



Officials Committee Q2 Meeting

May 7, 2025

6:00 p.m. MT/8:00 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.

Officials Committee: Dana Covington (Chair), Kevin Hogan, Jason Johnson, Trish Martin, Mike Murphy, Curtis Myers, Jack Swanson, Marianne Walling, Noah Berryman (Athlete), Hannah Cousins (Athlete), Colin Gibbons (Athlete), Dylan Nelsen (Athlete), Taylor Rogers (ex officio), Kathleen Scandary (ex officio), Judy Sharkey (ex officio), Jay Thomas (ex officio), Macie McNichols (Staff), Maggie Vail (Staff)

MINUTES

1. Intro, Mission, & Housekeeping
2. Q1 Minutes Approval
 - Due to no athletes, please send out meeting minutes to vote via email.
3. Athlete Updates
 - No updates
4. Staff Updates
5. Ex-Officio Updates
 - Jay – AQUA updates; no update on world juniors; draft mark-up circulating re new rules, likely changes effective January 2026.
 - Kathleen – kudos to Ft Lauderdale officiating team.
 - Judy – Y SC Greensboro recap; LC meet end of July; working to adopt USA-S officials training.
6. Working Group Updates
 - Marianne – OQM/Certification - all goals are ongoing; seen an increase in national certifications; people are being declined because they’re submitting prior to their evaluation or OQM



- Trish – Mentoring & Evaluation – next deadline for N3 initial evaluators is 6/30; looking at current N3 mentors; articles for the newsletter; evaluate the evaluator questionnaire revision; updated professional documents for starter
 - Anissa – Spring Survey; preparation for Hot Summer Nights – 8/13 CJ for local meets, 8/20 sectional and zone champs, 8/27 national champs and trials
 - Curtis – webinar for new officials chairs 5/21; newsletter
 - Kevin – Communication – February survey results, newsletter most used communication tool; working on website audit for relevancy and layout; exploring the feasibility of Instagram; R-9 FAQ in progress
 - Mike Murphy – Open Water – working on minimum certification requirements; OW nationals report
 - Jack – online testing – situations and resolutions for all roles
7. Officials Excellence Award – have over the minimum number of nominees, so the committee will have to vote
 8. Pinnacle Award Nominations – received 3 nominations, but looking for more by 5/14
 9. Pending Legislation – Taylor Rogers, legislative review session last week; discussion on NOC proposal regarding starting position, but it has been submitted to R&R; LSC structure; age determination
 10. Proposal from MN Swimming – observed swims-allow for athlete times to be loaded into SWIMS without observers at season-ending meets with 4 officials; also change the age-up date for 9/1 proposed by John Bradley
 11. Winter Meet Apps – will go up this month
 12. Other Announcements – none
 13. Adjourn.