



USA Swimming Southern Zone Meeting

September 17, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Zone Directors:

Melissa Hellervik-Bing - Non-Coach
Bruno Darzi - Coach

Zone Secretary/Treasurer - Herb Schwab
Zone Age Group Chair - Jonathan Watson
Zone Senior Chair - Matt Webber

Zone Open Water Chair - Nick Graves

Zone Officials Coordinator - Traci Johnson/Allan Golding

Zone Senior Athlete Director - Megan Braman

Zone Junior Athlete Representative - Nicole Caruso

Call to order by Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Zone Director, on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Roll Call - Herb Schwab

14 LSCs in attendance with 96 Participants. WT LSC was absent.

Moment of Silence for all Zone Members who have passed away during this past year.

Agenda distributed and approved

The Agenda, Minutes, and all of the Attachments were posted on the Southern Zone website, and notifications were emailed to all of the LSCs. Each LSC was also asked to forward the electronic files to their delegates. The agenda was approved.

Approval of 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2022 Convention meeting, with the correction of the spelling of Allan Golding's name. Motion carried.

Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Non-Coach Zone Director

Melissa acknowledged and thanked Bruno Darzi, Dave Smith, Jim Kelly, Herb Schwab, Ruth-Ann Bode, Megan Braman, and Nicole Caruso for all of their help and assistance this past year.

Melissa reported on the proposed Junior Official position. After discussion with others, including the Zone Director Council members, the proposed Junior Official position and a new membership category will be brought to the USA Swimming Board of Directors.

Bruno Darzi, Coach Zone Director

Bruno thanked the members of the Zone for their support in helping him to acclimate into his new position as the Coach Zone Director. Bruno will be working on developing the Job Descriptions for the Zone Directors, to be included in the Zone Administrative Policies.

Herb Schwab, Secretary/Treasurer

Herb reported that the Zone has a balance of \$26,495.09. No formal budget was presented for this year. Several plans for financing projects later this year will be discussed later during this meeting. A formal budget will be presented at the next Annual Meeting.

Jonathan Watson, Zone Age Group Chair

Jonathan is ill and unable to attend this meeting. His report will be submitted, once Jonathan is healthy

Matt Webber, Zone Senior Chair

Matt's report is posted on the Southern Zone website. Matt asked for volunteers to form a working group to discuss making the Zone meets more attractive to host. Matt also reported that discussions will be held

with the LSC Senior Vice-Chairs concerning the Zone Senior Meet and the Sectional meets.

Nick Graves, Zone Open Water Chair

Nick reported on the Open Water Championships held in Seven Hills, North Carolina. The participation level was higher than previous years.

Megan Braman/Nicole Caruso, Athletes

Megan and Nicole will continue their terms for the next year. The Zone Athlete Representatives Committee has voted to stagger the terms for Athlete Representatives. The Southern Zone Athlete Representatives will continue for a one-year until 2024. Thereafter, the term of office will be for two-year terms.

This change in election of the Zone Athlete Representatives will require an amendment to the Zone Administrative Policies. Megan and Nicole will work on the updated wording of this amendment and present it to the Zone for an email vote later this year.

Megan and Nicole are maintaining contact with the LSC Athlete Representatives on a regular basis via social media and virtual meetings.

Terry Jones/Dana Skelton, Zone Advisors

Terry reported on the outstanding performances of the Southern Zone athletes at the recent Junior World Championships. The Southern Zone had 31% of the athletes on the USA Swimming squad.

Terry and Dana offered suggestions on housekeeping changes for the Zone Administrative Policies.

Terry also reported that discussions will be held later this year for realignment of the Sectionals Meets.

Terry has been conducting calls with the LSC Senior Vice-Chairs. Dana has been conducting similar calls with the LSC Age Group Vice-Chairs.

Explanation of Voting Procedures

Nicole and Megan discussed the process that we will be using for voting during this meeting. Google Forms will be used, with Nicole and Megan conducting the voting process.

New Business

2024 Southern Zone Athlete Summit & Olympic Trials Watch Party Melissa described the Athlete Summit and the desires of the Athletes to conduct this Summit. Nicole presented the Mission Statement: *To instill qualities of leadership and cooperation as well as cultivate a foundation of knowledge about USA swimming governance, legislation, and operation to bring back to their LSCs.*

Two possible sites have been identified for the Summit: Louisville, KY, and Cary, NC.

Ruth-Ann Bode presented information for the Louisville site. This location has been used for previous Regional Camps and Clinics, and has experience in conducting this type of program. The Summit would be held at the University of Louisville.

Amy Faulk presented information for the Cary site. This location would be using either the North Carolina State pool or the Triangle Aquatics Center pool.

A comparison of the costs of each site was presented to the Zone Delegates.

After considerable discussion about the costs, logistics, and content of the Summit, a Motion was made and seconded to approve the Summit with a Zone budget cap of \$12,000. The Motion passed.

A Motion was made and seconded to vote on either Louisville or Cary for the location of the Summit. Louisville was selected as the site of the 2024 Athlete Summit.

Updates to the Southern Zone Administrative Policies

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Ruth-Ann Bode presented amendments to the Administrative Policies to further define the roles and responsibilities of the Zone DEI Coordinator. A Motion was made and seconded to accept the changes. The Motion passed.

Officials Coordinator

Herb presented amendments to the Administrative Policies for the Zone Officials Coordinator and Zone Assistant Officials Coordinator. The amendments were made to make the selection and appointment of the Officials Coordinator more open and transparent, and to further define the qualifications for the Officials Coordinator. A Motion was made and seconded to accept the changes. The Motion passed.

Elections

Zone Director - Coach: Bruno Darzi (FG)
No other candidates were nominated.

A Motion was made and seconded to elect Bruno Darzi by acclamation. Motion carried.

Zone Senior Chair: Matt Webber (SE)
No other candidates were nominated.

A Motion was made and seconded to elect Matt Webber by acclamation. Motion carried.

Zone Open Water Chair: Nick Graves (GA)
Hector Acevedo (FG)
No other candidates were nominated.

Nick Graves was elected as the Zone Open Water Chair, by secret ballot.

2025 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentations

The proposed dates for 2025 will be decided after the dates of the 2025 Futures Meets are determined.

Two bids for the 2025 Southern Zone Age Group Championships were received from:

Rosen Aquatic Center	Orlando, FL (FL)
Shockwave Aquatics Team	Tupelo, MS (MS)
(Shockwave withdrew their bid)	

Since no other bids were submitted, the 2025 Southern Zone Age Group Championships were awarded to Orlando.

2025 Southern Zone Senior Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentations

The proposed dates for 2025 will be decided after the dates of the 2025 Futures Meets are determined.

