

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 5th 2021 at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Connie Christensen, Maddalyn Goodman, Michelle Kiser, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner, Trent Weight, Susan Winter, Mike Wynn

ABSENT: Lily Cole

September 2021 minutes approved via email after last meeting and meeting called to order by Alicia Simon.

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership

Chair: Alicia Simon

Vice Chair: Carri Oviatt

Advancement: Michelle Kiser

Athlete Rep: Lily Cole

Athlete Rep: Maddalyn Goodman

Communication: Theresa Werner

Mentoring and Retention: Mike Wynn

Safety: Trent Weight

Team Rep: Susan Winter

Training: Connie Christensen

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- One advancement was discussed and approved.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming is updated as of 08/27/2021.

National Certifications

- Planning for Senior State SC Meet to be an OQM, will use our own Utah mentors.
- Carri and Alicia already have one confirmed out of state mentor for LC State 2022.

Officials Training

- People are training for starter without taking the starter clinic first, noted at a few meets this year so far.
- Need to send an email to all Utah officials to remind them of the qualifications and the order to advance as a starter or referee and when they are able to start training on deck.
 - Michelle will draft email for Carri to send out with the steps, will include a link to the policy. We need to ensure that this document is kept updated.
- As referees it will be helpful to know who has completed the clinics and can begin training.
 - Alicia can update them as an apprentice (DR-A or S-A listed on their credentials) and she will create a list for our referees.
 - This is updated on the OTS website.
- *** needs to take the S&T test. Trent will follow up with her about this.

Mentoring

- Mike prepared and shared a list of potential mentors per team; we would like to list a minimum of 1 per team up to 3 per team.

- USA Swimming Mentors Training: <https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/officialsdocuments/national-certification-and-evaluation/mentor-and-evaluator-resources/mentoring-swimming-officials-presentation.pdf>
 - We would like Trent and Connie to do the mentor training.

Officials Uniforms

- We have voted to officially to change the bottoms and shoes to black, to coincide with the national decks as well.
- All meets going forward from now on will be utilizing black. Will include this with the email going out to all officials.

Retention

- Officials Committee will pay for registration and background check for officials who are unaffiliated with a club, with the promise that they will work at least one meet per season (short course and long course).
- Clubs are supposed to have certified officials in a 1:20 ratio officials to swimmers.

Committee Business

- Alicia will ask at USA Officials Committee Meeting about allowing Soul swim caps in meets.
- Observations for high school meets are being requested. Carri and Connie will continue managing this for this year.
- We submitted our Official of the Year for 2021: ***
- Susan saw a copy of visual document from someone at Zones who created something regarding all stroke infractions. She will contact him to see if we can get a copy to use for Utah Swimming.
- Alicia has submitted all document for LEAP through October.

Officials Clinics

- Upcoming Officials' Clinics
 - TBD S&T Clinic (virtual)
 - TBD Starter Clinic (virtual)
 - 10/26/2021 6:30pm AO clinic (virtual)
- We have set months for officials trainings, at least quarterly.
 - Planned months of offering training clinics: January, April, September, October (during Swimposium if in person), maybe November depending on interest level.
 - We will not be able to post precise dates until closer to the month due to working with the clinic instructors' schedule.
 - We will continue doing them virtually so everyone gets the same training throughout the state.

Goals and other ongoing agenda items

- We want to do a "touch base" meeting with referees and AOs to update the groups and re-connect (once COVID restrictions ease).
- Need to discuss end of season championship meets (including Open Water).

Theresa has set up upcoming Zoom meetings as recurring meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday November 2nd 2021 at 7:30pm.