

Officials HOD Report – 11/5/2024

The state of officiating in the Inland Empire remains strong. There are currently 131 certified officials and 5 officials who are currently listed as apprentices.

The Officials Committee met in Early October and the following bullet points are the goals we have set for the 2024/2025 season:

- **Website:** Improve the website for ease of information and access. Rick Edge will be taking to lead in this area.
- **Education:** Jaci Downing will be taking to lead to make sure we have appointed mentors and certifiers for club, and that we have a more unified approach for certifying and advancing officials.
- **Name Tag/New Shirts:** Nichole Proszek will be the new point of contact for name tags and new officials' shirts. She replaces Steve Hudlet who have officially retired from officiating.
- **Open Water:** Jeff Walkley is our Open Water official and will be working to recruit because our LSC (and CAST) will be hosting the 2025 Age Group Open Water Championships. We are also looking to increase open water opportunities.
- **Selection of MR's for Championship meets:** The committee has agreed to and is publishing the following requirements for becoming an LSC Championship MR
 - **Must have DR Certification**
 - **Must have had been a successful MR at the club level meet**
 - **Must have had a successful TLCJ at a championship meet**
 - **Must be recommended and approved by the officials Committee**
- **LSC Championship Meet Leaders:** The committee selected the following Leads for our championship meets.
 - **Jr. Champs:** MR – Nichole Proszek / AR – Katherine Teske / TLCJ Nicole Preston
 - **Short Course Champs:** MR – Bobbi Bamer / AR – Keith Lambert / TLCJ – TBA
 - **Summer Champs:** MR – Don Hougardy / AR Tia Pollick / TLCJ - Jaci Downing