One bid for the 2025 Southern Zone Senior Championships was received from:

Shockwave Aquatics Team Tupelo, MS (MS)

Since no other bids were submitted, the 2025 Southern Zone Senior Championships were awarded to Tupelo.

2024 Southern Zone Open Water Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentations

One bid for the 2024 Southern Zone Open Water Championships was received from Swimchester Sailfish, Lucas, KY. Since no other bids were submitted, the Zone Open Water Championships were awarded to Swimchester Sailfish, Lucas, KY. The Championships will be held on May 31 - June 2, 2024.

Appointments

Allan Golding was appointed the Zone Officials Coordinator. Allan described the process for selecting the Assistant Officials Coordinator, that was just approved with the amendments to the Zone Administrative Policies. Allan is soliciting nominations from the Zone Officials. The nominees must be an N3 Deck Referee, and must have some experience from a previous Zone Championships. Nominations may be submitted to Allan, Melissa, or Bruno.

Speedo Championship Series

Sites and dates for the Sectional Meets should be submitted to Melissa, Bruno, or Herb.

Eastern Sectionals
Short Course
Long Course

Southern Sectionals
Short Course
Long Course

Western Sectionals
Short Course
Long Course

Announcements

Melissa requested that each LSC send the names and email addresses of any newly elected LSC Officers to her, Bruno, and Herb.

Bruno thanked everyone for their time and support of the Zone.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded at 7:49 p.m. Eastern Time. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Herb Schwab
Secretary/Treasurer
Southern Zone

Southern Zone
Financial Report
September 2023

Previous Balance as of 9/2022		\$11,057.55
Interest for Year 2022	\$24.40	
Annual Membership Dues - Year 2023	\$8,056.10	
Age Group Champs Meet	\$2,330.00	
Senior Zone Meet	<u>\$1,505.00</u>	
Total Income		\$11,915.50
3/26/23 Zone Workshop (Athlete Travel)	\$890.47	
4/10/23 Zoom License	\$159.80	
4/10/23 Postage	\$19.30	
4/27/23 Zone Workshop (Age Group Chair)	<u>\$612.96</u>	
Total Expenses		\$1,682.53
General Fund Balance as of 9/2023		\$21,290.52
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Funds		\$5,204.57
Total Balance of Southern Zone Funds		\$26,495.09



Meet Referee Report

Name of Meet: 2023 SZAG Championships

Date of Meet: July 26th - July 29th, 2023

Location: TAC, Cary, North Carolina

Meet Referee: Jeffrey Childs

Facility: Equipment Swiss Timing QUANTUM system. Issues with speaker system plagued the 1st couple of days of the meet but TAC staff work diligently during and between sessions to resolve the issues.

Hospitality Great, well-staffed and accessible to coaches and officials

Meet Director and Personnel Lana and Staff worked hard to make a success.

Locker Rooms, Athlete areas, Meeting Rooms, Traffic flow on deck Limited warmup space on Wednesday resulted in adding long break on Wednesday to allow relays only swimmers opportunity to warmup. Some athlete areas were detached from the competition pool; Keeping enthusiastic swimmers off the turn end bulk head was a challenge; facility was unable to provide barricades

Other _____

Officials: Assigned Team – What went well? All members pitched in where needed; IE Awards

What were weaknesses/concerns Staffing was thin at times but no point was the quality of the meet at risk

Future recommendations See attach

Deck Officials – Standouts (provide names and reason) Rayleen Soderstrom provided vast knowledge and guide on and off the deck with respect to SWAD. John Jewell as TLCJ managed staffing off the deck provided opportunities for all positions.

Challenges (provide names and reason) None

Admin Timeliness Admin did great job

Heat Sheets No Issues

Swim Offs Six (6) Swim offs

Disqualifications (not DFSs) 35 Disqualifications - 7 False Starts, 5 Early Takeoffs, 23 Technical

Competition Session Lengths All prelims session were at long but match timeline;

Finals Finals Sessions went long due to awards breaks

Time Trials N/A

Coach concerns/protests Nothing out of the ordinary; Issues with the timing system resulted in offering reswims

Announcer Excellent

Safety issues Athletes on Turn end bulk head was the biggest challenge; Facility unable to provide barriers resulting constant monitoring by Officials/CJ

General Comments See Attached

SZAG Champs 2023 - Jeffrey Childs – Meet Referee

Comments

We had 30 officials, including Mellissa and myself. Fifteen were from North Carolina (four from Cary), fourteen from other zones, and once from NJ, but I want to claim Jim for North Carolina. We had five evaluations, N3I DR, N2 DR, N3 S/T, N2 CJ, N2 S/T.

The Facility recently installed a new Quantum Swiss Timing and struggled with setup and speaker issues. The result was a few equipment delays and the need to offer re-swims on a couple of heats. Rayleen was invaluable in guiding us in the inclusion of SWAD into finals. A more detailed conversation before the meet regarding the incorporation of SWAD would have been great.

I would recommend that a formal Zoom call with the Facility, assigned team, and relevant members of the SZ committee be included in the pre-meet planning process.

Modifications to the sanction:

On Day One, we add a 30-minute warmup break between the distance events (800 and 1500) and the relays. Most swimmers on the first day were relay only, so we proposed the break to provide access to the pool for swimmers' warmup/relay starts. It might make most sense to break them into two sessions, a Distance and a relay session.

The awards break as planned was not sufficient. If the plan is to award all top eight awards during these breaks, I would recommend the following:

- Relay awards for Days 1, 2, and 3 are awarded before finals the following night. Warmup start times should be adjusted to accommodate these changes. Day 4 relays will be awarded after finals.
- Individual award breaks are added after the change of each stroke. IE for Thursday evening, break after 11/12 and 13/14 Back; 13/14 and 11/12 Freestyle; 13/14 and 11/12 200IM; 13/14 and 11/12 50 Fly; The last break could be longer to allow warmup for relays.

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Clarification of the allowable entries in the 400 free/IM, specifically if SWAD is included in the 3-athlete limit or over and above the entry limit.

Adjusting entry deadline to be more than 24 hours than the meet start time. Ask for preliminary entries for SWAD before the entry deadline would ensure the Facility can meet all requests.

Comments from James Sheann

Jeffrey, my only thought is to look at the scheduling of the awards as they took a very long time. I can't say whether the individual awards should be top 8 or top 3 as recognizing these athletes is very important, but I suspect the coaches and chaperones would have liked to get the team back to the hotels earlier than they were able. Maybe finals should start earlier.

Rayleen was invaluable working with the swimmers with a disability. Made life much easier for the admins when it came to seeding and any accommodation needed.



