

WYSI Officials Chair Report

12/8/2025

- After the completion of this high school season there was a lot of inquiry about observing officials for conference level culminating meets. Traditionally, arrangements for the observing officials has been made by the host team. Going forward, the officials committee will make more of an effort to staff these meets. However, it should be noted that staffing ultimately depends on those officials who are willing to volunteer their time to be on deck; coaches and athletes should not assume conference level meets will automatically be observed.

- When USA Swimming went live with the new officiating requirements in February 2024, any existing official as of this date was automatically grandfathered to a certification expiration date of 12/31/2026. Many officials, most notably referees and starters, will need to fulfill the re-certification requirements before this date to have their certifications extended. I will be sending an email to all officials reminding them to be cognizant of fulfilling these requirements along with details on the requirements and where to find their officials history.

- Many thanks to the following new Stroke and Turn officials,
 - Tracey Kegler-CASC
 - Kimberly Taylor-LSC

- And a HUGE thank you to the following for advancing their certifications
 - Brendon Weidner-Starter-SWAT
 - Spencer Larsen-Referee-RST