

Officials June Committee Meeting

The Officials Community Meeting covered several key administrative topics including agenda approval, meeting attendance, and the evaluation of various platforms for meet sign-ups, with the group ultimately deciding to maintain Team App despite some limitations. The team discussed updates to Chief Judge training materials and certification processes, including the development of a basic LSC certification program and the need for recertification by year-end. The conversation ended with discussions about officiating assignments for upcoming swimming meets, meet procedures, and proposed rule changes for 2025, along with feedback on the Titans program's success in producing new officials.

Next steps

- [Bob to share the OTS review document with the committee members](#)
- [Rich to review the recertification test again and check if he can see which questions he got wrong](#)
- [Committee members to review the 2025 proposed legislation on USA Swimming's website and provide feedback](#)
- [Paul to reach out to Lindsay and Joe about being team leads for long course Gold's](#)
- [Paul to check with Leo about availability for the Ithaca meet on July 7th and confirm with Bob if he can be the meet referee](#)
- [Bob to send the OTS review document to Joe Reach for feedback](#)
- [Leo, Sean, and Matt Sarkisian to continue working on the Chief Judge training PowerPoint](#)
- [Bob to ask USA Swimming at the ABM about the recertification extension policy](#)
- [Bob to submit Rich's feedback about the recertification test review process to USA Swimming](#)
- [Committee to further discuss the proposed legislation changes in summer meetings](#)

Summary

Officials Community Meeting Agenda Review

The Officials Community Meeting for May/June 2025 begins with Bob hosting and starting the recording. The group briefly discusses the agenda, which was attached to the meeting request. Leo motions to approve the agenda, Scott seconds, and Bob calls for a vote. The meeting attendance has already been taken, and it's noted that some members are absent due to athletic practices or other commitments.

Team App Replacement Discussion

Bob discusses the use of Google Calendar for meeting invitations and confirms that the team is comfortable with this approach. He then introduces the topic of replacing Team App for meet sign-ups. The group discusses various alternatives, including Sign Up Genius, Jot Form, and Google Forms, but each option has drawbacks such as cost or lack of features. Matthew and others express satisfaction with Team App, particularly praising its chat feature for communication. The main concerns with Team App are potential future updates that could break functionality and some users finding it difficult to use. Leo suggests conducting a survey to identify and assist users having trouble with Team App. The group generally agrees that while Team App may not be perfect, it currently serves their needs best, especially due to its communication capabilities.

Chief Judge Training Materials Update

Bob, Sean, Matt, Leo, and others are working on updating the Chief Judge training materials. They are reviewing and refreshing an existing comprehensive PowerPoint presentation. The team

aims to create a basic LSC Chief Judge certification that is accessible and encourages participation. They plan to include N2-related content as an appendix for those interested in advancing further. The group is still discussing the format of the training, considering options like live online sessions or briefings, followed by shadowing opportunities at meets.

Official Recertification Process Updates

Bob discusses the process for recertification of officials, which is now required by the end of the year for those in long-standing positions. New courses have been released by USA Swimming for different official roles, with specific courses recertifying multiple positions. Bob explains that he extends certifications to December 31st of the year the course is taken. Paul raises a concern about the potential four-year certification period, but Bob assures that he will reconfirm this policy at the upcoming ABM to ensure consistency with other LSCs.

USA Swimming Certification and Rules

The group discusses the USA Swimming certification test, with Rich expressing frustration about not being able to review incorrect answers. Bob suggests Rich should try accessing the test results again and offers to submit feedback to USA Swimming. The meeting then covers the appointment of Paul Carey as meet referee for long course goals and a discussion on meet jury procedures. Bob informs the group about proposed legislation for 2025 rule changes and asks everyone to review and provide feedback. The meeting concludes with thanks to Mike Burgess for stepping in at a meet and a brief discussion about meet sanction issues.