Southern Zone Senior Chair Report
Matt Webber
September 7th, 2023

I. Southern Zone Senior Championship Meet: Tupelo, MS

- A. 301 Athletes in Attendance
- B. Representing over 30 teams
- C. 9 different LSC's represented
- D. 21 Meet Records Broken
- E. Team Scores

1. Women

- a. Katy Aquatics 1594.5
- b. Kentucky Aquatics 852
- c. First Colony Swim Team 852

2. Men

- a. Plantation Swim Team 1251
- b. First Colony Swim Team 1093.50
- c. Dads Club Swim Team 1074

3. Combined

- a. Katy Aquatics 2310.5
- b. First Colony Swim Team 2145.5
- c. Kentucky Aquatics 1923

F. Timelines

- 1. Wednesday Prelims 8:30-11:00 am
- 2. Wednesday Distance 2:00-3:22 pm
- 3. Wednesday Finals 5:00-7:11 pm
- 4. Thursday Prelims 8:30-11:57 am
- 5. Thursday Finals 5:00-6:47 pm
- 6. Friday Prelims 8:30-11:07 am
- 7. Friday Finals 5:00-7:22 pm
- 8. Saturday Prelims 8:30-9:47 am
- 9. Saturday Distance 1:00-2:36 pm
- 10. Saturday Finals 5:00-6:25 pm

G. Meet Evaluation Forms

1. Pre-Planning

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments
Pre-meet information			3	8	
Packets			1	9	
Hotels			1	9	
Restaurants			2	8	
Maps/directions			1	9	
Transportation (Cost & Convenience)		1		9	
Airlines	2		1	3	Limited flight availability
Car Rental Availability	2	1		1	No Vans Available
Planning for Climatic Changes			1	6	

2. Facilities/General

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments
Parking				10	
Registration			2	8	
Restrooms/Dressing Rooms		1	1	8	
Swimmer Rest Areas			1	9	
Public Address System/Sound			1	9	Hard to understand
Spectator Seating Area				10	
Warm-up/Warm-down Facilities			3	7	

3. Facilities/ Competition Pool

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments
Pace Clocks				10	
Scoreboard/Timing System/Computer				10	
Lighting				10	
Ventilation/Air Quality		2	2	6	Too warm
Water Conditions			1	9	
Starting System		1	1	8	Hard to hear
Pool Set-up (deck space/media)			1	8	

4. Officials

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments
Meet Referees				10	
Admin Referee				10	
Deck Referee(s)				10	
Starter(s)			1	9	Holding too long
Announcer				10	
Chief Judge(s)				10	
Stroke & Turn Judges				10	
Relay Take-off Judges				10	
Clerk of Course				10	
Meet Director				10	

5. General Appraisal

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments
Meet Administration				10	
Hospitality		1		9	Would like non-meet options
Awards/Ceremonies			3	7	Add more time into timeline
Safety Procedures			1	9	
Overall Success of the Meet				10	
New Meet Format		2	2	5	○ Would like all 50's on Saturday ○ Format hard on my middle distance swimmers, spreading out the 200's would help.

II. Southern Zone Virtual Club Championship Standings for Long Course 2022-2023

1	279377 SwimMAC Carolina	NC Charlotte
4	264120 TAC Titans	NC Cary
5	263929 Lakeside Aquatic Club	NT Flower Mound
11	250199 Sarasota Sharks	FL Sarasota
12	249240 Nitro Swimming	ST Bee Cave
13	246517 Bolles School Sharks	FL Jacksonville
15	243974 SwimAtlanta	GA Lawrenceville
16	243130 Lakeside Swim Team	KY Louisville
17	240453 Dynamo Swim Club	GA Atlanta
20	233848 North Carolina Aquatic Club	NC Chapel Hill
22	232701 Alamo Area Aquatic Association	ST San Antonio
23	232109 Marlins Of Raleigh	NC Raleigh
32	223555 Mecklenburg Swim Association	NC Charlotte
40	212026 Cypress Fairbanks Swim Club	GU Cypress
41	211910 Chattahoochee Gold Swim Club	GA Woodstock

III. Southern Zone Virtual Club Championship Standings for Short Course 2022-2023

1	279249 SwimMAC Carolina	NC Charlotte
2	278914 TAC Titans	NC Cary
6	269223 Lakeside Aquatic Club	NT Flower Mound
9	260211 SwimAtlanta	GA Lawrenceville
10	255964 Nitro Swimming	ST Bee Cave
13	250859 Dynamo Swim Club	GA Atlanta
14	250095 Bolles School Sharks	FL Jacksonville
17	248135 Lakeside Swim Team	KY Louisville
24	239974 Sarasota Sharks	FL Sarasota
25	238396 Marlins Of Raleigh	NC Raleigh
27	238079 Alamo Area Aquatic Association	ST San Antonio
30	236387 North Carolina Aquatic Club	NC Chapel Hill
34	235440 Mecklenburg Swim Association	NC Charlotte
42	227942 Katy Aquatic Team For Youth	GU Katy
45	223791 Excel Aquatics	SE Brentwood

IV. Senior Zone 2024 in Morgantown, WV (July 24-27, 2024)



Meet Referee Report

Name of Meet: 2023 Southern Zone Senior Championships

Date of Meet: July 23 to July 26, 2023

Location: Tupelo Aquatic Center, Tupelo Mississippi

Meet Referee: Wade Kojima/Cara Tully

Facility: Equipment 8 lanes 50 Meter pool with blocks w/wedges at both ends of the pool. Colorado backstroke wedges. Colorado System 7 Timing System, with a Omega Starter.

Hospitality – Shockwave provide local restaurants and catering were provided with Southern Cuisine, breakfast, lunch and heavy snacks for finals for hospitality.

Meet Director and Personnel Walker Todd, meet director, security and marshals by outside company who had safe sport training and provided their own background checks. The City of Tupelo and Aquatic Center provides timers and personnel to assist meet officials.

Locker Rooms, Athlete areas, Meeting Rooms, Traffic flow on deck. The Aquatic Center Men and women's locker rooms were for 17 and under; Public bathrooms with small changing area in the lobby of the aquatic center for 18 and older. The Aquatic Center has family bathrooms for coaches, officials and Tupelo staff. They had tents with misting units, provided by Tupelo Convention Bureau.

Other The Tupelo Convention Bureau provide the Athletes lunch on the first day and a Coaches Social later in the week. Mississippi Swimming provided a dinner for Assigned Officials, and evaluators.

Officials: Assigned Team – What went well? Because we lost our meet referee late, we were not able to field assigned teams early, except for Starter/Deck Referee

What were weaknesses/concerns – For senior zones, it's having the meet in an LSC that does not have enough Officials. Our biggest weakness is that we have had a Zone/Sectional meet for the last 8 years and we also hold our LSC Championships in the same venue, so officials don't want to come every year.

