



Meet Marshals for IASI Sanctioned Meets

As of January 1st 2022, USA Swimming has mandated that Meet/Safety Marshals (amongst others) are required to be non-athlete members and have passed the Background Check Level II and Athlete Protection Training. The Iowa LSC is removing the current paragraph from Section I in anticipation of an update.

1. USA Swimming Corporate Bylaws Article 2.6.6E requires, as of January 1st, 2022, Marshals are to be non-athlete members of USA Swimming..
2. USA Swimming regulations 102.10.3 and 102.10.4 set the minimum number of Marshals for LSC meets and time trials (including duals and intra-squads) as determined by the LSC. For USA Swimming Championships, the minimum number is 4.
3. Article 102.11.4 requires the Referee to assign Marshals with specific instructions.
4. 102.19 lists the attire and responsibilities of the Marshal, and
5. 202.5.2 lists Marshals along with timers, computer operator and others on deck as positions that are prohibited to be filled by individuals whose membership has been banned, suspended, declined or otherwise ineligible.

That said - the objective is to provide a safe environment for our athletes. As of January 1st, the following procedures shall be followed for sanctioned meets in Iowa:

- Prior to a meet, the assigned referee is to coordinate with the Meet Director **and will determine the number of Marshals required for each session** based on the facility layout, number of athletes, gender mix, expected session length and any other factors. *This is the LSC determination of the minimum number of marshals required.*
- The host club must ensure the referee's determined marshal positions are assigned to qualified individuals prior to the meet. The referee, or delegate, can verify the membership status of the marshal using either deck pass or OTS (make sure you include "other" as the membership category).
- The names of the marshals for each session must **be entered into OTS by the referee or delegate, along with the officials (use the MA code for Marshal).**

Note: if a Marshal doesn't turn up, or leaves prior to the session ending, the host club must replace that person with another qualified individual for the meet to continue (certified coaches and officials do meet the criteria for marshal).



Applicable Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures

USA Swimming Corporate Bylaws ([Dec 6, 2021](#))

2.6 PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP.

1. A Coach member of USA Swimming must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Junior Coach members must be age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17).
2. All non-athlete members of USA Swimming must have satisfactorily completed criminal background checks as required by USA Swimming. The criminal background check requirement is waived for Junior Coach members.
3. All adult members of USA Swimming, including athletes and junior coach members, must have satisfactorily completed athlete protection education as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
4. All clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall ensure that all athletes and coaches participating in practices and USA Swimming sanctioned competition are members of USA Swimming.
5. All referees, starters, administrative officials, chief judges, and stroke and turn judges must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming.
6. The following individuals are required to be non-athlete members of USA Swimming:
 - A. Adult employees of USA Swimming, LSCs, and member clubs;
 - B. Adults serving on the board of directors of USA Swimming, LSCs, and member clubs;
 - C. Individuals in a position of oversight over the operations of a member club;
 - D. Adults with an ownership interest in a member club;
 - E. Referees, starters, administrative officials, chief judges, stroke and turn judges, and, as of January 1, 2022, meet **marshals**; and
 - F. Other volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or have authority over athletes (as defined in the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement) as a regular part of their duties.

This does not apply to volunteers such as timers, computer operators, etc., who only have limited contact with athletes during a meet. However, any individual who is banned, currently suspended or ineligible for membership is prohibited from serving as a timer or computer operator or otherwise being on deck at any time in connection with a USA Swimming activity.

