



Officials Committee Q1 Meeting

February 1, 2025

1:30 p.m. MT/3:30 p.m. ET

USA Swimming Mission: USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all members.

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

USA Swimming Priority Results:

1. USA Swimmers achieve sustained competitive success at the Olympic Games and other high-level international competitions.
2. Members have and use resources for sustainable success.
3. There is growth in swimming participation and interest.
4. USA Swimming is recognized as the “Best in Class” National Governing Body.

Type of Meeting: Officials Committee Quarterly Meeting – Q1 2025 (*Virtual*)

Meeting Facilitator(s): Dana Covington (Chair) and Kevin Hogan (Committee Member)

ROLL CALL

Present Committee: Dana Covington (Chair), Kevin Hogan, Jason Johnson, Trish Martin, Curtis Myers, Jack Swanson, Marianne Walling, Noah Berryman (Athlete), Hannah Cousins (Athlete), Harper Freeman (Athlete), Colin Gibbons (Athlete), Dylan Nelsen (Athlete), Kathleen Scandary (ex officio), Judy Sharkey (ex officio), Jay Thomas (ex officio)

Staff: Macie McNichols (Staff), Maggie Vail (Staff)

Guests: Andrea Kelley, Anissa Kanzari, Betsy Russell, Jamie Cahn, Joe De Riso, Kathy Fish, Kenneth Chung, Linda Vicik, Mary Poleto, Sandy Drake, Tracy Meece, Lisa Vetterlein

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Dana Covington called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time (MT).
- II. **Introduction, Mission, and Housekeeping Items**
- III. **New Member Orientation:**
Dana shared committee roster, expectations, and MAAPP; clarified who is a minor
Dana provided overview of working groups
Dana shared governing documents
- IV. **Q4 Meeting Minutes:** Trish moves to accept the minutes via email; Kevin second. M/S/A.
- V. **Athlete Updates:** Noah – no updates to give
- VI. **USA Swimming Staff:** Referee course launching April 1; Macie – quad plan posted; hope to release locations for remainder of the quad later in the year; first national meet of the year is Westmont
- VII. **Ex-officio Updates:**
Jay – AQUA website, 6 names now but TBD on getting more on the list; 7/26-8/3 Singapore; 8/19-24 Juniors; lot of changes to technical standards for swimsuits but nothing that impacts us; changes to backstroke ledge documentation; no rule changes that change strokes until after Singapore



Kathleen – head deck referee explanation; gave overview of her role
Judy – YMCA has been quiet; developing new curriculum to match USA-S; 2 national meets coming up, March and July

VIII. Rules & Regs

IX. National Meet Referee Assignments:

Speedo Junior National Championships: Ann Lawley
TYR Summer Championships: Ellen Colket
Speedo Winter Junior Championships: Marianne Walling (West) Kevin Hogan (East)
Toyota U.S. Open Championships: Mike Dilli

X. 2024 Survey Results:

Jason provided presentation of survey results
Jason shared that the survey was too long.
Jason shared that the testing working group will be taking this over.

XI. Working Group Updates:

Dana: shared calendar of webinars, education, newsletters; shared goals – transparency on national meet official selections; increase number of officials at national events – did not make progress in AR or STR, overall increased goal;

Kevin – Communications updates; increase click-through rates; exploring other comms opportunities

Jason – Education updates; this year goal is to be more targeted; Anissa and Kathleen responsible for education article moving forward; goals for 2025 – communicating within the working group

Trish – Mentoring updates: stats of mentors; maintain list of N3 mentors; provide ongoing training and mentoring; develop base of N2 mentors

Mike – Open Water updates: updating minimum cert requirements and national clinic presentation; adding to the presenter list for trainings; goal is to promote OW swimming and officiating; developing officials to place on the AQUA list, waiting on announcements; thinking about adding OW AR; webinar on hosting an OW event

- Jason proposes to put a question in a future survey regarding OW

Jack – Online Testing updates:

Curtis - LSC Chair Liaison updates: developing a webinar in March/April; monitoring effectiveness; make opportunities for connecting with LSC OCs

Marianne – OTS and OQM updates: showed map of OQM locations 2023-2024

XII. Announcements:

Dana calls for applications to apply for NOC to also help fill the working groups

Dana will ask for Pinnacle nominations for the next meeting – NOC members should nominate 1-2 individuals

XIII. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 7 at 6pm MT

XIV. Adjourned at 3:30pm

Motion to Adjourn: 3:30 p.m. Mountain Time (MT)