



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Official's Committee - Meeting Minutes

Date: November 1, 2021

Location: zoom

MISSION | Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.

VISION | Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!

CORE VALUES | Sportsmanship. Excellence. Leadership. Fun.

<p>✓ Henry Clauson <i>Chair</i></p>	<p>1) Meet Schedule. YMCA and USA, and associated procedure. A new process is in place to track and credit USA officials working Y meets. Also a new online Key Officials form is being implemented this year (thank you Mary-Ellen!).</p>
<p>✓ Tom Gagnon <i>Official</i></p>	<p>></p>
<p>✓ Jeff Mason <i>Official</i></p>	<p>> 2) Procedure discussion for new parent interest in officiating (S&T). A new procedure is being drafted and will be discussed in December / January - with implementation shortly thereafter. Key points will be to allow interested parents 1 opportunity to shadow without all the paperwork and payment for full certification. If they want to proceed, then the paperwork can be pursued.</p>
<p>✓ Tammi Da Ponte <i>Official</i></p>	<p>></p>
<p>✓ Audrey Cohen <i>Official</i></p>	<p>> 3) Certifications:</p>
<p>✓ Will Porter <i>Official</i></p>	<p>> a) YMCA reciprocity. MESI proposes to recognize experienced Y officials at equivalent positions in USA without the needs for additional shadowing.</p>
	<p>> b) Clinics and USA expectations. MESI will continue to use other LSC sponsored virtual clinics for its primary official's clinic training. MESI will consider scheduling and hosting an S&T clinic in Maine as needed and/requested. Additionally, clarifications are being updated for all Official levels as to other requirements such as shadowing, number of meets, experience, etc.</p>
	<p>> c) Deck Referee vs Meet Referee - clarifying requirements and experience. A new certification level is being developed and proposed: Associate Meet Referee. This position will allow a local club to host / sanction smaller meets without the same expectations as a Statewide meet. Criteria and application process to be developed. Roll out expected in early 2022.</p>
	<p>> d) Pre-COVID session expectations. Meets will be officiated in accordance with "pre-COVID" expectations (2 timers per lane, Start end officials, etc...). Guidance to be updated.</p>
	<p>> e) Timer certifications / briefings. Need to improve timer briefings and clubs need to have timers take the online certification.</p>
	<p>></p>
	<p>> 4) Proposed Officials Uniform change (likely 2 year transition). Feedback suggests the white top, blue bottoms, and white sneakers is not a good uniform. Especially for females. Each LSC is allowed to set its own uniform. Propose to update to another color scheme. Red top with black bottoms is being reviewed.</p>