

Guidelines for Selection of Assigned Officials for LSC Championships

The Minnesota Swimming Officials' Committee is responsible for the assignment of lead/assigned officials for LSC championship meets, which include the Minnesota Achievement Championships (MACs), the Minnesota Regional Championships (MRCs), and State Meets. Typically, the assigned team of officials for MACs and MRCs includes 1 Meet Referee, 1 Deck Referee, 1 Starter, and 1 Administrative Official/Referee, and for State Meets includes 1 Meet Referee, 2 Deck Referees, 2 Starters, 3-4 Chief Judges, and 2 Administrative Officials/Referees. However, the assigned team of officials may vary based on the needs of the meet or available personnel.

In general, assigned team officials are expected to commit to all or nearly all sessions of the meet assigned. Strong technical skills, interpersonal skills, leadership skills, and ability to work as a part of a team are crucial for assigned team members. Typically, officials who are assigned at LSC championship meets have a variety of experience in the position assigned to, officiate at LSC championship meets both in assigned and non-assigned roles, and work well with the officials team.

There are many stakeholders in the assignments of lead officials, including athletes, coaches, the host club, meet volunteers, and the officials themselves, and the Officials' Committee aims to include as many voices as possible in the process.

Please feel welcome to contact the MNSI Officials' Chair at any time with questions about the process of assignments of lead officials to championship meets, if interested in an assigned position yourself, or to request specific officials in assigned positions as a meet host. Please note that final decisions on assigned positions must be made with the interests of coaches, athletes, and Minnesota Swimming as a whole at the forefront, rather than the interests of individual officials or teams.

Note: the information in this document pertains to LSC championship meets only. Assigned positions at timed final in-season meets are at the discretion of the host club (subject to the approval of the Officials' Chair or designee), and assigned positions for in-season prelim/final meets are made collaboratively by the host club and Officials' Chair or their designee.

MACs and MRCs

Meet Referee

Some factors that may be considered in Meet Referee assignments for MACs and MRCs include the candidate's:

- Experience level as a Meet Referee at home and away meets.
- Experience level in other assigned roles at MRC meets and above.
- Ability to work with coaches.
- Ability to work within and as a leader of a team.
- Ability to work with the host club.
- Participation on 'higher level' decks, such as the State Meet.
- Past participation level at all levels of meets in assigned and non-assigned roles.
- Technical skills and knowledge of USA Swimming and Minnesota Swimming rules.
- Other factors deemed relevant by the Officials' Chair or Officials' Committee.

Officials interested in a Meet Referee assignment for a MAC or MRC should contact the MNSI Officials' Chair directly at the beginning of the season (early/mid-April for summer meets, September/October for winter meets). Please do not contact the host club directly.

Other Assigned Positions

Some factors that may be considered in assignments for MACs and MRCs include the candidate's:

- Experience level in the requested assigned position at home, away and other LSC championship and prelim/final meets.
- Ability to work with coaches.
- Ability to work within a team.
- Ability to work with the host club.
- Participation level at all levels of meets in assigned and non-assigned roles.
- Technical skills and knowledge of USA Swimming and Minnesota Swimming rules.
- Other factors deemed relevant by the Officials' Chair or Officials' Committee.

Officials interested in an assigned position for an MAC or MRC should complete the assigned team application when distributed by the Officials' Chair or designee. Please do not contact the host club directly.

State Meets

Meet Referee

Some factors that may be considered in Meet Referee assignments for State Meets include the candidate's:

- National certifications; N2/N3 Deck Referee certification preferred (requirement of USA Swimming for OQM submission).
- Experience level as a Meet Referee at home and away meets.
- Experience level as a Meet Referee at prior MACs, MRCs, prelim/final meets, and State Meets.
- Experience level in other assigned roles at State Meets and above.
- Ability to work with coaches.
- Ability to work within and as a leader of a team.
- Ability to work with the host club.
- Participation on 'higher level' decks, such as Zones, Speedo Sectionals, Futures, and other National level meets.
- Past participation level at all levels of meets in assigned and non-assigned roles.
- Technical skills and knowledge of USA Swimming and Minnesota Swimming rules.
- Past evaluations from LSC or National evaluators.
- Other factors deemed relevant by the Officials' Chair or Officials' Committee.

Officials interested in a Meet Referee assignment for a State Meet should contact the MNSI Officials' Chair directly as soon as possible after the time of the bid. Please do not contact the host club directly.

Other Assigned Positions

Some factors that may be considered in assignments for State Meets include the candidate's:

- National certification level or request for an evaluation for national certification.
- Experience level in the requested assigned position at home, away, and other LSC championship and prelim/final meets.
- National certification level or requested evaluation for national certification.
- Ability to work with coaches.
- Ability to work within a team.
- Ability to work with the host club.
- Participation level at all levels of meets in assigned and non-assigned roles.
- Technical skills and knowledge of USA Swimming and Minnesota Swimming rules.
- Other factors deemed relevant by the Officials' Chair or Officials' Committee.

Officials interested in an assigned position for a State Meet should complete the assigned team application when distributed by the Officials' Chair or designee. Please do not contact the host club directly.