Officials Committee Quarterly Meeting
November 4, 2026

USA Swimming Mission: To grow, support, and elevate the sport of swimming by empowering athletes, coaches, clubs, and our broader community to achieve excellence at every level.

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, Curtis Myers, Jack Swanson, Marianne Walling, Judy Sharkey (ex officio), Marissa Delgado (Staff representative)

Not Present: Mike Murphy, Noah Berryman (Athlete), Hannah Cousins (Athlete), Abigail Warnke (Athlete), Dylan Nelsen (Athlete), Dana Covington (ex officio), Taylor Rogers (ex officio), Macie McNichols (Staff), Maggie Vail (Staff)

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. MT.
2. The Officials Committee Q3 2026 Minutes were reviewed and approved via email.
3. Summit update on successful LSC OC workshop and legislation. Anticipating a rule interpretation following R&R meeting on November 9. Lisa Olack recruited to work on AG Development Committee task force on age group disqualifications.
4. Updates to LSC Official Certification Standards submitted to committee members for review. Also shared with CAC and USA Swimming Legal for input. Plan to include for next USA Swimming BOD meeting and submit for January Operating Policy Manual update.
5. Outgoing NOC members were recognized: Curtis Myers (LSC OC Liaison) and Jason Johnson (Education Working Group). New NOC member candidates have been nominated and submitted for clearance. To be announced ASAP and at the February meeting.
6. Athlete Updates – No updates.
7. Working Group Updates
    1. Kevin Hogan – Provided Communications and Social Media Working Group updates. Discussed 2027 newsletter content plans. Encouraged everyone to sign up for FB Group and to post or forward post ideas to him.
    2. Jason Johnson – New stroke briefing will be updated pending upcoming rule interpretation then shared for review with the committee. Working on plan to post Hot Summer Nights webinar recordings.
    3. Curtis Myers – The Officials Excellence Award winners have been identified. Received a record 14 nominations and hoping for even more nominations from LSC OCs.
    4. Anissa Kanzari – Mentoring Working Group. Four brand new N3i mentors, one current mentor added an N3i position, and eight mentors advanced to N3f at most recent quarterly meeting.
    5. Jamie Cahn – Programs and Events- thanked everyone for an excellent SCWTT meet in Westmont last week and informed the group that it will most likely be a recurring meet based on the National Team's satisfaction with the event.
    6. Jack Swanson – The Online Testing Group is working with HQ Staff to include any new Rules and Regulation changes from 2026 HOD online certification course tests. Situations and Resolutions will be updated as well. Working with Staff on OW training video and test.

7. Marianne Walling – OQMs and National Certifications. OQM applications are up to 201. Number of Nationally Certified officials has risen since last year by 3%. Fielding questions from LSC OCs on recertification procedures.
8. Ex officio – Dana Covington AQUA TSC (report given by Trish Martin) – Silk Road World Cups went well. Lisa Vetterlein was a starter at Stop 3. Peter LaGow (referee) and Tracey Garrett (starter) will travel to Beijing to officiate at SCWs in December.
9. Ex officio - Judy Sharkey YMCA – Working with YMCA on certification technology. Issuing a clarification on Reciprocity agreement to require YMCA officials to fulfill on deck apprentice sessions for only their highest level of certification, not all positions.

8. USA Swimming IT staff working on a glitch with privacy options. Two solutions posted on FB Group page to tide officials over until problem can be solved.
9. Adjourn: 6:38 p.m. MT

Next meetings:

- LSC Officials Chairs Quarterly Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2027, at 6:00 p.m. MT/8:00 p.m. ET via Microsoft Teams
- National Officials Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2027, at 6:00 p.m. MT/8:00 p.m. ET via Microsoft Teams