



IASI OFFICIALS TRAINING

6. Chief Judge

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Agenda

- Introductions & Goals for this Class
- Safe Sport/MAAPP
- The Role of the Chief Judge
- Resources
- Questions



Introduction & Goals for this Class

- Instructor
- Goals
 - Discuss the processes for pre-meet, during the meet and post meet
 - Provide resources for development as a Chief Judge
 - Answer Questions

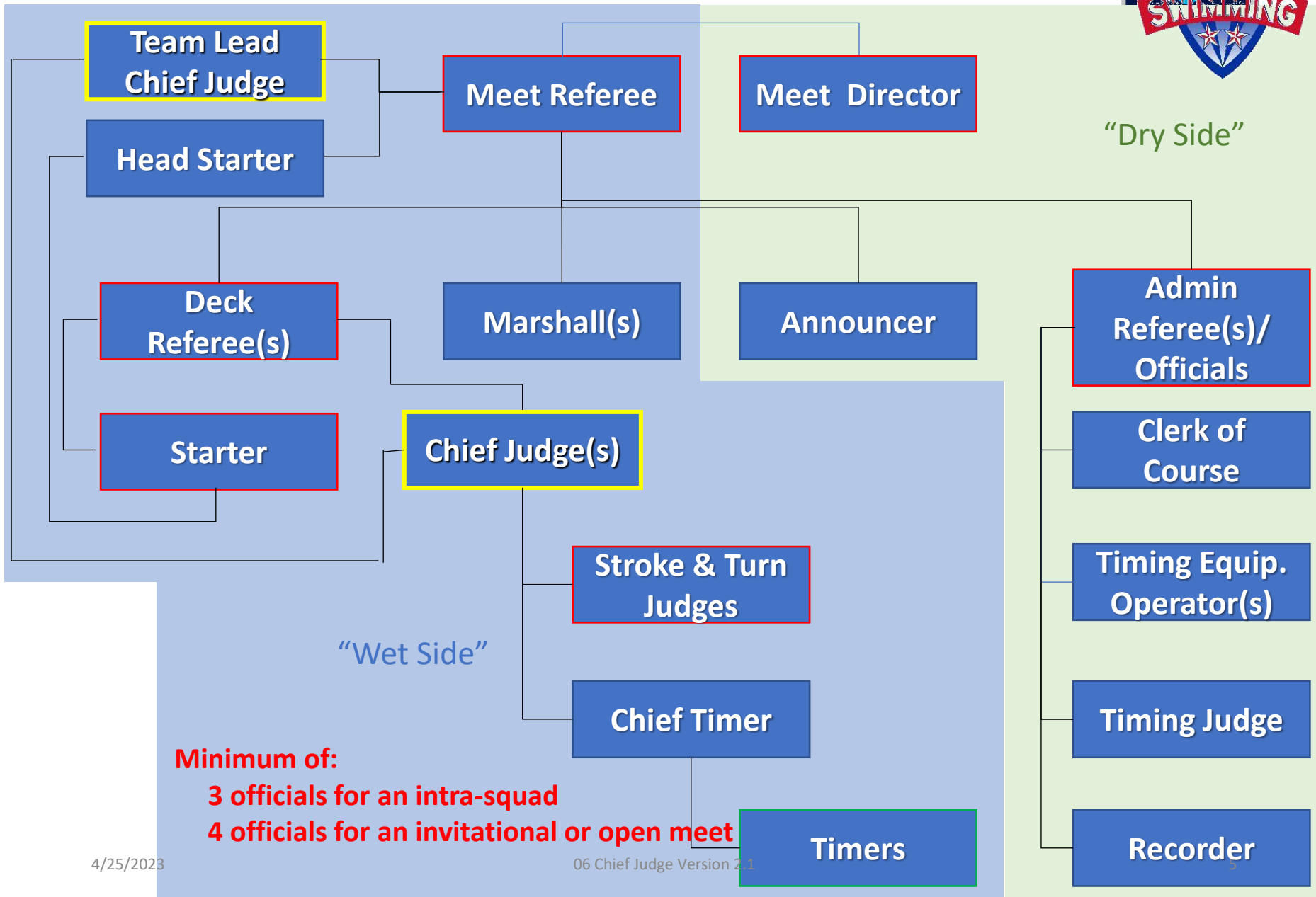


Safe Sport / Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)

- Safe Sport applies to any relationship of unequal power.
- Federal Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 requires any suspected abuse to be reported to appropriate authorities within 24 hours.
- MAAPP applies to all adults in contact with minor (non-related) athletes.
 - All one-on-one interactions must be observable and interruptible.
 - Cannot friend non-related minor athletes on social media.
 - Full MAAPP policy available on USA Swimming website.
- For officials, specific things to think about when working a meet:
 - Avoid locker room unless no other bathroom facilities are available. Never be alone in locker room with a swimmer.
 - Avoid any physical contact with swimmers.
 - No photography behind the blocks at any time.
 - Be careful interacting with your own children on deck. Audience will see you only as an official and a swimmer.

