



**OKLAHOMA  
SWIMMING**

**Official's Committee Mission Statement:** To provide and develop the appropriate resources, programs and training to effectively create highly proficient Swim Officials.

## **Chairman's Corner**

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This is the first article for this newsletter, first newsletter I'm aware of for Oklahoma Swimming Officials as well.

I wanted to discuss the official's committee. The committee for our LSC consists of Marnie Kern, Tracey Garrett, Denis Mink, Mitch Parks, Morne Wolmarans (athlete rep) and myself. We have one opening for another Athlete Rep if anyone knows of someone let me know.

We have been busy working on a bunch of topics, 25 the last time I counted. We started meeting last August approximately one time per week via teleconference with a web conference link. The topics we have covered include from Retention, Training, recognition, and new positions.

The last topic is one of the main topics for this article this month. Back when I started officiating, there were three positions: Stroke and Turn, Starter and Referee. Now our LSC alone has 9 positions. Each LSC sets this up themselves. Some are required to exist based on the USA Swimming model. This in fact caused us to add a couple in the past. Admin is one that was added in the past.

The newest positions created include Chief Judge and 2 additional levels to Meet Referee. Chief Judge, CJ, was added to mirror the USA Swimming positions. As most of you have figured out the CJ is the Referee's and the other officials best friend. They cover before, during and after the meet. Anyone that wants to understand the meet process and become better at Stroke and Turn should be a Chief Judge.

The other new positions that we have added are MR1 and MR2. To understand this addition, we have broken the types of meets into three different categories. These Categories include: Meets that are Duals, Intrasquad, and B/C meets with <200 swimmers; Timed Final meets that are multiteam and a larger number of swimmers; and Meets that are Prelim/Final type meets.

The first Category would be covered by at least a Deck Referee Certification, the second would be covered by a MR1 and finally the third by a MR2.

As part of this work the committee has documented these requirements and clarified the rest of the positions for initial and recertification. See the document on the Oklahoma Swimming website under committees/officials/requirements. A link is attached here.

[https://www.teamunify.com/czokslsc/UserFiles/File/Officials/oks-officials-requirements-info\\_081515.pdf](https://www.teamunify.com/czokslsc/UserFiles/File/Officials/oks-officials-requirements-info_081515.pdf)

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