

Official's Chair Quarterly Conference Call
1st Qtr, 2019 – Jan 2, 2019

Gina convened call and introduced the New National Official's Committee Chair, Kathleen Scandary.

Kathleen thanked everyone for their efforts and support. It is a great honor to be appointed and hopes everyone will feel free to contact her at any time.

Amy Hoppenrath – Program and Event Committee Chair

Welcome to 2019 – eager to see how we can serve our athletes in 2019.

Committee will be made up of 5 individuals:

2 Officials – Amy and Dan McAllen

1 Coach - TBD

1 Meet Director - TBD

1 Athlete – TBD

We are going through a lot of change during this transition.

A survey went out in December to receive feedback from officials which the responses are currently being reviewed and will be used to develop a more concise Strategic Plan by the National Officials Committee which will be meeting in April, 2019.

Amy, Kathleen and Gina will be meeting quite regularly so please send any ideas or suggestions for the Officials Committee to them.

Clark Hammond - Rules & Regs Chair

Mainly has been issuing letters for by-laws and exemptions for swim suit requests.

Anyone at a meet should have a letter in hand to present for an exemption for suits.

Main question received has been regarding the new marking for the 15 meter.

Must be marked on both side of the pool – this is to allow us to better make the 15' call.

Use common sense if "L" shape pool or a different configuration from the normal rectangular pool.

Any questions, please feel free to email Clark – Ruleregs@gmail.com

Officials Applications for meets:

Tyr Pro Series Meets

Bloomington and Clovis applications are still open.

Summer meets including Futures – applications will be posted approximately Jan 31, 2019

Zone Workshops

Denver - May 9-11, 2019 Southern and Western Zones

Chicago – May 17-19, 2019 Central and Eastern Zones

Registration forms will go out around February 1, 2019. Still working on what level official will be asked to attend.

Mark Your Calendars

Official's Chairs Workshop June 21-23, 2019 Location – TBD

Please send any topics which you wish discussed to Gina – gmensay@usaswimming.org
Referee Workshop will be in the fall after convention

Question (from Marie Weferling) regarding the High School concussion link

Is on the website under resources/risk management but Gina will try to get it posted on the Official's page.

Administrative Official and Administrative Referee

Kathleen stated we need to determine the relationship of these 2 positions and this should be a topic for future discussion at the Official's Committee Meeting.

Kathleen reached out to Times Committee (Tim Husson and Suzane Heath) and they feel the AO position has:

- Created better and more consistent data/times from meets
- Times are more vetted with the implementation of the AO
- Times are more closely checked utilizing the backup buttons, watches, and OOF
- Recommend Single sheet for OOFs so AO has in hand quicker for producing the accurate data
- Relay names are more consistently being uploaded with the times
- There are still relay meets sent in without relay names – please inform your referees to check that the relay names are in the database by the end of the meet.
- Since the implementation of the lane malfunction adjustment went away the times are more consistent

Possible topics for the LSC Official's Chair Workshop:

- Are most Meet Referees also Administrative Referees?
 - Felt most/several LSCs are but not all – needs to be discussed at workshop
- What level of meet requires an Administrative Referee rather than an AO?
- YMCA uses and trains their AO very well – if doing an approved YMCA meet, there is no need to require a USA AO.
- NCAA – only large meets are setup as observed meets.

The Times Committee wishes to thank all for their efforts in helping to receive more consistent times to the database. Nearly 10 million times per year are put into the USA database.

Reminders from Gina:

- Gina will be out of the office January 18 – 21, 2019
- Send an email of attendance on Conference call to Gina or Lucy (LucyUSS@aol.com) to receive credit for attending – be sure to include full name and LSC.
- Next Quarterly call will be April 3, 2019.