

2022 Montana Swimming Annual Fall Officials Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2022

Montana Swimming Officials Chair Lon Huckert opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held as an online virtual meeting.

Roll call was taken. In attendance were Ken Kunz, BAC; Dax Rice, BAC; Tracy Flikkema, BAC; Lon Huckert, BOZ; Eric Belasco, BOZ; JP Maganito, BOZ; Susan Huckleby, BTST; Marc Nynas, BAC; Mike Klein, BY; Stephanie Boysen, UN; Merle Gunderson, UN; Michelle Schermerhorn, MYST; Jeff Krattiger, HLST; Curt Jacobson, MAC; Lanni Jacobson, MAC; Rick Fryer, BY; and Scott Lilyquist, BOZ. Susan volunteered to take minutes.

The agenda is attached.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

2022-2024 MT Swim Officials Certification Requirements: The group reviewed the previous certification requirements. The following items were added:

- Requirement to train apprentice starters using the hand signals for deaf/hearing impaired swimmers.
- Requirement to maintain starter certification that the starter must be proficient in the hand signals for deaf/hearing impaired swimmers.
- Add the requirement for open water judge certification.
- Add the requirement for open water referee certification.
- Update certification requirements to include concussion course and new registration information.

AO Training Clinics: Matt Yovich and Susan Huckleby will set up an AO/AR training clinic. Meet contracts must now list the AO or AR for each meet.

YMCA Officials Certification Training: Earl Long from the Seattle area will offer online YMCA official certification and re-certification courses in October. Contact Susan Huckleby for course information.

Awards: The group discussed the annual officials' award requirements. The following officials were nominated and voted to receive the awards. Congratulations!

Excellence in Officiating Award: Tracy Flikkema, BAC

Tracy Flikkema (BAC), Michelle Schermerhorn (MYST), and Eric Belasco (BOZ) were nominated.

Mark Hallgrimson Award: Jeff Krattiger, HLST

Jeff Krattiger (HLST), Ryan DeGraw (BOZ), and JP Maganito (BOZ) were nominated.

Officials Chair: Eric Belasco (BOZ) was elected to his first two-year term as Officials Chair.

12 and Under 4 Hour Rule: The group discussed how to schedule meets to comply with the 12 and under 4-hour rule. The rule does not apply to championship meets and open water competition. 12 and under session should be planned to finish within four hours each day. 12 and under swimmers may only compete in one timed final session per day. 12 and under swimmers may compete in prelim and finals session each day if the four-hour rule is followed. Suggestions were made to plan meets having split session or possibly dropping relays, if needed. If relays or other events must be dropped to meet the four-hour rule, the meet information must specify what events could be dropped and address possible refunds.

Officials Committee: The following individuals were named to the officials committee: Eric Belasco, chair, Susan Huckleby, and Dax Rice.

The committee's duties include selecting championship meet referees, training and clinics, questions or problems that arise, compliance with the rules, rules interpretation questions, Covid-19 issues, and other issues that may arise.

2023 Short Course Championship Meets: The MHSA State high school swimming championships will be held be February 10-11, 2022, in Great Falls. Montana Swimming Short Course State and Junior BC Championships will be held at a location and date to be determined by the MT Swimming Executive Board.

Officials are reminded to complete the concussion course training and the MHSA swimming rules clinic on www.nfhslearn.com if officiating high school swimming.

Stroke discussion: There are no new USA Swimming technical rule changes, and no high school technical rule changes this year.

SWIMS 3.0: All individuals and clubs will register this year using the online member registration (OMR) platform. OTS is not available at this time and may not be available for many months.

Meet Sanctioning: Meet sanctioning will continue to be done through Montana Swimming as before. Clubs may not sanction meets using the online club dashboard.

Transfer Rule: The 120-day transfer rule has been changed effective immediately to a 60-day transfer rule.

Meet Results: Send all meet results to Susan Huckleby to upload. Clubs may not upload meet results to SWIMS using the online club dashboard.

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Huckleby
December 13, 2022



Montana Swimming Official's Meeting Agenda

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1. Roll Call 6:00 pm
 - a. Ask everyone to sign in – in the chat window
2. Old Business
3. New Business
 - a. Review 2022-2024 MT Swim Officials Certification Requirements
 1. Added 2 bullets under Starter to address deaf/hearing impaired starts
 - a) Specifically train how to do the deaf/hearing impaired starts.
 - b) Trainer will ensure the new starter is proficient at performing the hand signals for the deaf/hearing impaired starts.
 2. Add Open Water Judge and Referee requirements
 - b. Schedule AO training
 1. Sanctioned meets now requires listing the AO (or AR) on the meet contract
 - c. YMCA Virtual Officials Training in October – contact Susan
 - d. Mark Hallgrimson's Stroke and Turn Award
 - e. Excellence in Officiating Award
 - f. Elect new Officials Chair
 - g. Discuss 12 and under 4 hour rule and create committee to discuss plans to comply
 - h. Elect Officials Committee
 - i. Short Course Championship Meets
 - MHSA Montana High School State Meet – Feb 10-11
Great Falls
 - MT Swimming Short Course State – dates TBD
Location TBD
Referee will need to apply
 - MT Swimming SC Junior B-C Championships – dates TBD
Location TBD
Referee will need to apply
4. Adjournment