

# CONNECTICUT SWIMMING

## Officials Committee

June 11, 2025 7:00 PM

Zoom

## AGENDA

*Vision Statement:* Connecticut Swimming...better life through swimming.

*Mission Statement:* Connecticut Swimming promotes the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life through competition and education.

### Resolution to Convene the Officials Committee Meeting

### Roll Call

### Approval of Agenda

### Welcome/Announcements/Officials Chair's Report

- Welcome to our incoming Athlete Reps - Blake and Giancarlo (tell us a little about yourselves.)
- Reported to HOD on Officials Work Patterns- see numbers at bottom of Agenda
- Ran a CJ training meet at Wilton - several new LSC certified CJs.
  - Next will be in the Fall at RST
- Age Groups has officially been approved as a small OQM (local evaluators, N2 only.)

### Reports of Committee Members:

- Secretary
- Recruitment & Retention -
  - Focusing on people we have and getting them to plan for championships
  - Reaching out to coaches over the summer to find out when they are having their start of year parent meetings. Could we join?
  - Lisa & Gretchen will reach out to coaches over the summer and pass info to Joe, Dylan and Margy to set up attendance.
- Club Liaisons
  - Offer more group zoom meetings?
  - Planning to send more emails and spread the word on deck.

- **Web Site Administrator**

- **Athlete Members**

- **WRAT has a work program where parents have to earn credits, based on which group they are in.**

- **The larger the role, the more points you get.**

- **WRAT meets at start of year, Blake believes it might help to meet more often throughout the year.**

### **Old Business**

1. **How do we get officials back on deck on a more regular basis?**
  - a. **We are getting new officials, but people are working less.**
  - b. **Ideas for things that will encourage people to work more**
  - c. **Survey**

### **New Business**

1. **September 13 (tentatively) there will be an in person HOD in conjunction with a Swimposium.**
  - a. **Breakout sessions for Athletes, Coaches and Officials focusing on Women in USA Swimming (this is a focus for our LSC in the coming year.)**
  - b. **At breakout session, we will go over any new information that needs to be given out and we will give service awards**
    - i. **Name Badges in the following colors:**
      1. **Red - 5 years of service**
      2. **Silver - 10 years of service**
      3. **Gold - 15 years of service**
  - c. **After awards, we will have guest speakers who have worked at all levels of officiating, from LSC up to International meets to share their experiences with us and help us all see how we can reach our goals. Though our focus is on women in the coming year, this information will be great for both men and women who want to grow and advance in their officiating skill, knowledge and experience.**

### **Discussion/Public Comment**

**Unless we have something crazy come up, our next meeting will be in September, to kick off the new SC season.**

### **Adjournment**

**HOD Report on Officials Work Patterns**

**2023**

**Total Officials: 279**

**Total Sessions Worked: 4179**

Average Sessions Worked: 15

2024

Total Officials: 297 (6% increase from 2023)

Total Sessions Worked: 5069

Average Sessions Worked: 17.1 (14% increase from 2023)

2025

Total Officials: 335 (14% increase from 2024) (20% increase from 2023)

Total Sessions Worked: 1911 (SC only)

Average Sessions Worked: 11.4 (predicted when multiplied by 2 for SC & LC)

(35% decrease from 2024) (24% decrease from 2023)