2023 (7 sessions).
 - Connie MR, Theresa AR, Lori starter, Heather meet director.
 - This meet will not be an OQM.
 - Sanction has been reviewed and proposed the following changes after discussion tonight:

- We will have positive check in for the distance events (we tried not to have this at LC in 2022 and per national evaluators we need to have positive check at championship meets).
- Will streamline relay card process for this meet. Will distribute that day's relay cards in the morning to coaches (blue paper for the cards). Relay team will turn in their card with the correct order of swimmers in the ready room (or such designated area) to designated person prior to approaching the blocks. Each relay team must turn in a card regardless. This will allow admin time to make changes to relay teams before the conclusion of each event.
- Carri will add the google doc link for officials application to officiate.
- Long Course State Championships Age Group July 13-15, 2023.
- Long Course State Championships Seniors July 20-22, 2023.
 - Lori has agreed to be MR for one of the LC meets.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- There will be a National Referee Workshop in Denver, (this summer); Nancy Barton was nominated to attend for our LSC.
- Theresa worked on the admin team for US Para Nationals in Charlotte, North Carolina, last month.

Officials Training and Clinics

- Most recent AO Clinic was November 3, 2022, 6:30pm via zoom. Need to set up date for January or February depending on interest.
- Most recent S&T Clinic January 5, 2023, 6:30pm via zoom.
- We 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.

Mentoring

- Goals: 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

- Update from prior discussion regarding a meet not following their sanction: Alicia with discuss with ARB regarding recommendations regarding officials.
 - RULE 102.7 POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES IN PROGRAM
 - .1 The order of events, as stated in the meet announcement, shall not be changed. The announced arrangement of heats in any event shall not be added to or altered, except by the authority of the Referee, to the extent of consolidating the heats.
 - .2 At the Meet Referee's discretion, events may be combined by age, gender, distance, and/or stroke provided there is at least one empty lane between such combined events. The Referee may waive the empty lane requirement with the concurrence of the coaches of the affected swimmers.

- .3 The entry provisions and starting time of any event, meet or portion thereof shall stand as stated in the meet announcement (except as permitted under .4 below) and may not be changed to an earlier time or date unless written notice of such change is delivered to all affected swimmers or their coaches. If mailed, such notice must be postmarked no later than the entry deadline date stated on the meet announcement, and if lack of time prohibits mail notification, all affected swimmers or their coaches must voluntarily agree in writing that they have been notified and are in accord with such change. Any affected swimmer or his or her coach may file a written protest with the Referee prior to running of the event or meet if they do not agree to such change in time or date.
- Discussion regarding extra AO work for HS observed meets for USA swimmers with the new system updates this year (not deleting the HS only swimmers from the duplicate database). In a blanket observation meet the AO will have to check all the DQs from the USA officials to see if any were on a club swimmer. The AOs do not get paid (like the S&T officials do) for their time after the conclusion of the meet which can be hours.
 - Mike spoke to Todd about this and possibility of reimbursing these AOs for the extra work for these observed meets.

Theresa has set up upcoming Zoom meetings as a recurring meeting (1st Tuesday of the month).
Next meeting Tuesday February 7th 2023 at 7:30pm via zoom.