



September 5, 2024

Western Zone Official's Coordinator Report

Action Items in progress: Selection of the Meet Referees for the 8 Western Zone Sectional Meets, the WZ SC Senior Championship Meet in St. George, UT, the WZ Senior Championship Meet in Clovis, and the WZ Age Group Meet (location to be determined) (the Sectional Meet and WZ Championship Meet Schedule is attached). We have been working with the LSC Chairs who have a Sectional Meet in their LSC along with the Meet Directors on the selections of the Meet Referees. We are also beginning work on the Official's Applications for all of the upcoming Sectional Meets in the Western Zone as well as the Western Zone Meets for the 2024/2025 Season.

Action Items Year Round: Continue to create the list of "Up-and-Coming" future Meet Referees with the WZ LSC Official's Chairs for the Western Zone Sectional and Championship Meets. Along with this is the selections of Admin. Referees and Team Lead Chief Judges that will potentially be the Meet Referees in the future. These names come from the LSC Official's Chairs recommendations.

Keeping the LSC Official's Chairs List current (see attached current Chairs List).

Action items complete and still in progress: We have completed the list of the Officials that have met the criteria to receive the Official's Reimbursement Fund for the Western Zone Senior Meet and the Western Zone Age Group Meet. Both lists have been sent to the WZ Treasurer, Lisa Vetterlein. The Officials that met the criteria shall be notified that their reimbursement shall be sent to their LSC's Treasurer from USA Swimming and then passed to them from their LSC. The WZ Senior Championship Meet had 36 Official's that qualified for the reimbursement. WZAG had 37 Official's that met the criteria :o)!

Notices: The WZ LSC Official's Chairs will hold a Zoom meeting prior to the September Workshop to discuss how the Meet Referees for the WZ hosted Sectional Meets are considered and selected. The current process begins with discussions with the awarded Meet Hosts Meet Director as well as the Host LSC's Official's Chair. It is the role of the WZ Official's Coordinator is to assist The Host Team and the Official's Chairs in this selection. The vision in these selections is to bring up Meet Referees that have worked large Championship Level Meets in their LSC as a Meet Referee (experience in the role of Meet Referee at a Trials and Finals Meet) to the Sectional Meet Level. We look at the Sectional Meets in the Western Zone as training Meets for Officials just as it is for our Athletes competing. Sectional Meets act as a "stepping stone" for Meet Referees moving up from their LSC Championship Meets to the Sectional Level where National protocols are used (the LSC Championship Meets may also use

National protocols). It is also the vision to select Meet Referees from outside of the Host LSC (keeping in mind the cost of how far an official needs to travel) to have new Sectional Meet Referees gain experience “away from their comfort level” at their home LSC. This gives the Meet Referee a chance to meet different Officials, and different Coaches as well as this helps develop connections and relationships.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Mary Ruddell, Keith Lambert, and Cheryl Pearson for being 1st Timers as a WZ Sectional Meet Referee, and to Judi Creech for being the Meet Referee for the 2024 WZAG Championships in Boise, ID.

A Special Congratulations: The Western Zone was very well represented at the 2024 Olympic Trials including our fellow LSC Official’s Chairs Judi Creech, Keith Lambert, Scott Powell, Julie Floyd and Jason Shibata!!! (I hope that I did not miss anyone. My apologies if I did). Also, two of our Western Zone Officials were in Paris!!!! Kathleen Scandary and Lisa Vetterlein!

Next Upcoming Event: 2024 CA/NV Winter Speedo Sectionals, Walnut, CA, December 19-22, 2024.

Meet Referee: Debbie Baldwin

2024 / 2025 Western Zone Sectional Meets and Championship Meets – See attached

WZ Official’s Coordinator Notes: Things to work on as the Western Zone Official’s Committee (all of the LSC Official’s Chairs) is to share ideas on the best way to continue to train and mentor the newbie Officials to a standard that our Athletes and Coaches deserve. R9 has given us many new Officials and we now have the opportunity to mentor these new Officials. It is important for us as leaders of our LSC’s Officials to choose Mentors that are Great “People persons” to give the new officials the right “start” in their training. We want to give them the right “mind-set” on what it means to be an Official. The other topic for discussion for the committee is the “Block Party” meets that are now in vogue.

I would like to Thank all of the Western Zone LSC Official’s Chairs for your dedication to the Officials in your LSC as well as officiating as a whole. I have the honor of being a part of a Great Group of Volunteers!

Respectfully submitted,

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Western Zone Official’s Coordinator



2024-2025 WESTERN ZONE MEETS

MEET	DATES	LOCATION	MEET REFEREE	ADMIN. REFEREE	TL CHIEF JUDGE	EVALUATOR	MEET DIRECTOR
CA/NV WINTER SECTIONALS	DEC. 19-22, 2024	WALNUT, CA	Debbie Baldwin	Alina de Armas	Sally Taggart		BREA
CA/NV SPRING SECTIONALS	FEB. 29-MAR. 2, 2025	CARLSBAD CA					Jennifer Putnam
CA/NV SPRING SECTIONALS	FEB. 29-MAR. 2, 2025	ROSEVILLE, CA					
NW SPRING SECTIONALS	MARCH 13-16, 2025	BOISE, ID					Ryan Stratton
4 CORNERS SECTIONALS	MARCH 27-30, 2025	AUSTIN, TX					Brigette Rhodes
WZ SC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	APRIL 3-6, 2025	ST. GEORGE, UT					
WRS SUMMER SECTIONALS	JULY 17-20, 2025	Mt. HOOD(GRESHAM),OR					Dennis Baker
CA/NV LCM SECTIONALS	JULY 18-21, 2025	LA JOLLA, CA					
CA/NV LCM SECTIONALS	JULY 18-21, 2025	NOVATO CA					Sarah Paoli
WZ SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	JULY 29-AUG. 2, 2025	CLOVIS, CA					
WZAG CHAMPIONSHIPS	AUG. 6-9, 2025	TBD					



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