



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

To be submitted to Marie Lin (secretary@pacswim.org) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

Committee: Officials Committee

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Summary:

Since the last HOD meeting, our team of officials throughout the LSC have provided a fair and competitive competition at over 100 swim meets thus far this season. In this time, we have seen some significant and immediate rule changes that are in the 2023 rule book and some that are not. For instance, during the Breaststroke, the legs and arms, no longer need to be in an horizontal plane. During the Backstroke, a swimmer can be completely submerged at the finish. The Starter, must now say "Take Your Marks" instead of take your mark. World Aquatics may now make off cycle rule changes anytime they meet. If the rule benefits the swimmers, USA-Swimming will immediately adopt the rule change, if not, the new rule will proceed through its normal cycle and be implemented when the annual rule book is released.

New on the Pac Swim Officials website our two revised documents. "How to become an official" and "Officials Advancement Criteria"

The How to Become an Official, is a one page document that provides basic step by step instruction on completing the prerequisites on the initial phases of becoming a stroke and turn official.

The Officials Advancement Criteria document, is an easy to read, rubrics type flow chart on certifying and advancing in all positions of officiating. I would like to thank the officials committee for their hard-work and collaboration on getting these documents published. Clubs... please make prospective officials aware of these documents on our website.

This year, our annual LSC in person officials' clinic will be held on Saturday, October 14th, in Pleasant Hill. As the date approaches, we will publish the agenda and what officiating tracks that will be available. Clubs please encourage your existing and prospective officials to attend.

As always... please don't hesitate to contact any officials committee members or myself if you have any questions.

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