

Officials Meeting 9/13/2020 - Start 7:00 PM - End 8:05 PM

Attendees:

Bob Martens
Dave Brown
Jim Rice
Jim Sherry
Mark Marshfield
Damon Kimak
Ai Lan Lin
Alexandra Bailey
Julie Bare
Jason Katz
Mike Sokolich
Hilary Brady
Branden Burns
R.J. Van Almen
Josh Ptak
Tom Jones
Phil Skavnak
Dave Wohlfeil
Jodie Wholfeil
Lori Baylor
Paul Shiller
Kat Torok
Dale Slivinski
Sarah Tobin
George Williams
Jim Finnerty
John Christensen
Karla Whelan
David Hertz
Jen Butler
Greg Davis
Patty Dyer
Anna Eaton
Heidi Gullett

New Officials

- Reach out if you have people that want to be stroke and turn, advance to starter or ref
 - S&T - Branden and Lori
 - Starter - Sharon or Bob
 - Referee - Julie

- Admin - Dave and Jodie
- New Official Meeting via Zoom: Sunday Oct 11 @ 7 pm. Call-in /zoom link to follow soon

Recertification Test

- Only a few people have completed the recertification tests. Please make sure that you take the recertification test by the end of the year: New Link: <https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/popular-resources/online-testing>
- Referees only need to complete Referee Recertification

Background check and APT (Athlete Protection Training)

- Make sure to renew your background check
- Complete your APT training - must be done every year (expires one year from when you last took the course).

Tech Suit Restrictions

- 12 and under can wear a FINA approved suit with a green check mark
- No check mark, not approved
- Tape or bonded seams, woven fabric, are not legal
- Woven suit with sewn seams are legal
- Tech suit is a woven suit with tape or bonded seams and go to above the knee length.
- More information on this: <https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2019/09/12/tech-suit-restriction-for-12-and-under-swimmers>
- Officials survey - Please complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VLFMYMQ>

Current Meet Protocol - moratorium until Oct 1 - might/will change then

- Recommended number of officials: 6 lane pool needs a starter and referee
- 8+ lane pool: referee, starter and S/T
- Admin official should also double as Hytek operator
- Officials will wear masks and face shield
- Officials will not rotate. Starter/referee will remain the same throughout the session.
- Consider alternative ways for DQ documentations. (Eliminate DQ slips if possible)
- Gear considerations for referees - an electronic whistle?
- Face shields - can use lab goggles/glasses. But you should cover your eyes as that is an avenue for a virus to enter. Here is an example of acceptable eye wear: <https://nypost.com/article/best-goggles-for-covid-19>
- More info on why this requirement: <https://www.health.com/condition/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/goggles-covid>

If you are not officiating this fall and spring

- Make sure you keep up your certifications, renewal, APT, background check.
- Will be a discussion with Bob if you did not meet the minimum sessions (Minimum sessions are listed in the Officials manual online:
<http://www.lakeerieswimming.com/officials.htm>)
- Will be lenient and accommodating

October 4th at 11:30-12:30; LSC Officials Committee meeting (All Officials are invited), House of delegates after at 1:00 PM. Please send any ideas for this meeting to bobmartens15@gmail.com. We should have updates from the board and committees on meets going forward so we will discuss this.