

 	POLICY & PROCEDURE	POLICY NUMBER: 604
	Subject: Officials' Compensation Policy	EFFECTIVE DATE: 4/1/26 Approved: 1/18/22 Amended: 10/27/22, 8/20/24, 12/16/25 Retired:

Intrasquads, Dual Meets, Timed Final Meets of More Than Two Teams; Regular Season Prelim/Final Meets

MNSI does not encourage or recommend compensation to officials. Any compensation (honorarium, stipend, mileage, hotel, etc.) an official receives is agreed upon between the host club and the official and should be agreed upon at the time of assignment. Under no circumstances shall an official solicit compensation from the host club.

LSC Championship Meets (MACs, MRCs, State Meets, Other LSC Championship Meets)

MNSI will not pay or reimburse host clubs for any stipends at championship meets.

Normal and reasonable reimbursement for hotel accommodations up to the allowable amount by the IRS in the city of the meet, unless pre-approved at least two weeks prior to the meet by the Officials Chair or their designee, shall be made available for the assigned meet referee, head starter, head deck referee, team lead CJ, and lead admin with a commute time greater than or equal to 60 miles or one hour to the meet location from the official's primary residence (and if not otherwise provided). At the discretion of the Officials Chair or their designee, hotel accommodations for any individual official traveling less than 60 miles or one hour may be made available if deemed necessary. For an official to be eligible for hotel reimbursement, they shall officiate all sessions of the meet unless excused by the Meet Referee and the Officials Chair or their designee. An official is allowed one hotel reimbursement per championship season. Team lead CJs will only be assigned for state meets (not MRCs or below).

Hotel accommodation reimbursements shall be issued in a manner established by the MNSI office and/or the Officials Chair or their designee and communicated with host clubs, Meet Referees, and assigned officials by the Officials' Chair or their designee.

Under no circumstances shall an official solicit compensation from the host club or the Officials Committee.

Evaluators

Primary evaluators, serving in no other assigned position, for regular season prelim/final meets and LSC Championship meets shall have travel and hotel accommodations as described below covered from the Officials Committee budget.

Normal and reasonable reimbursement (e.g. airfare, mileage) for travel shall be provided to evaluators that are not members of the LSC with a commute time greater than or equal to 60 miles or one hour to the meet location from the official's primary residence. The Officials Chair or their designee may approve other reasonable expenses for reimbursement for evaluators that are not members of the LSC at their discretion.

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Effective Date: This policy will go into effect on April 1, 2026.