Future recommendations

Deck Officials – Standouts (provide names and reason) Walter Smalley, he is also willing to help me. He has come to this meet for the last 8 years with exception last year. Robert & Katheen Scandary, they came to be evaluators and helped serve in position. Cara Tully for graciously helping with being the co-meet referee. Tupelo Aquatic Center provided the console, and scoreboard officials.

Challenges (provide names and reason) Number of officials (11), though I understand it was mostly because we have had a Zone meet at this facility many times before. This has been a challenge before, since few parents travel with their athletes to this meet.

Admin Timeliness No issue, all sessions including time trials under 4 hours and finals about 2.5 to 3
hours

Heat Sheets Tupelo had them available for spectators, coaches and officials.

Swim Offs- We had a few swim off and all others were resolved by discussion with the coaches.

Disqualifications (not DFSs)

Competition Session Lengths Prelims 3 to 3.5 hours including time trials.

Finals 2.5 to 3 hours including awards.

Time Trials – 10-20 minutes after every prelim session

Coach concerns/protests We had some issues with late entries and additional event entries and were able to resolve them before the meet.



Meet Referee Report

Announcer – Tupelo hired an announcer, the same one as last year at Age Groups, and he got the swimmer and spectator into the meet. He kept them engaged. _____

Safety issues- We had a few medical issues, but these were taken care of by the staff of Tupelo Aquatics, they filed all the reports, and I was notified of all issues and made sure athletes and coaches were informed.

General Comments – Overall it was an enjoyable meet for me. Even with bare minimum officials, we all had an good experience and everyone helped to make this meet enjoyable for the athletes. We had 46 Southern Zone Senior Championship records set at this meet, see attached. The City of Tupelo, Tupelo Aquatic Center, Shockwave Aquatics Swim Team deserve our thanks for a great meet. We also had 5 Officials evaluated, some in both Starter and Deck Referee positions.

2023 Southern Zone Senior LC Championships - 7/26/2023 to 7/29/2023**2023 Sr Zone - Records**

1	Women Senior 800 Free	8:53.00	7/26/2023	Madilyn McGlothen - KY Aquatics-KY
2	Men Senior 800 Free	8:12.59	7/26/2023	Carson Hick - UN-KY
3	Women Senior 200 Medley Relay	1:59.42	8/1/2017	The Woodlands Swim Team - TWST- A. Pollok, B. Beddingfield, V. Staffeldt, Z. Gawro
4	Men Senior 200 Medley Relay	1:46.88	8/1/2017	Katy Aquatics - KATY- R. McKinney, M. Rudd, E. Autry, W. Roberson
5	Women Senior 100 Free	56.41	8/2/2016	Cook, Julia - AGS-GU
6	Men Senior 100 Free	51.11	7/26/2023	Drew Johnson - KY Aquatics-KY
7	Women Senior 200 Breast	2:35.67	8/1/2017	Hannah Sumbera at 2017 Souther - U-SH-GU
8	Men Senior 200 Breast	2:16.09	8/4/2015	Jonathan C. Tybur at 2015 Sout - TWST-GU
9	Women Senior 200 Back	2:14.22	7/26/2023	Libby Grether - KY Aquatics-KY
10	Men Senior 200 Back	2:02.89	7/26/2023	Ryan Merani - KY Aquatics-KY
11	Women Senior 200 Fly	2:14.80	7/26/2023	Anna Havens Rice - KY Aquatics-KY
12	Men Senior 200 Fly	2:03.94	7/28/2021	John M Burger - Swim Houston Aqu
13	Women Senior 50 Breast	32.19	7/26/2023	Rachel McAlpin - MS Makos-MS
14	Men Senior 50 Breast	29.13	7/31/2018	Michael Hampel - OWEN-KY
15	Mixed Senior 200 Medley Relay	1:50.91	8/1/2017	The Woodlands Swim Team - TWST- A. Pollok, Z. Hansen, N. Persyn, V. Staffeldt
16	Mixed Senior 200 Free Relay	1:41.94	8/1/2017	Premier Aquatics Club of Klein - PACK- J. Powell, K. Gill, J. Steele, L. Carag
17	Women Senior 50 Back	29.75	7/31/2018	Eboni McCarty - MADI-SE
18	Men Senior 50 Back	26.40	7/27/2023	Bryan Sullivan - MS Makos-MS
19	Women Senior 200 Free	2:03.70	7/27/2023	Lauren West - KY Aquatics-KY
20	Men Senior 200 Free	1:51.46	7/27/2023	Ryan Merani - KY Aquatics-KY
21	Women Senior 400 IM	4:54.30	7/27/2023	Anna Havens Rice - KY Aquatics-KY
22	Men Senior 400 IM	4:28.50	8/4/2015	Tal Davis at 2015 Southern Zon - TG-SC
23	Women Senior 50 Fly	27.77	7/29/2021	Ashley M Gill - City Of Lafayette
24	Men Senior 50 Fly	24.21	7/27/2023	Drew Johnson - KY Aquatics-KY
25	Women Senior 800 Free Relay	8:35.97	8/1/2017	First Colony Swim Team - FCST- B. Vasquez, A. Kontrimas, K. Stanley, D. Hepler
26	Men Senior 800 Free Relay	7:47.94	8/1/2017	Katy Aquatics - KATY- J. Won, S. Thumann, R. McKinney, W. Coakley
27	Women Senior 200 Free Relay	1:48.51	8/1/2017	The Woodlands Swim Team - TWST- Z. Gawronska, K. Fields, A. Pollok, V. Staffeldt
28	Men Senior 200 Free Relay	1:35.56	8/1/2017	Premier Aquatics Club of Klein - PACK- J. Powell, K. Gill, G. Norgan, H. Sale
29	Women Senior 100 Back	1:04.04	8/1/2017	Ashley L. Pollok at 2017 South - TWST-GU
30	Men Senior 100 Back	57.37	7/31/2018	Alex Robinson - MEMT-SE
31	Women Senior 400 Free	4:17.77	7/28/2023	Libby Grether - KY Aquatics-KY
32	Men Senior 400 Free	3:57.93	7/28/2023	Levi Sandidge - KY Aquatics-KY
33	Women Senior 100 Breast	1:12.46	7/28/2023	Rachel McAlpin - MS Makos-MS
34	Men Senior 100 Breast	1:02.87	7/30/2021	Aaron N Parrott - Spring Swim Team
35	Women Senior 100 Fly	1:01.35	7/28/2023	Anna Havens Rice - KY Aquatics-KY
36	Men Senior 100 Fly	54.16	7/28/2023	Ryan Merani - KY Aquatics-KY
37	Women Senior 400 Free Relay	3:55.78	8/1/2017	The Woodlands Swim Team - TWST- Z. Gawronska, A. Everett, V. Staffeldt, A. Pollok
38	Men Senior 400 Free Relay	3:31.45	8/1/2017	Katy Aquatics - KATY- W. Roberson, E. Autry, W. Coakley, G. Cowand
39	Women Senior 1500 Free	17:10.07	7/29/2023	Libby Grether - KY Aquatics-KY
40	Men Senior 1500 Free	15:44.83	7/29/2023	Carson Hick - UN-KY
41	Women Senior 200 IM	2:18.88	7/30/2023	Anna Havens Rice - KY Aquatics-KY
42	Men Senior 200 IM	2:06.18	8/4/2015	Jonathan C. Tybur at 2015 Sout - TWST-GU
43	Women Senior 50 Free	26.45	7/31/2018	ValerieAnne Staffeldt at 2018 - TWST-GU
44	Men Senior 50 Free	22.59	7/30/2023	Drew Johnson - KY Aquatics-KY
45	Women Senior 400 Medley Relay	4:21.72	8/1/2017	The Woodlands Swim Team - TWST- A. Pollok, B. Beddingfield, Z. Gawronska, V. Staff
46	Men Senior 400 Medley Relay	3:55.12	8/2/2016	Nash II, Mel; Skigen, Jackson; - NFS-F Cook, Alex; Callahan, Tate

