



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: _____ March 12, 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, Pulin Muangsiri

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.

1. Officials Excellence Award: The first quarter USA Swimming Officials Excellence Award was given to Michael Davis for his many years of service and commitment to USA Swimming.
2. The committee discussed electronic scratching for LSC Championship Meets. Several ongoing meetings by a subcommittee are being conducted to discuss the best practice and consistent way of its implementation.
3. For the 2027 summer LSC Schedule, the age group championship meet will be on the same weekend as the senior championship meet.
4. Regarding standardized training and apprentice sessions, there has been some misconceptions that when an apprentice works four (4) sessions in a particular officiating role, they are automatically ready for certification and can officiate without mentorship. This is incorrect. An apprentice may be certified working as little as four sessions, if at that time they achieve minimum standards of competency in the position to be certified and officiate without a trainer.
5. Meet personnel should ensure that all coaches attending a meet are certified and in good standing. There has been incidents of coaches out of certification, coaching swimmers.
6. A subcommittee has been formed exploring officials invigilating warm-ups at swim meets prior to the sessions' commencing. We are looking at reducing the length of time that officials are on deck at swim meets and should it be the official's responsibility for supervising warm-ups?
7. The Athlete Rep committee continues to have a bin for the tech suit exchange program at most of the major meets. They asked us to monitor these bins when the booth is on unmanned near the administrative desk.
8. Next Officials Committee meeting is May 14, 2026.

