

Article XIV. CLUB OFFICIAL QUOTA

Section 14.01 Purpose

Each Hawaiian Swimming club is required to maintain a specified level of certified deck official support for meets on an ongoing basis or be subject to an annual registration fee assessment commencing with the annual 2016 club registration. Failure to comply shall cause the participating Group Member to be deemed “not in good standing”.

Section 14.02 Ratio

Each Hawaiian Swimming club is required to provide one (1) “active” certified deck official per sixteen (16) “competitive” athletes who compete in more than one (1) Hawaiian Swimming sanctioned meet during the swimming year (September 1 to August 31). This number is the club’s “quota”. The quota is rounded up for a partial quota of eight (8) or more athletes and rounded down for a partial quota of less than eight (8) athletes.

Section 14.03 Active Certified Official

An “active” official is a registered certified deck official who provides at least ten (10) sessions of service at four (4) or more Hawaiian Swimming age group program or senior program meets throughout the swimming year. Intra-squad and inter-squad meets are excluded and shall not be applied toward the quota calculation. An official who meets or exceeds this level of service in a swimming year satisfies one quota unit for a given team.

Section 14.04 Transfers

Officials who transfer from one Hawaiian Swimming club to another Hawaiian Swimming club during the swimming year shall have their first ten (10) sessions of the swimming year count towards their former team and their remaining sessions towards their current team.

Section 14.05 Registration Fee Assessment

For each active official a club is short of the calculated quota, the club will be assessed a fee of \$250 due with their annual registration fee for the next swimming year.

Section 14.06 Registration Fee Incentive

Clubs that exceed their quota by 20% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) will have their annual registration fee for the next swimming year waived.

Section 14.07 Exceptions – Active Duty Military Personnel

Active duty military personnel, or their spouse, who officiate less than ten (10) sessions per swimming year will have their quota prorated.

Section 14.08 Exceptions – Family Emergencies

If an official has a family emergency and cannot fulfill their session requirement in a swimming year, another official on the club may step up and complete more sessions for the official who cannot because of the emergency. This exception must be approved by the Officials’ Committee Chair.

Section 14.09 Exceptions – Military Clubs

Clubs whose athlete membership comprises 80% or more athletes who are dependents of Active Duty Military Personnel shall have their Club Official Quota reduced by 50.

Section 14.10 Exceptions – Non-Competitive Clubs

Clubs whose athlete membership competes in less than five (5) Hawaiian Swimming age group program meets during the swimming year are exempt from the quota.

Section 14.11 Apprentice Recognition

New volunteers receive credit for each session they train or “shadow”. New members shall receive credit retroactively for each session they train or “shadow” once they are registered as a USAS non-athlete member.

Section 14.12 Unattached Athletes

Athletes who compete as unattached, but do not need to compete as unattached per USAS rules, are allocated to the club they practice with for purposes of calculating the quota.

Section 14.13 Reporting

Each club shall submit with their annual club registration form: 1) a report listing their competitive athletes (including the number of meets swum for each athlete), and 2) a report listing their deck officials (including sessions and meets worked for each registered deck official) from the USA Swimming Officials’ Tracking System (OTS).

Section 14.14 Failure to Comply

Group Members declared “not in good standing” for failure to have met their quota must increase their number of certified deck officials to the required level of their quota prior to their annual registration being approved for the next calendar year. It is recognized that new officials may not achieve the level of an “active” official as defined above prior to the start of the registration (calendar) year. As such, new officials must have completed all of the requirements to be added to the USA Swimming Officials’ Tracking System (OTS) AND have started training as an “apprentice”.