



**PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Official's Committee**

**Liaison to the Board:**   Diana Fetterman  

**Date of Last Meeting:**   September 15, 2020  

**Members Present:**  
Michael Davis, Jennifer McKennan, John Abe, Phil Grant, Debbi Tucker, Kendra Follett, Valerie Rudd, Jon Sasano, Katherine Ng-Suen, Markus Daene, Leo Lin, Aiden Pflieger, Lily Struempf, Maggie Wells, Sophie Boeun, Nathan Rogers

**Date of Next Meeting:** October

**Action Items Completed:** We have been able to Officiate at 3 sanctioned Intra-squad meets! Each Meet was successful with mostly everyone following all protocols set forth by the County, Facility, USA Swimming as well as Pacific Swimming. Each meet was held in a different County. Notes from the 3 Meet Referees will be shared with the other members of the Official's Committee. Notes were taken at each Meet on what worked, what did not, and what we can do better. This was discussed during the Official's Committee Zoom meeting

with the Athlete Reps. The Athletes had positive comments on how meets were run, and how the “safety” of the Athletes per COVID protocols was followed. All of the Athlete Reps are ready for competition, but most would be interested in Intra-Squad type meets first.

Electronic Whistles were used at each of the Meets. These were purchased and given to each of the Official’s Chairs for their use at the Meets in their Zone. The Athletes responded well to the new whistles and there were no problems. A couple of the common themes for each of the meets was a relaxed pace, Coaches determining when breaks were needed, Athletes having a warm-down after their race in their lanes, exiting at the turn side of the pool. By all accounts, the Athletes were excited to be swimming again. It seemed to me that they all had a good time. One comment that came up from one of the Meet Referees was while using touch pads and one timer per lane works well at a Senior Athlete type Meet, touch pads may not be a good idea at 12U type meets where there are a lot of light touches, missed pads, etc. This becomes problematic in getting valid times with only one button and one watch per lane. The RIPTIDE Meet swam every other lane and timers came up at the lane lines to maintain social distancing, two timers per competition lane.

**Action Items In-Progress / Pending:** Planning for the Official’s Clinic for the LSC is starting. Zone 1 South had a virtual Beginning Stroke and Turn Clinic in August...a trial run if you will. The Official’s Committee was invited and made comments on how we can be better. We are looking to have an interactive type of Clinic via Zoom...I will be in touch with are magicians Cindy and Diana to create the plan!

**Announcements:** Based on a Zoom meeting with the Western Zone LSC Chairs last week, Colorado has seemed to have had the most meets so far even having one with 6 Teams and somewhere around 150 Athletes. Pacific Swimming seems to have had the second most Meets. There are still Teams that are not back in the water yet in other LSC’s. USA Swimming will be ending the restrictions on Athletes / Teams competing in other LSC’s. They are giving the responsibility to the LSC’s as to whether to allow Teams and Athletes to compete across “LSC lines”.

Western Senior Zones and Age Group Zone Championships that were postponed due to COVID will be held next year at the locations that were scheduled for this year.

**Questions for the Board / Larger Group:** Do we know how many teams are not back in a pool swimming right now?