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Organization of Officials (template)





Role of the Chief Judge

- Support the Meet Referee with assigned tasks prior to, during and after a swim meet
- Allocate resources for managing the deck to assist Deck Referees, Starters and Admin Officials
- Manage and Mentor Stroke and Turn Officials
- Prepare and manage pre-session meetings
- Facilitate reporting of potential infractions and processing of disqualifications
- Assist Meet Referee with post-meet documentation



Support the Meet Referee

- Assignments
 - Chief Judge(s)
 - Assignments/Duties
 - Stroke and Turn
 - Dependent on Pool Layout and number of officials
 - Jurisdictions
 - Protocols
 - Work to implement the Meet Referee's requirements and requests
- Officials Tracking System
 - At Meet Referee Direction
 - Input officials and verify credentials/registration
- Update Status During Meet
 - Regular communication
 - Note changes, issues, etc.

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Allocate CJ Resources

- Delegating Duties
- Assigning CJ Deck Locations
- Session Setup
 - Chairs, towels, bells, timer sheets, assigned team heat sheets
- Positioning on deck
 - Dependent on number of CJ's and Officials
- Assigning tasks
 - Supporting starting and admin team
 - Managing paperwork (DQs, DFSs, NS slips, etc.)
- Be prepared to be flexible and adapt to situations

Work as a Team



Manage & Mentor Stroke and Turn Officials

- Communication
 - Pre-Meet
 - Pre-Session
 - During Session
 - Post-Session
 - Post-Meet
- Assignments
 - Jurisdiction
 - Protocols
- Rules and Regulations
- Relief
- Reserves
- Recording



Pre-Session Meetings

- Have an agenda!
 - Standard Briefing is a good place to start
 - Check-in officials
- Introductions
- MAAPP
- Meet/Session outline
 - Specific Pool Protocols (e.g. credentials, restrooms)
- Stroke Briefing (for officials' first session meeting)
- Assignments
- Jurisdiction
- Protocols
- Other items
 - Social
 - Meet Shirts
 - Etc.



Infractions and Disqualifications (1)

- Be alert for “raised arms”
 - It’s not a competition – work as a team
- CJ Jurisdiction and approach to officials
 - Reserves available?
 - Stroke Judges walking?
- Standard Radio Protocols
 - Avoid extraneous commentary
- Standard Questions
 - FIRST – REPORT THE LANE (especially important if notifying swimmers)
 - Event/Heat/Lane
 - Infraction observed
 - Where observed
 - DO NOT INTERROGATE or OVER-RULE THE OFFICIAL

The Chief Judge is a communication facilitator between the official and Deck Referee – don’t put your interpretation into the description

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Infractions and Disqualifications (2)

- Quickly ask any clarifying questions
 - What you'd expect the DR to ask
 - Don't ask for "inches" or "degrees of rotation", officials don't have measuring devices on deck or video review
- Report the infraction over the radio using standard terminology
 - End with "Recommend acceptance" or "Request further discussion"
 - The DR makes the decision to accept or not accept a call
 - Listen to the DR's response so you can be assured that he/she has recording the same call as you radioed in
- Be prepared to make the official available to the Deck Referee (know if that person leaves the deck) – don't speak on behalf of the official
- Write up the DQ slip (if used) and have the official(s) review it and then have them print their name(s) as Judge
 - Initial the slip before providing to the DR so the Admin knows who filled out the slip

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Infractions and Disqualifications (3)

- If notifying swimmer
 - Stand back by the timer for the lane of the swimmer
 - Call the swimmer over to you as they exit the pool (if younger, move down to the swimmer's level – don't loom over him/her), ask for the swimmer by name
 - State the infraction and that they have been disqualified
 - Make sure they understand
 - Give them the option for the swimmer or the coach to discuss with the deck referee
 - Report back after the swimmer is notified, or report if the swimmer isn't notified.
 - Don't hold the swimmer too long (more than 1 minute). If you release the swimmer, notify the DR by radio
- If handling DFS's
 - Take the DFS from the coach or swimmer and note on your sheet
 - If time is available, discretely update the SR and DR heat sheets for that event
 - If unable to do this, after the DR has reported a NS, update to a DFS (over the radio)

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After the session and Post-Meet

- Collect items that were distributed prior to the session and return to where you got them
- Get feedback from officials leaving the deck
 - Make sure any information required before the next meeting is passed on to those that need to know
- Thank all officials
- Set up for next session (if there is one)
- Update OTS if time available
- Post Meet
 - Recommendations to the Meet Referee
 - Update OTS if required
 - Prepare evaluations (if OQM and you are an assigned evaluator)



Resources

Documents:

- Example Deck Layout (8 lanes)
- Example CJ Assignments and Duties
- Radio Protocols
- The “Professional CJ”
- CJ Apprentice Form

Current Versions of Documents can be found on the Iowa Swimming Officials website and USA Swimming website



Questions

- Remember the resources available to you.
- The best way to learn is to practice – at meets!

Thank you for your participation!