



National Officials Committee – Virtual Meeting

January 7, 2023 – 10:00 AM MT

Committee Attendance: Matt Wilson, Anne Lawley, Marianne Walling, Judy Sharkey, Dana Covington, Kathleen Scandary, Mike Murphy, Jack Swanson, Curtis Myers, Jason Johnson, Dylan Nelsen (Athlete), Kate Uerling (Athlete), Dean Ekeren (Staff), Macie McNichols (Staff)

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order and Housekeeping Items | (Matt Wilson & Anne Lawley) |
| 2. Introductions and Overview of Roles | (Matt Wilson) |
| 3. Review of 2022 Accomplishments & 2023 Goals | (Committee Members) |

Member	Accomplishments	Goals
Matt Wilson - Chair	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adapting to FINA requirements re: FINA Ref and Starter at approved meets Outlined Standardization of Officials Education Program 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify decertification process for LSCs – clear path for process Continue to develop learning modules for Standardization Program
Dana Covington – Mentoring & Evaluation Sub-Group Lead	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> N3 Evaluators Advanced and added to roster of 135. Additions are considered on a qtlly basis Summer Mentoring Series of 3 educational webinars 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Recertification Templates Refine existing and develop additional content for the New Referee clinic in April
Curtis Myers – LSC Liaison Sub-Group Lead	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gathered input from LSC OCs on topics & presenters for Swimposiums across US Provided support to LSC Officials Committees 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with other sub-committee chairs on this cmte to assist LSC OCs Facilitate and promote better methods of communication with OCs
Marianne Walling – OTS Sub-Group Lead	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Trained 2 new members to help vet OQM applications, review certs, revamp OQM document. Back to pre-covid OQM numbers- 204 meets in 22 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work closely with IT staff on Swims3.0 Manage certification process for officials applying for N3

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Produced chart of National Meet officials' participation from 2015 	
Jason Johnson – Officials Education Sub-Group Lead	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met with national and international starters to write program for new SR video 2. Reviewed numerous videos of starts readily available online for the final product 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain permission to use videos available. Continue to work with USA staff on production of new videos 2. Look at Stroke videos for updates necessary to reflect rule changes.
Anne Lawley – Communication & Publication Sub-Group Lead	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moderated Qtly LSC OC Zoom calls; presided over print of six newsletters with help from Macie and Zach; provided 6 articles that appeared in SW magazine 2. Managed the recognition of 6 <i>Officials Excellence Awards</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website Cleanup and place to store newsletter articles once Website is up 2. Continue to manage newsletter submissions, awards, articles, and education for officials
Jack Swanson – Online Testing Sub-Group Lead	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developed an alternative method (google forms) for online testing for all pool positions and OW 2. Made changes on existing tests to reflect rule changes and poorly performing questions with the help of 3 newly trained subcommittee members 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to make modifications to existing tests 2. Assist in the migration of tests to new platform - CANVAS
Mike Murphy – Open Water Sub-Group Lead	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Act as support for any LSC wanting to hold OW meet 2. Trained 10 new OW clinicians to educate on rules, positions for officials and most importantly, safety 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to be a resource 2. Provide clinics prior to OW events
Judy Sharkey – YMCA Liaison	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the absence of national meets due to covid restrictions, held Y SC and LC national meets 2. Numbers have grown/returned 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educate Y officials of new rules 2. Facilitate return to testing after having the Y website down. Recover information for posting

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Kathleen Scandary – Coordinator, Program & Events	1. Support the Chair of the NOC in education and advancement of officials 2. Develop programs directed at Certification of Officials	1. Attend meetings that are meant to enhance the quality of officials both domestically and internationally 2. Curriculum and video development -all positions
Athletes	1. Assist subcommittee chairs and members	1. Provide input on the athlete perspective.

4. Rule Changes Pertinent to Officiating and Membership (Matt Wilson)
 - Matt Wilson (Chair) discussed 2023 World Aquatics rule changes related to backstroke starts, breaststroke pullouts (adopted by USAS 1/1); meet marshals, and 120-day rule.
5. USA Swimming Theme for 2023 (Dean Ekeren)
6. Staff Announcements (Dean Ekeren)
 - USA Swimming Workshop Presented by LiveBarn
 - 2023 National Meets and Meet Referees
 - i. Dean Ekeren: Covered 2023 National Events Calendar
7. 2023 World Aquatics Competitions (Dean Ekeren)
 - ii. Dean Ekeren: Covered tentative 2023 and 2024 International Events Calendar
8. Other Items
 - Anne Lawley: Asked for content for LSC OC Calls, distributing important topics to help cover important and or current topics; update commitment requirements for National Meet Officials Applications.
 - i. Additional communication required. Matt Wilson, Jack Swanson, and Marianne Walling contributed to this discussion.
 - Matt Wilson: Call for next OC meeting and orientation meeting for new members later in January.
9. Adjourn 11:10 am MT.

Next National Officials Committee Meeting to be scheduled just prior to the 2023 USA Swimming Annual Business Meeting in September.