



## Officials Committee

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- **Officials:** In 2025, Pacific Swimming has 690 registered officials, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest membership in USA Swimming. We are just one official short of second. Potomac Valley is second with one (1) more official than us at 691. Illinois is the largest with 715 officials.
- **Officials Recruitment and Retention:** Throughout the year each of the zones held mini satellite training clinics in their areas. On October 4th, we held the Pacific Swimming Annual Official Clinic in Pleasant Hill. Over 200 officials attended 1 or more of the offered clinics:
  - Foundation of Officiating (new parents)
  - Advance Stroke and Turn Official
  - Chief Judge
  - Starter
  - Deck Referee
  - Meet Referee
  - Colorado Timing
- **Officials Recognition:**
  - **Zone Officials of the Year:** Every year, each of the 5 zones within Pacific Swimming recognizes an official who has stood out and contributed to the success of zone awarded meets. These individuals are commended for their personal sacrifice, dedication, and commitment to the sport of swimming. The 2025 swim season Zone Officials of the year recipients are: Zone 1 South (**Sachi Kuwano**), Zone 1 North (**Kit Yan**), Zone 2 (**David Benjamin**), Zone 3 (**Barbarie Gonzalez**), and Zone 4 (**Nikki Pierce**).
  - **LSC Official Chair Recognition Award:** It is important to recognize an official that has demonstrated a positive officiating role model throughout the year, not only supporting zone meets but LSC major meets and even the national deck. This individual is always willing to volunteer at any meet at any capacity, never asking for assigned role. They worked hard and always have a pleasant smile on their face. This year's recipient is **Kimber Guzik**.
  - **George Cleveland Award:** This award historically has been given to a “legacy official” who embodies the spirit of George in officiating, mentorship, volunteerism, and kindness. This year’s recipient was **Karyn Kikuta**.
- **Junior Official:** It’s been a year since this new membership category was offered. We have one registered Jr. Official in our LSC. As you may not know, a Jr. Official is a 16 & 17 year old athlete that can obtain certification as a stroke and turn official and officiate during 12 and under non championship sessions. New this year, is the “Admin Junior” Official, which can officiate at meets regardless of age of competition.

- **Electronic Scratching (pilot):** A sub committee involving skilled Admin Officials, spearheaded by Charlie and Amy Gonzales, wrote an electronic program for scratching and positive check-in to be used at LSC Championship meets. The first meet to employ the pilot program is at the November Senior 2 Meet followed by Winter AG Champs.

### Photos from Official Clinic

