

Officials Chair Report

March 4, 2025

We have wrapped up yet another great Championship Meet! Our incredible Meet Referee, Luke Havens absolutely knocked it out of the park! He ran the entire meet holding to our timelines, often wrapping up early. Athletes walked off the deck with ample time for recovery and rest... Even with the addition of a finals heat of each distance.

We hosted an incredible number of Officials over the weekend... 71 in total! With several newly certified officials in attendance, By the weekend's end, it was difficult to tell those from our seasoned officials. As the mentoring continues, we will be ready for the next National Deck Meet.

Our incredible National Evaluators not only created a fantastic atmosphere to learn and receive in, they also gave WYSI a successful advancement weekend with 11 evaluations that took place. A huge THANK YOU to George Mathes for all he does for us here at Wyoming Swimming and USA Swimming. He is truly a stand out for his knowledge, willingness to pour into others, and his easy kindness that makes him truly unique in today's world!

WYSI also hosted Robert and Kathleen Scandary, the incredible Evaluating Duo from Colorado. They gave unending mentoring and encouragement throughout the weekend. At the Deck Referee & Starter Presentation, they set the standard for creating cohesion on deck by creating the DR&SR team expectation. Regardless of formal request, they made themselves available to each of our officials. Then come Sunday Finals, These two joined us on deck as stroke and Turn Officials. Over all it was a great weekend!