



**Officials Committee Quarterly Meeting
May 6, 2026**

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.

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

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. MT.
2. Junior Officials Update – Trish Martin provided updates for the Junior Official, which were approved by BOD at April 2026 Meeting. JO Junior ST judges can officiate at any session they're not competing in. Added AO for JO certifications (must work under supervision of adult AO). Will convert to adult certified officiating positions when JO turns 18 (pending APT).
3. Suit & Cap Advertising – Bryce Elser shared a visual representation of USAS R&R of suit and cap advertising logo guidelines. Goal is to include visuals in future National Event Meet Information.
 - Question regarding suit style (brief or tank) – does not apply to training suits for WU/WD. Training suits used in competition will need to follow R&R.
 - Rule encompasses *all* USA Swimming events.
4. Technical Rules Update – Trish Martin noted Rules & Regs approved and posted the technical rule changes put forward by World Aquatics. Effective as of May 4, 2026. Updates include:
 - 400m allowed counters and bell lap.
 - BU and FR allowing swimmers to submerge 5m to wall at finish.
 - Removing prohibition of therapeutic tape. Fingers and toes: only two digits can be taped together.
5. Athlete Updates – No updates.
6. USA Swimming HQ Staff Updates – Officials Testing will be updated to include new rules and regulations. Additional housekeeping items discussed.
7. Ex Official Updates
 - Dana Covington: PAQ offering quarterly officials training sessions. AQUA – officials pathways and evaluations still pending.
 - Judy Sharkey: Provided YMCA updates for group. YMCA is revamping training system and will be released as early as Summer of 2026.
8. Working Group Updates



- Jamie Cahn – Two OW officials attending AQUA OW WC 2026. Working on OW rules but have not been adopted yet.
 - Kevin Hogan – Provided Communications and Social Media Working Group updates, including the Officials Newsletters – trying new features in newsletters and June addition coming up, organization of officials’ section on website, LSC OC quarterly meeting survey results, and social media.
 - Jason Johnson – Education is working on updated stroke briefing with new rules updates. Guest: Kieth Lambert – overhaul of documents on USAS website. Guest: Margy Sargent – update on newsletter content. Newsletter content scheduled through EOY. Hot August Nights – Pan Pac Championships may shift schedule. Session #1 Referee 101. Session #2 Advanced Referee. Session #3 Open Water. New streaming platform.
 - Anissa Kanzari – Mentoring Working Group. Several new mentors have been approved or elevated. Continue to work on evaluation criteria. Encouraging LSC OC to work with LSC officials to be evaluated.
 - Mike Murphy – Open Water is working on OW rules updates. Two officials attended/ing 2026 AQUA WC. Hector Acevedo PPOW Referee. OWN took place in April, with new event added: 3K KO.
 - Curtis Meyers – Increased engagement with LSC OCs. Provided updates regarding Officials Excellence Award. Posed question: is the OEA valuable, serving the purpose of serving LSC best? Official’s Excellence Award should be more focused on LSC OCs.
 - Jack Swanson –Updating situations and resolutions to meet new rules and regs. Assist with surveys (EOY, Summit, HAN).
 - Marianne Walling – OQMs and National Certifications. Working group expanded by one member. Provided National Certification updates and numbers.
9. Next meetings: July 1 LSC OC. NOC week of USA Swimming Summit.
10. Adjourn: 6:55 p.m. MT