IASI Board of Directors Meeting December 12th, 2021

New Business

o Proposal to amend Iowa Swimming Inc. Policies & Procedures, Section I VII.H as follows:

H. **Meet Marshals**. ~~Meet Marshals do not need to be non-athlete members of USA Swimming for IASI sanctioned meets. Meet Marshals report to the meet's referee and have authority through the meet's referee to maintain general safety and order throughout the venue. Meet Marshals have full authority to warn or order to cease and desist, and to remove, or have removed from the competition venue anyone behaving in an unsafe manner or using profane or abusive language, or whose actions are disrupting the orderly conduct of the meet. Meet Marshals are to be clearly identified at all times. For example, while on duty, meet marshals shall wear an orange vest.~~(reserved for future use)



Rationale: New guidance from USA Swimming will require all Meet **Marshals** to be members of USA Swimming, and comply with Athlete Protection Training and Background Check beginning January 1, 2022. In the current condition, IASI Policy & Procedures would be in conflict with USA Swimming. Additionally, USA Swimming Rule 102.10.3 and 102.10.4 specify that while **Marshal(s)** are required, the number is determined by the LSC. This change keeps IASI P&P compliant with USA Swimming and reserves a place for our LSC to specify the number of **Marshal(s)** required in the future, after consideration by the Official's committee.

Passed. Effective January 1, 2022

USA Swimming Rules and Regulations ([2022 Edition](#))

102.10 OFFICIALS

1. All officials accepting an invitation to officiate at a swimming meet should arrive promptly and report immediately to the Meet Director or Meet Referee.
2. All officials acting in the capacity of Referee, Starter, Administrative Official, or Stroke and/or Turn Judge at a swimming meet shall be certified in such position by their LSC prior to being assigned to officiate in that capacity. Uncertified trainees may perform the duties of such positions when they are under the direct supervision of a certified official. See Article 202 and the Corporate Bylaws for USA Swimming membership requirements.
3. With the exception of intra-squad and dual meets, there should not be fewer than the following officiating positions filled or approved by the LSC in authority for all swim meets and time trials. Officials other than the Referee and Administrative Official may act in more than one officiating capacity only when sufficient qualified officials are not available, but no one may simultaneously time and judge the order of finish. An LSC House of Delegates may establish additional minimum requirements.
 - 1 Referee
 - 1 Starter
 - 3 Timers per lane (one minimum if automatic equipment with touchpads is used)
 - 1 Clerk of Course (if applicable)
 - 1 Place Judge (2 are preferred)
 - 2 Stroke Judges and 2 Turn Judges or 2 Stroke & Turn Judges
 - Relay Take-off Judges (if applicable)
 - 1 Administrative Official
 - 1 Announcer
 - Timing Equipment Operators (as needed)**Marshal(s) (number determined by the LSC).**
4. **Minimum Number of Officials Required for Development, Dual and Intra-Squad Meets**
 - 1 Referee, who may also act as a stroke and turn judge
 - 1 Starter
 - 1 Other Stroke and Turn Judge (may be the Starter)
 - 1 Announcer
 - 3 Timers per lane (one minimum if automatic timing equipment with touchpads is used)
 - 1 Administrative Official
 - 1 Place Judge
 - Relay Take-off Judges (if applicable)
 - Timing Equipment Operators (as needed)**Marshal(s) (number determined by the LSC)**



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.

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- 4 Shall assign **marshals** with specific instructions.

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102.19 MARSHALS — Shall wear identifying attire and enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue. The **Marshal** shall have full authority to warn or order to cease and desist, and, with the concurrence of the Referee, to remove, or have removed from the swimming venue anyone behaving in an unsafe manner or using profane or abusive language, or whose actions are disrupting the orderly conduct of the meet.

202.5 CONDITIONS OF SANCTION — Any event for which a sanction is required according to 202.1 is subject to the following conditions:

1. No swimmer who is not a member as provided in Article 302 will be allowed to compete or participate except as provided under 202.9 or USA Swimming's "open border" policy included in the Operating Policy Manual.
2. Any individual who is banned, currently suspended or ineligible for membership is prohibited from serving as a timer, **marshal**, or computer operator, or otherwise being on deck at any time in connection with a USA Swimming activity.
3. At a sanctioned competitive event, ...

Please contact either myself or another member of the Officials Committee if you have any questions.

Regards,

Phil Barnes
Chair, IASI Officials Committee



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