



To: BOD/HOD of OKSi

Date: September 11, 2024

From: Craig Hanson, OKSi Officials Chair

Re: 2023-2024 Status of the officials

Our Mission Statement is:

To provide and develop the appropriate resources, programs and training to effectively create highly proficient Swim Officials.

Committee Members include:

Craig Hanson, chair; Tracey Garrett; Marnie Kern; John Comfort and Athlete Reps including: Sawyer Wright-Goff and Ava Carlson.

Duties of the Committee include:

- Training of Officials-Marnie Kern
- Recruitment and Retention of Officials-John Comfort
- Certification Standards of Officials-Tracey Garrett

Highlights:

- The David Michael von Hartitzsch Service Award Winner for 2024 is Jennifer Salcher.
- Regular meetings held roughly every two weeks. (total of ~18)
- OQM meets with evaluations for: Spring SCY 14&u State Championships, Spring SCY Spring Sr State Championships, and Summer LCM Championships including Jim Holcomb as our N3 evaluator/mentor.
- Continued Clinics via Virtual means with the S&T being replaced by a discussion forum to meet the requirements of the new USA swimming rules. S&T clinics were replaced by an Education tab item that includes a Clinic combined with a test. Starter and Admin should move to that method this fall.
- Officials Tracking System has been in a state of transition with changes happening throughout the year. New reports and options to query have been added. We are close to the Pre-Swims 3.0 capabilities.

Meets:

- Breakdown of meets for the LSC

Meets Held	10/1/2021– 9/30/2022	10/1/2022– 9/30/2023	10/1/2023– 9/30/2024
OQM Meets	4	4	3
Time Trials	8	10	13
Observed	6	6	6
Duals/Intra-squad	14	16	15
Open	15		
Invitational	7	23	22
Championships	6	7	6
Total	60	66	65

- Up 10% from 2022
- Down 1.5% for 2024

Training:

- There have been 18 clinics held via Google Meets web conference to keep training our officials to obtain and retain their certifications. These have been popular with others from LSC's in different zones.
- USA swimming moved to a universal approach to LSC training and certifications requirements in February 2024. The positions have been pared to DR, AO, SR, CJ, and ST. AR is a role for a referee at this point. MR is also a role not a position. Clinics will be consistent and combined with a test through the education tab from the USAS Education Dashboard. This has been implemented with the S&T position. The SR and AO positions will be moving that way in the Fall 2024. DR will be migrated in Spring 2025.
- The mentoring process includes a consistent tracking form for each position and includes 4 shadow sessions with checked steps along the way. This is the current method being used.
- A new program to focus on training and retention for the LSC is in the early phases of implementation. If a club runs a focused clinic/test presentation and pays for the BGC and Registration, and the officials supports the club and continues then the LSC will reimburse the club for the fees. Retention is aided by continuing to pay registration yearly and BGC every other year.

Recruiting and Retention:

- Officials by Club:

Club	OTS	Expired	Good
ACE	0	0	0
AESC	7	2	5
BAC	3	1	2
BSC	3	1	2
BVSC	32	7	25
GASC	0	0	0
GCSC	1	1	0
JTSC	22	1	21
KMS	14	4	10
LIFE	0	0	0
MS	0	0	0
PSST	0	0	0
RSC	1	1	0
SAC	4	2	2
SCION	1	1	0
SSC	10	2	8
ST	5	1	4
TAC	0	0	0
UN	14	2	12
Total	117	25	92

- There are some unidentified individuals that will not be continuing. This will be a focus for the beginning of SC season to train the ones continuing and updating the records for those retiring.

Certification: Reporting was updated in SWIMS 3.0 during the year

- 3 OQM meets were held in the LSC

Evaluations		
10/1/2023	to	9/30/2024
N2	9	
N2 recert	3	
	0	
N3	5	
N3 initial	4	
N3 final	1	
N3 recert	9	
	0	
total	31	
# of people	19	

- 19 were completed at the 3 LSC meets.
- Grandfathering and extending periods are done.

- Testing Results

Testing	AO	AR	DR	STR	S&T	NCAA
Certification	8	2	3	8	38	0
Recertification	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total	8	2	3	8	40	0

- Current LSC certifications

S&T	CJ	STR	DR	AO	AR	MR
91	31	39	34	39	58	0