

Officials Committee Meeting

April 16, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

via Zoom teleconference

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Welcome to Max Mizuba, new athlete rep. Cos DiFazio is serving as a coach representative.

LSC Officials Chair Quarterly Meeting Recap

- Held on April 2.
- Junior Officials memberships are not being offered in all LSCs. It is challenging to get the word out with athletes. Going through the athletes committee is the best way to get the word out. Virginia Swimming offers a Junior Officials training on the website. Junior Officials must be 16-17 years old.
- Referee training is now available as of April 1. Anyone who wants to train as a referee will do it through the USA Swimming portal. The legacy USA Swimming referee test has been removed as of today.
- Presentation available on how to review N2 and N3 evaluators.
- Officials Excellence Award through USA Swimming. The deadline is fast approaching.

Evaluators for LC Championship Meets

- Bryan Wallin is certified to evaluate N3i for DR and CJ. Michael will ask him to work Age Group Champs.
- Geoff mentioned giving folks opportunities to serve as evaluators who have enough hours.

Google Form Training Card Request Breakdown

- 103 S&T card requests
- 48 AO card requests
- 6 CJ card requests
- 14 Starter card requests
- Discussion about issuing training cards and using Google Form.

Championship Meets

- Thank you to the meet referees, Kelly Warnagiris and Geoff Alms. Twenty-four national evaluations were done at Senior Champs. Kelly and Geoff reported on key takeaways from their meets.

Long Course Championships

- Annemarie Juhlin will serve as meet referee for LC Senior Champs in Hampton. Wayne Shulby will serve as an evaluator. Kevin Hogan will serve as Admin Referee.
- Anne Van Lenten will serve as the meet referee for LC Age Group Champs in Lynchburg.
- Matt Banks will serve as meet referee for Central District Champs.
- Heather Crampton will serve as meet referee for North District Champs.
- Alan Broderick will serve as meet referee for SE District Champs.
- Cat Phillips will serve as meet referee for SW District Champs

Online Clinics: CJ clinics are the only clinics offered through VA Swimming now. Matt Banks has been the trainer for the last series of clinics. To track records, Michael suggests that we always have new officials request cards through the Google form especially those who are given a form during a meet. Kevin will be creating a recording of the CJ Clinic so folks can watch on their own.

Cos and Max provided positive feedback about the relationship between officials and athletes/officials.

Swimposium is during the Education Weekend on September 13-14. It is time to start thinking about the format.

Two Piece Tech Suits: Josh Rice submitted an post meet report mentioning there was a two-piece tech suit at his meet. Michael will check on the rules related to these suits.

Bill Fairfax asked about knowing who is signed up to do their training.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Meeting Attendance April 16, 2025	
Role	Name
Chair	Michael Sizemore ✓
Southeast District	Genny Kimbel ✓
Central District	Bob Rustin ✓
Southwest District	Geoff Alms ✓ George Zolovick ✓
Northern District	Annemarie Juhlin ✓
Athlete Rep	Max Mizuba ✓
At Large Reps	Kelly Warnagiris ✓ Kevin Hogan ✓ Ralph Jones ✓
Coach Rep	Cos Difazio ✓
Ex Officio	Dan Demers
Secretary	Emily Fagan ✓
Executive Director	Mary Turner ✓