



Officials Committee

- **Swim Meets:** During the past swim season, Pacific Swimming Officials have sacrificed their personal time and in most cases, their own finances, to officiate in over 200 sanctioned fun, fast, and competitive swim meets to advance the sport of swimming.
- **Standardize Training:** In February, the Committee was tasked with quickly rolling out historic legislation referred to as R9 which dramatically amended the Rulebook effecting officials. It standardize the education, training, and advancement, of officials in all positions throughout the entire United States. The immediate effect was a volunteer no longer needed to wait for a stroke and turn clinic to get started on their journey to become an official. Instead, from the comfort of their homes, they could immediately complete all prerequisites, take a virtual clinic, and complete a written test through the USA Swimming University. Also, it facilitates intra LSC cooperation, where you can work on deck or transfer to any other LSC, without additional certifications. Earlier this year we saw the release of the online stroke and turn clinic. And now, as of October 1st, the starter and administrative official's clinics and tests, are completely online in the USA Swimming University. By April of next year, we will also see the referee's clinic and online test. Now that we are 8 months into the new training standards, Pacific Swimming has seen an increase in new stroke and turn officials, as well as an increase of officials wanting to be Admin Official certified.
- **Junior Official:** What is exciting this year, is the rollout of a new membership category called "Junior Official." 16 & 17 year old athletes can get certified and officiate during 12 and Under non championship sessions. The model is, a Junior Official can compete in the morning during the 13 & over session, and in the afternoon's split session, they can change out of their swimsuit and into an official uniform and officiate a 12 & under session.
- **Policy and Procedures:** The Officials Committee developed policy and procedures defining the the role of the Officials Committee.
- **Pacific Swimming Officials Code of Conduct:** The Officials Committee along with collaboration from the USAS Administrative Board of Review, developed an Official's Code of Conduct, that all Pacific Swimming officials can be proud to follow and adhere to.
- **Officials Clinic:** On October 12th, the Officials Committee held our annual in-person clinic in Pleasant Hill CA. Approximately 300 Officials were in attendance. The following courses were offered: Advance Stroke and Turn, Chief Judge, Administrative Official, Advance Administrative Official, Deck Referee, Meet Referee, Hy-Tek Meet Manager, and Colorado Timing.
- **Zone Officials of the Year:** Every year, each of the 5 zones within Pacific Swimming recognizes an official who has stood out and contributed to the success of zone awarded meets. These individuals are commended for their personal sacrifice, dedication, and commitment to

the sport of swimming. The 2024 swim season Zone Officials of the year recipients are: Zone 1 South (**Jeff Raegan**), Zone 1 North (**PJ Yim**), Zone 2 (**Dionee Dunn**), Zone 3 (**Christine Lai**), and Zone 4 (**Arianne Sorreta**).

- **LSC Official Chair Recognition Award**: It is important to recognize an official that has demonstrated a positive officiating role model throughout the year, not only supporting zone meets but LSC major meets. This individual is always willing to volunteer at any meet at any capacity, never asking for assigned role. They worked hard and always have a pleasant smile on their face. This year's recipient is **Steve Gomez**.
- **George Cleveland Award**: This award historically has been given to a legacy official who embodies the spirit of George in officiating, mentorship, volunteerism, and kindness. This year's recipient is **Marie Lin**.