

## CT Swim Officials Committee

### Agenda for August 23, 2022 meeting (minutes in blue)

Present: Dave Pite, Jonah Tyler, Margy Sargent, Mark Wollen, Ed Becker, Dylan Lee, Lauren Lee, Yolanda Jahan, Luis Tejeda, Walt Carroll, Spencer Carroll, Jeremy Virgil

Absent: Suzannah Rogers, Phillip James, Bill Hawkins, Barbara Weiderecht

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Championship and LC season recap – Seniors: coaches, athletes, parents were complimentary. Age Groups – overall smooth. A few hiccups at each which were quickly overcome. Very few complaints through LC season. Age Groups had excellent turn-out – more than 20 officials average per session.
- 3) Annual meeting planning, Sept 24 at Milford Yacht Club – 8:30 sign-in, 9:00 start, lunch if people want to stay
  - a. Suggestions regarding possible speaker – late to arrange this, email Dave with suggestions by Friday
  - b. Topics for break-out groups – recap of last year, OTS replacement, introduction of CJ cert
- 4) Meeting schedule for short course season – propose Thursdays 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/16, 3/9 – general consensus is that this works. Adjust as needed.
- 5) Club outreach, recruitment – develop plan to attend team season-beginning parent meetings. Focus on teams with no (or few) officials? – Committee reach out to the teams they are affiliated with, as well as others in geographic reach, focus on teams with no officials. Dylan to email list, Jonah/Luis work on this.
- 6) Old business
  - a. CJ Certification – implement in the fall. Sept/Oct dry run of presentation, run official clinic starting in November. Those who become certified will fill championship CJ role, handling pre-meet, during, and post-meet tasks  
Ed suggested that we use this as a springboard to take a look at the cert requirements for other levels as well. Evaluate a more formal mid-process eval, or two observations. Flow chart what is needed.  
Question from Luis – should there be a shelf-life for SR/DR/MR? I.e. after 5 (actual time TBD) years have an observation? Not intended to use for decertification – how do we handle it? Should be used to help people grow. There is much openness to mentoring. People are eager to learn and improve. With the right people and the right approach, this should be seen positively.
  - b. OTS issues, USA Swimming replacement plan
    - i. Any new info from USA Swimming?
    - ii. What are other LSCs doing?

- iii. Make sure FAST is refreshed?
- iv. How will testing be conducted during the outage?
- v. How will sessions be tracked, credentials be checked, recertifying be handled?

OTS replacement: Sept 14 USA Officials meeting about OTS. Wait to see what comes from this.  
Send one more CC reminding people to download their history.

How are we going to handle the interim recerts? TBD. APT and background check can still be done.

Trainings – have people track that themselves. Instructors will keep log of attendees. MR can coordinate on shadowing sessions, trainees keep track of their shadowing sessions.

Track sessions => Google doc for meets/sessions? See where replacement stands before developing this.

Remind people that they need to bring their own certs to the meet.

What are other LSCs doing? Don't know yet – some using google docs, some still figuring things out. Maybe check with John Stanley in VA?

c. Clinic schedule

- i. Pencil in dates now for September/October
- ii. Admin – new and recert (9/7/22, virtual)
- iii. Stroke & turn – new and recert (9/13/22, virtual)
- iv. Starter – advancing (10/4/22, live, location TBD)
- v. Deck ref/Meet ref – advancing (9/20/22, live, location Orange)

Mark/Dave – S&T, DR/MR, AO

Luis/Dylan – SR

Instructors – how are they determined? How do we give people an opportunity to try teaching, and what happens if it doesn't work well? Invite people to participate and learn how to teach – do within the committee. "Too many chefs will ruin the recipe" – i.e. it is important to have consistency of how the material is taught.

Establish regular schedule, balance virtual and in-person

Need to be sure we cover the state

Starter – look at doing virtual, plan for test starts during warm-ups of first shadowing meet

d. Other?

7) New business

Other updates:

OQM Seniors LC 2022

15 CT Officials received 9 new evaluations and 13 re-certification evaluations. 2 out of state officials received 3 re-certification evaluations.

Trish and Wayne were very happy with what they saw on deck. Positive, pleased, happy to be here.

Trish – good discussion about the importance of all roles, especially S&T

OQM CPAC December 2021 Meet

11 CT Officials received 6 new evaluations and 9 re-certification evaluations. 4 out of state officials received 2 new evaluations and 3 re-certification evaluations.

Total over the season:

CT – 26 officials: 15 new and 22 re-certification evaluations

Out of State – 6 officials: 2 new and 6 re-certification evaluations.

**Proposed outline for CJ certification:**

Requirements to begin certification:

- Current Stroke & Turn in good standing
- Have worked a minimum of 16 sessions and been certified as Stroke & Turn for a minimum of one year.
- Attend CT CJ Clinic

Process for Certification

- Minimum 5 Sessions as an Apprentice CJ (XC)
  - o Mentors for the first 3 apprentice sessions must be a LSC certified CJ, or an N2 or N3 CJ.
- Pass CT Swimming Written Test with 80% (Take prior to final evaluation)
- Evaluations – 2 Required
- Satisfactory Initial and Final XC Evaluation
  - o Initial Evaluation – after 3rd or subsequent session
  - o Final Evaluation – After 5th or subsequent session, and at least one session must have been worked between the initial and final evaluations
  - o Initial and Final Evaluation completed by CT Swim Referee who is an N3 CJ, or higher.
  - o The evaluation sessions must be scheduled in advance at an approved OQM, LSC Championship meet (Seniors or Age Groups) or meet approved by Officials Committee all where radios must be in use.
- All officials wishing to receive LSC certification must participate in the LSC CJ Training program.
  - o Certified referees (Deck or Meet):
    - Attend a CJ clinic, pass the online test and complete one training session where radios are used. A qualified Final Evaluation Official must be present for the on deck training session to evaluate the referee.

For championship meets, CJ priority will be given to those who have been certified by the LSC. CJs for championship meets will fulfill the entire role of CJ, including pre-meet and post-meet duties. For regular season meets, referees may use officials they deem qualified and do not need to have them fulfill the entire job.