2023 Southern Zone Senior LC Championships - 7/26/2023 to 7/29/2023**2022 Sr Zone - Records**

100	Women Senior 50 Breast	32.96	7/27/2022	Jordan W Aurnou-Rhees - Univ Tennessee-S
101	Women Senior 200 Back	2:17.64	8/1/2017	Ashley L. Pollok at 2017 South - TWST-GU
200	Men Senior 100 Back	57.37	7/31/2018	Alex Robinson - MEMT-SE
201	Women Senior 100 Fly	1:02.52	8/1/2017	Emma Sticklen at 2017 Southern - KATY-GU
202	Men Senior 100 Free	51.19	7/27/2022	Noah C Wilkins - CREW Swimming-LA
300	Women Senior 100 Free	56.41	8/2/2016	Cook, Julia - AGS-GU
301	Men Senior 100 Breast	1:02.87	7/30/2021	Aaron N Parrott - Spring Swim Team
302	Men Senior 50 Fly	25.02	7/28/2022	Noah C Wilkins - CREW Swimming-LA
400	Men Senior 50 Free	23.34	7/30/2022	Noah C Wilkins - CREW Swimming-LA
401	Women Senior 1500 Free	17:30.59	7/29/2013	Carrie Bonfield - PPST
402	Men Senior 200 Free	1:52.69	8/1/2017	Tate R. Callahan at 2017 South - NFS-FL
403	Men Senior 100 Free	51.19	7/27/2022	Noah C Wilkins - CREW Swimming-LA
404	Men Senior 100 Back	57.37	7/31/2018	Alex Robinson - MEMT-SE
405	Men Senior 100 Breast	1:02.87	7/30/2021	Aaron N Parrott - Spring Swim Team
500	Women Senior 50 Breast	32.96	7/27/2022	Jordan W Aurnou-Rhees - Univ Tennessee-S

Timestamp	6/7/2023 13:22
Email Address	thor8550@aol.com
Name of Meet	2023 Southern Zone Open Water Championship
Sanction No.	NC23091OW
Meet Referee	Thornton Burnette
Start date of Meet	6/3/2023
Location/site:	Lake Echo, SevenLakes, NC
General Meet Overview;	Check in for the first event took longer than anticipated and resulted in a 30 minute delay in starting the meet. There was concern expressed from some of our visiting officials about the lack of smaller, powered watercraft on the course. This is a restriction of the community HOA approving the competition on the lake and cannot be changed. Overall, the meet ran smoothly once the check in process was streamlined for later groups. Several coaches and swimmers complimented the LSC on putting on a memorable event.
Sanction Fulfillment:	Meet was executed according to the sanction. There were not as many Red Cross certified life guards on the course as listed, but there were more support craft on the water than the minimum requirement.
Facility:	Extra turf mats were brought in to further cover the start/finish area. Additional stanchions/barricades should be used to keep spectators and non-volunteers out of the area. The finish area still became overcrowded.
Weather:	No weather issues
Suggestions for Meet Improvements:	Check-in should have the chips delineated by age group and gender so that the process can run faster. 3 lines bottle-necked by one person issuing chips created a substantial delay.
General Safety Incidents:	First event started with too few certified life guards on the course, but additional support craft were placed to offer more coverage, and was corrected through the course of the events. All subsequent races had the requisite number of life guards present.
Safe Sport Incidents/MAAP P Violations:	No issues
OTS Entries are complete	Yes (If "No", enter date of planned completion in "Other...")
Admin Referee (Name, LSC)	
Head Starter (Name, LSC)	
Team Lead CJ (Name, LSC)	
Time Trials Referee (Name, LSC)	
Evaluators (Name, LSC)	
General Comments on Officials	We had a very solid group of experienced open water officials, including a FINA OW official from Florida, John Fox. John provided very good feedback for the execution of the meet, as well as concerns with the number and type of support craft on the water. His comments were shared with the meet director.
Apprentice Officials Completions:	None
Officials Evaluations completed:	None
Recognize Stand-out performance	Jim Riggs handled the assignments and insured that all of the officials got a chance to work in varying positions throughout the course of the meet. He was an outstanding lead Referee.
Confirmation	I have no Issues to report (proceed to bottom of form)

2022-2023 Annual Report Southern Zone DEI Coordinator

Organized a webinar for USA Swimming National DEI Committee comprised of 3 coaches from the Southern Zone – Stanley McIntosh, Tommy Jackson, and Abbie Fish. Focus was on coaching diverse athletes.

Greenview Dolphins (SC Swimming) recipient of a Community Impact Grant from USAS Foundation

Tommy Jackson (GA Swimming) inducted into the Georgia Aquatic Hall of Fame

All 15 LSCs in the Southern Zone have DEI chairs – some of whom wear the Disability Chair has as well. New chairs have been elected in FG, SC, NC, ST. Welcomed Jack Davies (FG), Jamie Bloom (NC), Chase Thompson (ST), Matthew Mixon (MS), and Martha Chiwanza (SC) – sent them DEI Chairs information/training.

Several LSCs held either joint (NC/SC) or individual (FG, Gulf, ST) camps for athletes.

Have continued to hold regular monthly meetings of the 15 LSC DEI chairs along with Disability. Usually have anywhere from 4-8 LSC chairs join the Zoom. Goal is to increase this to all of the LSC Chairs joining the Zoom!

Participated in the SZ Budget task force that led to the passage of funding for SZ DEI programs.

