



Officials Committee Quarterly Meeting September 16, 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, Curtis Myers, Jack Swanson, Marianne Walling, Noah Berryman (Athlete), Hannah Cousins (Athlete), Abigail Warnke (Athlete), Dylan Nelsen (Athlete), Dana Covington (ex officio), Macie McNichols (Staff), Maggie Vail (Staff)

Not Present: Jason Johnson, Mike Murphy, Taylor Rogers (ex officio), Judy Sharkey (ex officio)

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. MT.
2. The Officials Committee Q2 2026 Minutes were reviewed and approved via email.
3. NOC National Meet Selection Working Group Guidelines – Vote posted to Q4 Meeting.
4. Athlete Updates – No updates.
5. Working Group Updates
 - Trish Martin – National Meet Selection: 2027 PSS Nashville officials have been selected. 2027 PSS Westmont selections will be determined in the coming weeks.
 - Jamie Cahn – World Aquatics Open Water World Cup will take place in Cancun, Mexico. Two US ITOs nominated for event.
 - Kevin Hogan – Provided Communications and Social Media Working Group updates. The content selected for the Officials' Newsletter is determined one year in advance. The October 2026 Officials Newsletter will come early due to SCWCT.
 - Margy Sargent, on behalf of Jason Johnson – Provided recap of Hot Summer Night Officials Education Sessions.
 - Jamie Cahn, on behalf of Mike Murphy – Provided a recap of the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships – Open Water 10K: 16 Officials, 10 US and 6 Charter Nation. Two officials were nominated to the AQUA OWWC in Cancun. There are currently eight AQUA OW ITOs – four are certified, for are needing certifications.
 - Curtis Myers – The Officials Excellence Award ballot was assembled and winners have been identified.
 - Anissa Kanzari – Mentoring Working Group. Four new N3i mentors, two current mentors added to N3i level. In July, this group reviewed the list of current members and identified those needing recertification or removal due to certification expiration. Potentially adding training sessions for current mentors.



- Jack Swanson – The Online Testing Group will revise the Officials Tests with HQ Staff to include any new Rules and Regulation changes from 2026 HOD. Situations and Resolutions will be updated as well. Event surveys added.
 - Marianne Walling – OQMs and National Certifications. Provided updates on National Certification numbers. Largest growth areas include AO and N3AR. Overall growth 1% of nationally certified officials from 2025. Provided updated on OQMs – 181 OQM applications submitted to date. 15 National Meet applications in 2026. 540 unique applicants.
 - Ex officio – Dana Covington – No updates.
6. Annual Summit – USA Swimming’s Annual Summit will be held in Denver the week of Sept. 21. The 2026 Annual Summit will feature an LSC Officials Education Track – hosting 45 LSC OCs.
- Presentation topics include: Overview of OTS, Certification and Recertification Standards, Handling Difficult Conversations as an LSC OC, and Retention and Recruitment.
 - HOD Legislation – Review of legislation proposed to HOD by NOC (World Aquatics updates and interpretations). Breaststroke change mandatory.
7. Adjourn: 6:29 p.m. MT