



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

To be submitted to boardmeeting@pacswim.org the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

Committee: _____ Officials Committee

Liaison to the Board: _____ Diana Fetterman, Cindy Rowland

Date of Last Meeting: _____ Jan 14, 2026

Members Present:

Phil Grant, Diana Fetterman, Cindy Rowland, Debbi Tucker, Valerie Rudd, Katherine Ng-Suen, Brett Shaug, Sarah Obbagy, Lisa Kaplan, Mike Flegel, Mette Graversen, Roger Pflieger, Trevor Gillis, Lehla Irwin

Pacific Swimming Officials Committee Mission: To recruit, educate, train, certify, and mentor a diverse team of USA Swimming officials to provide the highest quality and consistent officiating for athletes at all levels of swimming.

*Dana Covington has completed her term as NOC Officials Chair; Trish Martin from North Carolina Swimming is the new chair.

*New Southern Division Officials Chair: Carol Cracchiolo

*New Western Zone Non-Coach Director: Sally Taggart

*New CA NV Section Committee Chair: Mark Brown

*USA Swimming announced a new application for displaying credentials is scheduled for release between February and March.

*Backstroke start clarification: If at anytime the starter observes an illegal position, they should stand the heat and have athlete(s) gain compliance.

*Junior Officials are allowed to officiate at any meet or session in which they are not participants.

*Officials recertification at the highest position covers all sub-positions.

* There is currently no notification system for officials whose LSC certification is nearing expiration. Certifiers need to manually check.

*Times achieved at block party meets must still be allowed for qualification in LSC championship meets.

*Chair attended meeting conducted with USA Board Member Joel Shiniofield (Managing Director of Sport Development) and Jane Grosser (LSC Performance Services) as well as members of the LSC BOD. Block parties will continue; Local Swimming Committees (LSC) need to adapt accordingly. Efforts are underway to increase swim venues that permit competition.

*2026–2027 LSC Major Meet Schedule discussed. Concerns over the quantity of meets in the last six weeks of the swim season.

*July 2026 Senior 2 Meet recently awarded to (SRN). Zone 3 Officials to handle the bulk of the assigned skilled positions.

*Backstroke Straps: Current straps are decrepit. Pac Swim order 20 new straps.

*Apprentice Self-Evaluation / Trainer Checklist sheets are working out successfully in the LSC.

Next Officials Committee meeting: March 12, 2026, 7:00 pm