Reviewed SZ P&P related to DEI Coordinator focusing on updating DEI Coordinator responsibilities/clarifying language. Focused on adding language creating a new position of SZ selected Assistant DEI Coordinator – someone to be in training for the position (which is appointed by USAS), to assist the DEI Coordinator with their responsibilities to the SZ. Supported by National DEI Director, Leland Brown. My term as DEI Coordinator will end in 2024 (have served 3 two year terms – the limit; would need to step down and then re-apply for position).

Had Jim Peterfish, National DEI Disability subcommittee chair, present to the LSC chairs the legislation changes proposed for the 2023 ABM for Article 105. Encouraged a yes vote for this language change for delegates to USAS ABM HOD.

Active participant in the planning of 2024 Olympic Trials Athlete Watch camp. Have contacted University of Louisville and University of Kentucky (both interested in hosting). Awaiting proposals from both.

Ruth-Ann Bode

SZ Athlete Summit/Trials Watch Party

Assumptions	90 Athletes	15 LSCs	6 Athletes/LSC
	10 Staff/Chaperones	9 :1	Ratio of Athletes/Chaperones
	100 Total Attendees	Cost to Southern Zone	
		Cost to Athlete or LSC	
		Each LSC will be responsible for their own transportation to the site.	

		Louisville				North Carolina			
		Per Day	Days	Amount	Total	Per Day	Days	Amount	Total
Housing	Double Rooms	\$ 41.00	2	50	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 23.00	2	50	\$ 2,300.00
	Linen Package					\$ 25.00	1	100	\$ 2,500.00
Meals	Breakfast	\$ 8.99	2	100	\$ 1,798.00	\$ 9.00	2	100	\$ 1,800.00
	Lunch	\$ 9.99	2	100	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 11.50	2	100	\$ 2,300.00
	Dinner	\$ 9.99	2	100	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 12.50	2	100	\$ 2,500.00
Staff									
Classroom						\$ 150.00	1	1	\$ 150.00
Pool Rental		\$ 44.00	10	8	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 1,200.00		3	\$ 3,600.00
		/hr/lane	lanes	hours		(per 2 hours)		sessions	
Lifeguards		\$ 20.00	4	8	\$ 640.00	Included in Pool rental			\$ -
		/hr/guard	guards	hours					
Transportation to/from pool					\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	2		\$ 5,000.00
Totals					\$ 14,054.00				\$ 20,150.00
Cost per Athlete					\$ 109.93				\$ 126.67
Cost to SZ					\$ 4,160.00				\$ 8,750.00

2024 SZ Olympic Trials Watch Camp

Information from University of Louisville

Housing:

Housing Style Options	Room Type	Sum 23 2-5 Nights	Sum 23 6+ Nights
Traditional -Belknap Village North	Singles	\$45.00	\$41.00
	Doubles	\$41.00	\$37.00
	Doubles turned into Singles	\$49.00	\$45.00
	Deluxe Doubles	\$46.00	\$42.00
	Deluxe Doubles into Singles	\$52.00	\$47.00

The suggested housing complex is close to the pool; all attendees (campers and staff) could be housed on one floor with separate toilet/shower accommodations. Also have a classroom available with smart-technology.

Board:

UL's summer 24 dining prices are not finalized, but I have shared the summer 23 prices below. Meals are served at our main cafeteria "Ville Grill". The facility will be able to accommodate your group size. Please feel free to reach out to Amy Fryman for more specific information. I have copied her to this email.

Breakfast-\$8.99 per person

Lunch-\$9.99 per person

Dinner-\$9.99 per person

Pool:

Based on Long Course set up, 8 lanes for 2 two-hour sessions for 2 days = \$3520 (Approximately \$44 per lane per hour). This is what USAS was charged for the most recent regional select camp held at UL Ralph Wright Natatorium.

Lifeguards: \$20/hour per guard. KY mandates minimum 4 guards based on number of lanes/expected number of athletes = \$160 per session X 4 total sessions = \$640

Pros

- the university has hosted in the past USAS regional select camps (as recent as this past spring) so familiar with swimming camps/needs
- the proposed housing is within a 5 min walk of the pool
- can have all athletes/staff on floor with no other UL students or other outside people around - safety/SafeSport compliant
- aquatic facility very accommodating and willing to host
- Louisville has an airport that is served by many carriers, regional as well as national (Delta/United/American/Southwest/Breeze/Spirit/Allegiant) if flying is a means of travel.
- KYLSC has never hosted a camp for the SZ, so means of generating exposure.
- There are several fun activities that could be done in the city as well (team-building course at Louisville Mega Caverns/Louisville Slugger Baseball museum/Baseball game - home to the AAA Cincinnati Reds organization/Renowned zoo).

Cons

- More northern LSC than say GA/SC/NE so travel might be a consideration for the further located LSCs. BUT - love the idea of a traveling bus that picks up campers from LSCs and brings them to the site.
- KYLSC hasn't hosted an event like this

University of Louisville		Cost	Athlete food
Housing -inclusive	single (S)	45 2 nights@45X60=	5400
	double (D)	41 2 nights@ \$41X60=	4920
	double as S	49	
Camp Staff of 8?	Delux D	46 2 nights@46X8	736
Camp Staff of 8?	Delux D as S	52 2 nights@52X8	832
Board	Breakfast	8.99 2 X 60 X 8.99=	1078.8
	Lunch	9.99 2 X 60 X 9.99=	1198.8
	Dinner	9.99 2 X 60 X 9.99=	1198.8
Pool Rental	LC/8L/hour		
	total LC/8l	3520 44/hr/lane	
Lifeguards	8/guards	\$20/hr=640	

Camp staff food

Based on 8 143.84

159.84

159.84

Southern Zone Olympic Trials Watch Party

Location: TBD

Potential Dates:

June 14-16

June 21-23

Size of Group – Max of 6 athletes per LSC (Coach / Chaperone additional)

15 LSCs x 6 = Max of 90 athletes, 10 staff/chaperones

Airport - RDU – Convenient airport to fly in and out of within 15 minutes of Campus, pending traffic

NC State Campus: (See package guide)

- 1) Dates are possible- not guaranteed as they are working with facilities now on 2024 planning for Camps
- 2) Dorm Stay for 90 athletes 10 adults – 100 total
 - Double Rate \$23.00 x 50 rooms = \$1,150.00 per night x 2= \$2,300.00
 - Full linen Package \$25pp = \$2,500.00
 - Classroom / Lecture Hall - \$150.00 rate TBD for '24
 - Breakfast \$9.00 x 100 = \$900 x 2 days = \$1,800.00
 - Lunch \$11.50 x 100 = \$1,150 x2 days = \$2,300.00
 - Dinner \$12.50 x 100 = \$1,250.00 x 2 days = \$2,500.00
 - **TOTAL Package Approximately \$11,550.00**
- 3) NCSU Pool – TBD ON Campus if available but the schedule is not set yet.
- 4) TAC Pool is available June 21-23, but not available June 14-16 – Times would have to work around TAC practices – could be LC or SC pending space and time worked in for us.
Approx - **\$1,200.00 for 2 hrs (12-15 lanes SC?) – 2 or 3 practices = \$4 or \$5,000**
Lifeguard fees included
- 5) Transportation to TAC-
 - NC State Bus Shuttle – Price varies – May be an option but not 2024 rates not available at this time as they are redoing.
 - Triangle Corporate Coach 2 x 52 passenger buses per trip on 4 hr minimum
\$2,500.00 x 2 days? Possible to add a sprinter shuttle(20 person bus) Roughly \$5,000.00 if transport is needed for 2 practices off campus at TAC.

