



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

To be submitted to Marie Lin (secretary@pacswim.org) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

Committee: Officials Committee

Liaison to the Board: Diana Fetterman

Date of Last Meeting: July 12, 2023

Date of Next Meeting: October 11, 2023

Items:

LSC Meets: The committee got a head start assigning corner officials for the 2023-2024 LSC Meet Schedule. There are some meets still without a host, therefore those meets had very little signups in advance. The long course Age Group Champs Meet went well. The venue easily accommodated over 700 athletes that competed over the three days. Pac Swim has a survey on its website regarding the Age Group Champs.

OTS Update: Late fall we should be able to view national evaluations, national applications, and have a communication path. Further down the road we will be able to access test results, clinics, and activity.

Online Official's Tests: Online testing is now available on the USAS University. Officials can access the tab under the USAS dashboard. However, there is no option to take a recertification test. Officials must take the regular full test. A future option for recertification test is in development.

Sign-in Sheet: There is a newly developed stroke and turn sign-in sheet for swim meets. There are several fill-in column to assist CJs with the development of their teams. The sign-in sheet can be found on the official's webpage.

Annual Pac Swim Officials Clinic: The in-person clinic will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The presenters and class syllabus were discussed. Club leaderships are encouraged to send new and existing officials.

Pre-meet Technical Meeting: The long course Far Western Championships, will have a Zoom technical meeting, the Friday prior to the start of the meet. This will be the first time that an LSC major meet will use a Zoom technical meeting prior to the commencement of a meet. This will take the place of coaches' daily meetings, which are over crowded and inconvenient as they take place 10 min prior to the start of the preliminary sessions.

National Certification and Advancement: This function of the OTS is still not operative. Officials can check for their National Advancement, by visiting USAS, National Official's Page. There, you will see listed an excel spreadsheet of every official's national certification.

Officials Code of Conduct (Honor Code): USAS Administrative Board of Review, suggested that all LSCs develop a code of conduct. The committee is looking into its development.

Roundtable: Each Zone nominated an "official of the year." Some zones are still finding it difficult to staff officials. Split session meets are difficult to staff. Zone 4 is exploring a minimum officials penalty.