

4/24/21 - Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Start Meeting 11:30 AM

Attendees (34): Sharon Badertscher, Mel Badziong, Alexandra Bailey, Julie Bare, Lori Baylor, Hilary Brady, Dave Brown, Branden Burns, Jen Butler, Frank Campbell, John Christensen, Rosie Daniels, Jim Finnerty, Wanda Folger, Heidi Gullett, David Hertz, Damon Kimak, Rod Klem, Ai Lan Lin, Adam Link, Mark Marshfield, Bob Martens, Josh Ptak, Jim Rice, Jim Sherry, Paul Shiller, Phil Skavnak, Jim Starrett, Sarah Tobin, Kat Torok, Nancy Veto, Karla Whelan, Dave Wohlfeil, Jodie Wohlfeil

- Looking for Officials Committee Secretary as Anna Eaton had to step down - Jen Butler volunteered. Congrats Jen Butler.
- Don't forget to review when Background, APT and Concussion certifications expire
- 12& Under Suit Rule. Now that we are having more meets this may come up more. Know the rule and do your best to apply this rule
 - Have a conversation with coach, who can have a conversation with swimmer
- Legislation - Proposed Legislation to Swim Off clarifies that if Swimmer, Coaches and Referee agree the swimoff can be decided by coin toss, or swimming another event. This will be voted on in September. For now it is the Referee's judgement to apply this.
- COVID Protocol Update - Sessions have moved to 4 hours again. Also, Teams from outside LSC can attend meets. All other Protocols stay the same.

Discussion on the need for Face shield/Eye Protection - Operational Risk has this as a rule. Need HOD approval to reverse. Bob to propose at HOD to allow this be a recommendation and leave it up to the official to choose to use eye protection or wear a face shield.

- **UPDATE: HOD APPROVED THIS MOTION ON 4/24/21**

Discussed that Referees can go back to official rotations with 4 hour sessions. Also, Starters can rotate in at Referee's discretion and proper sanitizing of Starter. Referees should confirm that an official is comfortable rotating into the starting position mid session.

- DQ Slips - USA Rule states a signed slip shall be turned in. Committee agrees that by event (if not sooner - by heat) the Referee will have Order Of Finish and DQ Slips turned into the Admin. This will allow for tracking. Also, recommendation to leave it up to the Meet/Deck Referee to decide if officials complete slips or the referee will complete slips. All slips will have the Name of which official made the call.
 - Procedure suggestion:
 - Admin prints one event per page for the referee to record OOF, DQs.
 - Do not move on to the next heat until the DQ slips are correctly filled out
 - Ref fills out, has to be sure of clarification of call, note who makes call.
 - OR, official fills out their own forms, and turns in at end of each event.
 - This may vary depending on level of meet and location of admin to referee
 - Relay takeoff slips are also completed by each official, stapled to DQ slip

- Referee decides at each meet the best procedure
- Reminder we have several open slots for the summer schedule. Email availability to Bob. LE is hosting sectional July 15-18th at Spire. We need LE Officials to help. There will be a signup and Bob will send. If available please help. This is a volunteer position.
- Look at the Contact list in the google drive (contact Bob if you need the shared link). If you are not on it email Bob your email and best contact number. If you are on with no phone number, please email Bob to update.
- If you do not have a LE Name Badge email Bob so he can place an order. LE provides first. If you need a replacement email Bob. The cost is around \$5-\$6.
- Goals - Please email Bob any recommendations for Goals for the Officials Committee. There are no bad ideas, so please contribute your thoughts. Jen and Bob will distribute so we can finalize. Please try to do this by end of May.
 - Ideas may involve Goals for new officials (we have right now 44 certified officials, 17 admin, 16 referee)
 - i. Expectation is a new official clinic on Sept 19th, probably at Twinsburg
 - Training/Education
 - i. Giving starters more experience, training as starters
 - Advancement (National, Starter, etc).
 - i. Working more national meets or hosting national meets

Close Meeting 12:50 PM