Ballpark -\$22,000

Lots TBD once NCSU has their Camp package updated for 2024.

Projected 2024 Conference Rates

2024 Conference Season will run from May 18th-July 28th, 2024

Check-in dates earlier than May 18th or check-out dates later than July 28th are not possible.

SUMMER HOUSING CONFERENCE RATES		PER NIGHT
HALLS/SUITES		
	Single Rate	\$ 33.00
	Double Rate	\$ 23.00
APARTMENTS		
	Wolf Village or Wolf Ridge	\$ 40.00
	>30 nights	\$ 35.00
INTERNAL NCSU GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS (paying with a project ID that starts with "5")		
	Single Rate	\$ 31.00
	Double Rate	\$ 21.00
	Single >30 nights	\$ 21.00
LINEN		PER PERSON
Full Linen Package (Pillow, Pillowcase, two full sheets, blanket, towel, and washcloth)		\$25.00
Deluxe Linen Package (Full package plus shampoo, conditioner, and soap)		\$30.00
CHANGE FEES		PER REQUEST
Any changes to rosters, meal numbers, etc. past 14 day final GTD		*what constitutes a change?
Changes that come in between 14-8 days prior to check in		\$ 50.00
Changes that come in between 7-1 day prior to check in		\$ 200.00
KEYS + CARDS/FOBS		
	Lost Access Card	\$ 25.00
	Excess Lockout Response (4th Lockout per conference)	\$ 75.00

Lock Recores (lost room keys)	Varies. See recore by building chart
OUTDOOR SPACE-	
Lee Field - Half-Day (4 Hours or Less)	\$ 250.00
Lee Field - Full-Day (Greater than 4 Hours)	\$ 450.00
Lee Park - Half-Day (4 Hours or Less)	\$ 100.00
Lee Park - Full-Day (Greater than 4 Hours)	\$ 175.00
UH Volleyball Court / Courtyard - Daily if Reservation is made	\$ 25.00
ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS through Registration and Records	
Initial Space Request	\$ 150.00
RESIDENTIAL MEETING SPACE- outside of your residential hall lounge	
Lounges, Classrooms, etc. (Half Day)	\$ 25.00
Lounges, Classrooms, etc. (Full Day)	\$ 50.00
Lounges, Classrooms weekly rate	\$ 150.00
SERVICE CHARGE	
Organizing Dining, Space Rentals, Parking, Transportation, etc.	6%
BILLED AS CHARGED**+ 6% Service Charge	
Breakfast- Dining Hall	'24 still TBD, '23 rate: \$8.50
Lunch- Dining Hall	'24 still TBD, '23 rate: \$11.00
Dinner- Dining Hall	'24 still TBD, '23 rate: \$11.75
Parking Permits (Daily)	'24 still TBD, '23 rate: \$10.00
Parking Permits (Full Summer)	'24 still TBD, '23 rate: \$75.00
Parking Permits (Summer Session I, or II)	'24 still TBD, '23 rate: \$50.00
Transportation / Motorfleet Rentals	Varies
Catering (RAVE or External)	Varies
Meeting Facilities Rental (Student Centers, etc.)	Varies
Group Gym Space	Varies
Fleet Services-Driver , per hour, 3 hour minimum	\$35.25
Fleet Services- Mileage, per mile driven	\$2.93

LOCK RECORE CHARGES**	Only room key is lost	Only suite key is lost	Suite and room keys are lost
PROPERTY TYPE			
Hotel Style (North, AFC)	\$150**	-	-
Suite Style (Wood)	\$150**	\$275**	\$375**
Suite Style (All others)	\$150**	\$200**	\$325**
Hall Style	\$150**	-	-
Apartments Wolf Ridge/Wolf Village	\$150**	\$175**	\$275**
Apartments ES King/Western Manor	\$225**	-	-
Damaged replacement Key (each key)	\$6.50 per key**		

**Current 2024 rates as of 9/1/2023 through campus partners. Subject to change due to departmental rate adjustments.

**STAY WITH THE
PACK**



University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Our site may be difficult because we are hosting Olympic Trials for Diving in 2024 and it overlaps with Swimming Trials, so it's likely we will have a lot going on during the time you are looking at. For reference though, we do "in general" (lots of stipulations, ect.) have the ability to put kids up in the dorms over the summer. Cost is usually around or under \$50 per person per room night. They stay in a nice dorm close to the pool and eat in a dining hall next door. Food is typically around \$15 for dinner, \$13 for lunch, and \$12 for breakfast. There would need to be adult chaperones as well. Pool space is somewhat depending on what you're looking at, but if available it would likely cost about \$180 an hour for the 50 M pool.

2. SZ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator

- a. Appointed by USA Swimming to a (2) two-year appointment for up to (2) additional two-year terms and shall not exceed more than six consecutive years.
- b. Reports to USA Swimming DEI Staff Liaison to the USA Swimming DEI Committee and the National DEI Committee Chair.
- c. Serves as the first point of contact to the Zone LSC DEI Chairs and acts as a liaison for this group to the National Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. Reports to the SZ Coach and Non-coach Director the activities of the Zone LSC DEI Chairs.
- d. Holds regularly scheduled meetings with the LSC DEI Chairs in a format and time agreeable to all. Submits any recordings of Zoom meetings to be posted on the SZ Website DEI section. Posts minutes from meetings to the SZ Website DEI section.
- e. Assists in the training of, and dissemination of information to the LSC DEI Chairs; provide to the LSC DEI Chairs the National DEI Committee DEI manual for new LSC DEI Chairs; links to training webinars/documents from USA Swimming National DEI Committee/Staff.
- f. Provides assistance to the LSC DEI Chairs for activities promoting DEI within the Southern Zone, such as camps, DEI related meets, swimposiums, in-person training for LSC DEI Chairs, etc.
- g. Assists the SZ Secretary/Treasurer with any DEI Budget/funds related to DEI activities. Acts as a resource for grant information from USA Swimming and USA Swimming Foundation.

