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Western Zone Official's Coordinator Report

Action Items in progress: Working on the Official's Travel Assistance for the Officials that qualify at the WZ Senior Championships and the WZAG Championships for 2025. There are 35 Officials that qualify for the Assistance Program from the Senior Championships and 42 Officials from the WZAG Championships. It was explained to all of the Officials at both meets how the Assistance Program works and that their checks would be coming from their LSC's.

We are working on the Meet Referees and Admin. Referees for the upcoming 2025-2026 Western Zone Sectional Meets and WZ Championship Meets to give the incoming new Western Zone Official's Coordinator a template moving forward.

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 as there were a couple of changes (see attached current Chairs List – as of 8-12-2025).

Keep updating the Western Zone Website under the "Official's tab" with the WZ Meet Assignments for 2025-2026 meets, and post the updated Official's "Travel Assistance Program" for the WZ Senior Championship Meets and the WZ Age Group Championship Meet. Also to be posted will be the procedure for selecting the Meet Referees along with the Lead Officials and National Evaluators for the WZ Sectional Meets.

Note: It is the role of the WZ Official's Coordinator to assist the Host Team's Meet Directors and the Official's Chairs in the selection of Meet Referees and Lead Officials for the Sectional Meets. 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) so to have new Sectional Meet Referees gain experience "away from their

comfort level” at their home LSC. This gives the Meet Referees a chance to meet Officials from different LSC’s in the Western Zone as well as different Coaches as this helps develop connections and relationships.

Thank You: Thank You to Mike Dilli, Robert Broyles and Debbie Laderoute for being the Meet Referees for the Summer Sectionals Meets and to Todd Yee for being the Meet Referee for the WZAG Championships Meet in Elk Grove.

Next Upcoming Events: 2025 CA/NV Winter Sectionals in Walnut, CA. The two Spring Sectional Meets in February are in the Gold Section at Carlsbad and Roseville, February 26 – March 1, 2026.

WZ Official’s Coordinator Notes:

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. A special thanks to Lance Sanchez, New Mexico and Dayna Gripp, Wyoming that have passed the Official’s Chair hat on to their “next-ups”.

Welcome to Daniel Diver in Wyoming and Debbie Schmidt in New Mexico to the Western Zone LSC Official’s Chairs Team!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davis

Western Zone Official’s Coordinator