



IASI OFFICIALS TRAINING

7. Meet Referee

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Version 2.1



Introduction & Agenda

- MAAPP
- Definition
 - Meet Referee (the meet) vz Deck Referee (wet side for an event) vs Admin Referee (dry side)
 - 150 references to Referee in the 2021 Rules and Regulations:
 - Includes 13 specifically Meet Referee and 4 Administrative Referee
- Before The Meet
- During The Meet
- After The Meet
- Resources
- 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.

USA Swimming National Officials Committee



Definitions - 2021 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations

102.11 REFEREE

.1 Shall have full authority over all officials and shall assign and instruct them; shall enforce all applicable rules and shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet, the final settlement of which is not otherwise assigned by said rules; can overrule any meet official on a point of rule interpretation, or on a judgment decision pertaining to an action which the Referee has personally observed

.4 Shall assign marshals with specific instructions.

.5 Shall give a decision on any point where the opinions of the judges differ; and shall have authority to intercede in a competition at any stage, to ensure that the appropriate racing conditions are observed.

.6 For LSC and local records only, may assign three (3) additional official timers on request to record a record attempt at initial distances in accordance with 102.24 and Article 104.

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7 Shall make an immediate investigation when an apparent malfunction of the automatic or semi-automatic timing equipment has occurred, to determine whether the swimmer finished

in accordance with the rules and/or if there was an actual equipment malfunction.

.8 May prohibit the use of any device that disrupts or interferes with the meet, such as a laser

pointing device or artificial noisemaker.

.9 May modify any rule for a competitive swimmer who has a disability. Any such modification

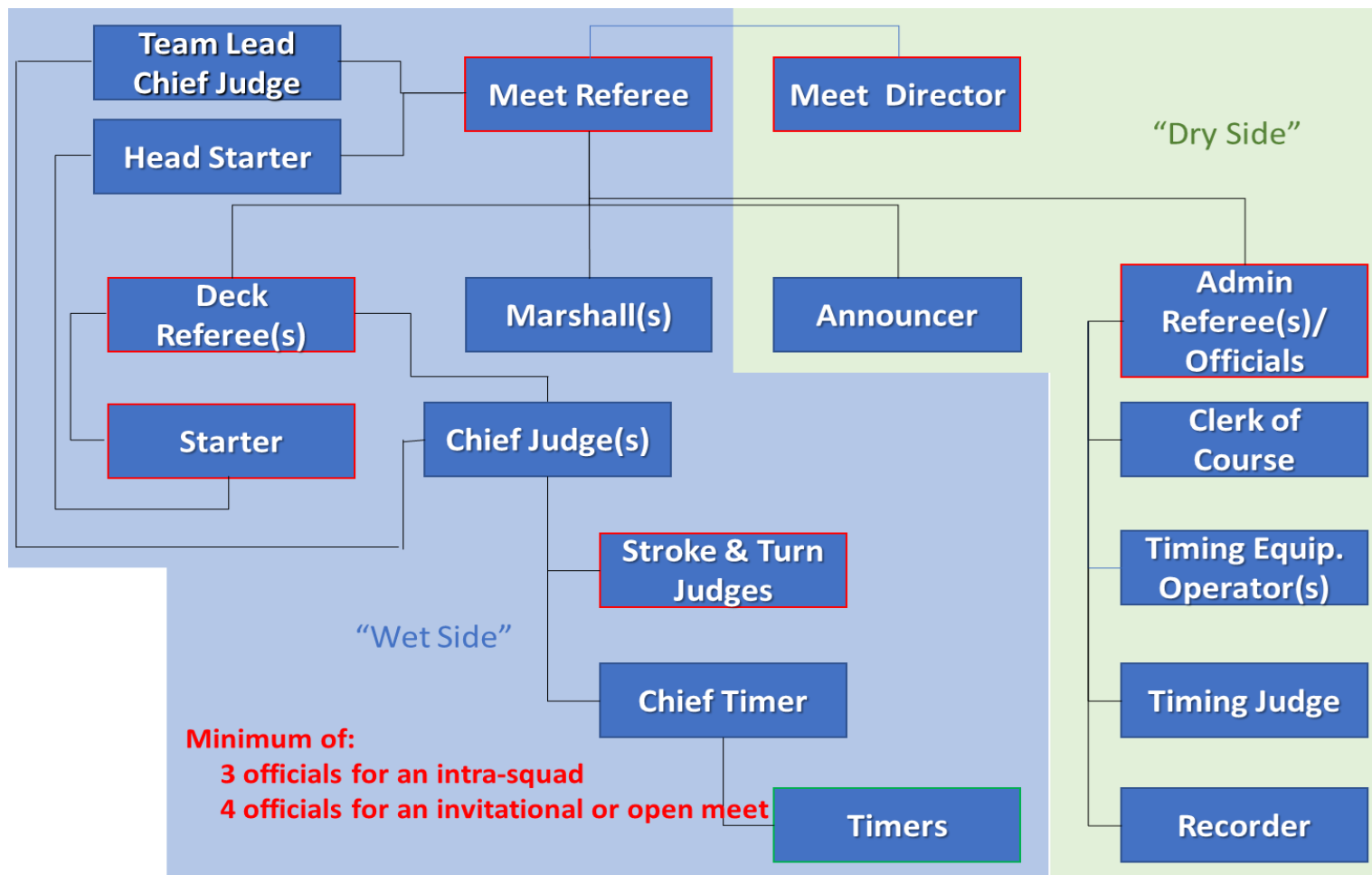
shall be in accordance with Article 105 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, shall affect only the current meet, and shall not set a precedent.

.10 Shall establish the necessary administrative and officiating procedures to conform to Part One of the rules and local conditions when the meet sanction allows conducting the events by starting them from the alternate ends of a 50-meter course.

.11 Refer to 102.23 concerning protests.



Deck Assignments (Template)





The Handbook

- A guide to requirements
- Remember
 - Knowledge (of the rules and regulations, dry and wet side)
 - Consistency (between events, sessions, meets, country)
 - Adaptability (local conditions, athletes)
 - Diplomacy
 - Delegate (trust but verify)



Before The Meet

- Check Meet Announcement – Review and edit with Meet Director as necessary prior to publishing, discuss and agree on basic logistics
- Become familiar with all requirements
- Invite/request officials to work and assign positions
- Check certifications in advance of officials who have stepped forward to work**
- Assign Jury
- Check competition area for compliance
- Check timing system(s)**
- Check sign-ins and accreditation**
- Conduct officials briefing(s)**
- Meet with coaches (technical meeting) with facility personnel

** can delegate



During The Meet

- Manage flow of meet
- Maintain Time Line
- Address Issues as they occur
- Assist any swimmers with disabilities
- Observe competition for safe and fair environment
- Make sure officials are in position and performing functions correctly
- Make sure timing system is operative and correct heats are being displayed
- Interact with timing table/Admins to ensure DFS, NS and DQs are being managed correctly
- Interact with coaches
- Be prepared to manage protests
- Code of Officials Conduct



After The Meet

- Conduct post session/post meet reviews as required
- Thank coaches and volunteers
- Confirm and check final results with admin(s)
- Confirm and check paperwork for submittal to LSC Office and USA Swimming
 - <https://www.teamunify.com/team/lscis/page/isi-management/iasi-meet-resources>
- Ensure OTS is updated with sessions, activities, any evaluations and referee report if required
- Submit any issues, suggestions or lessons learned to Officials Committee



Resources

Other Meet Referees
Documentation



Questions

- Remember the resources available to you.

Thank you for your participation