



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Committee: At-Large

Liaison to the Board: Not Applicable

Date of Last Meeting: June 24, 2020 (USA Swimming Zoom Meeting)

Members Present:

Mike Piccardo, Jennifer McKennan, others?

Date of Next Meeting: Not Applicable

Action Items Completed: Not Applicable

Action Items In-Progress / Pending: Not Applicable

Announcements: Attended USA Swimming Zoom meeting entitled *How to Run a Virtual Meet – Officials*. This Zoom presentation covered the running of virtual swim meets. A virtual meet is one run as an intra-squad competition at different venues or as USA Swimming club teams competing against each other in one or more LSCs. USA-S has released a *Virtual Meets* document, but it is still fluid. Not a new concept; the YMCA does many virtual meets to this day. All venues may compete at any time within a fixed 10-day maximum time period that applies to all teams competing (for example, four teams could compete against each other with two teams swimming one weekend and the remaining two teams competing the following weekend). There are slightly different guidelines for a virtual meet within a single LSC versus a virtual meet held in multiple LSCs. Each site must have a meet ref but the meet ref can be a different official at each site or one meet ref can work multiple sites if the meets occur on different non-overlapping days. Each meet site must follow local health requirements. USA-S wants to minimize the handling of DQ slips and is not requiring the use of DQ slips if infractions are recorded on a psyche sheet or some other form of documentation. If a virtual meet has multiple meet refs, only one of the meet refs is required to be a certified meet ref while the others can be deck refs acting as the site meet ref (a great way to train new meet refs). Each site may run a meet with a minimum of 3 officials. USA-S is allowing each official to perform dual jobs including the meet ref (for example, the meet ref can also be the AO or an ST). USA-S wants all sites to have the same coverage of ST officials (not fair if one venue has two lanes per official and another has three lanes per official). Don't overstaff one pool and understaff another. USA-S has introduced the concept of a provisional-official for intra-squad, dual, and virtual meets. The certification category of provisional is being created. This will be a "no fee" membership category and the official will be considered an apprentice official. A provisional ST does not require a background check and need not take the APT course or concussion training. A provisional ST will have to take an abbreviated online test of like ten questions. On deck training of 2 to 3 hours is recommended for a provisional ST. This training may occur at club practices or at a meet. The target persons for filling the provisional ST role are coaches and 18/OV athletes. Right now the thinking at USA-S is that provisional ST officials will only exist through at least September of this year (2020) but this may be extended. A provisional ST official must then transition to a fully certified ST official per LSC requirements and cannot sign up for a second provisional ST period (it's one and done). Times from virtual meets will not be recognized for national records. Only one meet goes into OTS regardless of the number of venues. One venue must be assigned as the collection point for all results and OTS is being updated to handle virtual meets and provisional officials. USA-S has also defined Hy-Tek guidelines for virtual meet setup and recording of results. I have documents from USA-S if anyone wants a copy. Again, these documents may change and might already have changed.

Questions for the Board / Larger Group: None

Notes/ Other: None