3. SZ Assistant Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator:

- a. Appointed by the SZ Directors from nominations proposed from the SZ DEI Coordinator/SZ LSC DEI Chairs, to work with the SZ DEI Coordinator.
- b. If the SZ DEI Coordinator is unavailable to perform duties, the SZ Assistant DEI Coordinator will act in their place (coordinating meetings, disseminating information to the National DEI staff and to the LSC DEI Chairs, to the SZ Coach and Non-Coach Directors) until the current SZ DEI Coordinator is able to return to duties, or, until a new Zone DEI Coordinator is appointed by USA Swimming National DEI staff.
- c. Be a currently registered member of USA Swimming in good standing.
- d. Term of service is two years. May serve up to (3) two-year terms of service (not more than six years).

1 5. SZ Officials Coordinator

- 2 a. Shall be appointed by the SZ Directors in odd numbered
3 years.
- 4 b. Shall approve the selection of the Meet Referee for the SZ
5 Age Group Championships, SZ Senior Championships, SZ
6 Open Water Championships, and SZ Sectionals Meets, in
7 consultation with the host LSC Officials Chairs and host
8 Meet Directors.
- 9 c. Shall post the Application to Officiate on the SZ website for
10 the SZ Age Group Championships, SZ Senior Championships,
11 SZ Open Water Championships, and SZ Sectionals Meets.
- 12 d. Shall receive the Meet Referees' reports from the SZ Age
13 Group Championships, SZ Senior Championships, SZ Open
14 Water Championships, and SZ Sectionals Meets and submit
15 those reports at the annual SZ Meeting.
- 16 e. Shall attend the National Officials Committee quarterly
17 meetings.
- 18 f. Shall communicate with and distribute information to the SZ
19 LSC Officials Chairs.
- 20 g. Shall have other specific duties related to the USA
21 Swimming/~~Speedo~~ Sectionals conducted in the SZ, the SZ
22 Senior Championship, the SZ Open Water Championship
23 and the SZ Age Group Championships as defined in Part 6
24 of this manual.
- 25 h. While the SZ Assistant Officials Coordinator is appointed in
26 odd numbered years, the current SZ Officials Coordinator

27 will nominate their future assistant with the consent of the
28 SZ Directors, who will formally nominate. The SZ Assistant
29 Officials Coordinator will move up to the SZ Officials
30 Coordinator position after two years. The SZ Officials
31 Coordinator and the SZ Assistant Officials Coordinator shall
32 be from different sections of the Zone, e.g., Western (LA,
33 GU, NT, ST, WT and BD), Southern (FL and FGC) and Eastern
34 (GA, SE, MS, WV, KY, SC and NC).

35 a. Nominations will be solicited from the Southern Zone
36 Officials.

37 b. Nominees shall be an Official in good standing
38 registered with one of the SZ LSCs.

39 c. Nominees shall be certified as an N3 Deck Referee.

40 d. Nominees shall have officiated in some capacity at a
41 previous SZ Age Group Championships, SZ Senior
42 Championships, or SZ Open Water Championships.

43 6. SZ Assistant Officials Coordinator

44 a. Shall support and work with the SZ Officials Coordinator.

45 b. Shall attend the National Officials Committee quarterly
46 meetings.

Hector Acevedo

Florida Gold Coast (FGC) Open Water Officials Rep

A long time official from Florida Gold Coast, Hector started his officiating career in 2009. He is currently serving as the FGC Open Water (OW) Officials Chair, after being selected in 2020. Hector is an experienced official, having served at the national and international level for both Open Water and pool competitions. He has achieved the highest level of official certification (N3) for pool deck positions. In January 2023, Hector was selected as an International OW Official for World Aquatics. Hector also worked as a deck official at the 2020 Olympic Trials Wave I.



Hector holds an MBA from Florida International University. He is currently the Vice President for Americas Customer Experience at Cisco Systems. He is the proud father of two daughters Alana and Sarah, both seniors at the University of Tampa and lifelong swimmers.

International Experience

World Aquatics Open Water Official 2023

National Certifications N3 Level

Stroke & Turn

Chief Judge

Starter

Deck Referee

Administrative Referee

Major Open Water Events

National

2023 Open Water Junior Nationals - 7.5K

2023 Open Water Junior Nationals - 5K

2023 Open Water Nationals - 5K

2023 Open Water Nationals - 10K 19&U

2023 Open Water Nationals - 10K

2022 Open Water Junior Nationals - 5K & 7.5K

2022 Open Water National Championships - 5K & 10K

2021 Open Water Junior Nationals - 5K & 7.5K

2021 Open Water National Championships - 5K & 10K

2019 Open Water Junior Nationals - 5K

2019 Open Water National Championships - 5K & 10K

2018 Open Water Junior Nationals - 5K & 7.5K

2018 Open Water National Championships - 5K & 10K

2016 Open Water National Championships - 5K & 10K

2015 Open Water National Championships - 5K & 10K

Southern Zone

2022 Southern Zones Open Water Championship
2019 Southern Zone Open Water Championship
2018 Southern Zone Open Water Championship - Meet Referee
2015 NC Southern Zone Open Water Champs

LSC

2023 FGC Open Water Qualifier LSC Championship - Meet Referee
2022 FGC Open Water Championships - Meet Referee
2021 FGC Open Water Championships - Meet Referee
2020 CANES Open Water Swim LSC Championship - Meet Referee
2019 Florida Swimming Open Water Championships
2018 Florida Swimming Open Water Championships
2018 Arizona Open Water
2017 Florida Swimming Open Water Championships
2016 GCST Open Water Festival Race
2015 NC Open Water State Championships

Other Events

2022 National Collegiate OW Championship - Miami, FL - Meet Referee
2018, 2019 UANA 5K & 10K Championship - Cayman Islands - OW Referee
2017, 2018 Piranhas POWER Challenge - Pompano Beach, FL - OW Referee

USA Swimming Pool Deck Official

2020 Olympic Trials Wave I
2018 UANA Swimming Cup

US Open

2020 Toyota US Open Sarasota
2017 Winter Nationals
2016 Winter Nationals

Pro Swim Series

2023 TYR Pro Swim Series - Fort Lauderdale
2018 TYR Pro Swim Series - Indianapolis
2017 Arena Pro Swim Series - Santa Clara
2016 Arena Pro Swim Series - Santa Clara
2016 Arena Pro Swim Series - Austin
2015 Arena Pro Swim Series - Orlando, FL

Futures

2018 Futures Championships - Cary
2017 Futures Championships Southeast - Knoxville

Sectionals

2015-2023 Southern Zone Sectional Championships