

## April 2024 SC LSC Legislation

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# R1

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**Purpose of proposal:** House Keeping

Proposed new language:

### **A. Certification Categories**

The levels of certification for swimming officials in the SCLSC shall consist of, ~~but not be limited to~~, the following:

1. Stroke & Turn Judge
2. Open Water Judge
3. ~~Deck~~ Chief Judge
4. Starter
5. Referee – Open Water
6. Referee
7. ~~Referee~~ Administrative
8. ~~Referee~~ Meet
9. Administrative Official\*\*
10. Computer Operator\*\*
11. ~~Timing~~ Operator\*\*

~~\*\*Administrative Official, Computer Operator, and Timing Operator do not have to possess any other official certification level(s).~~

### **~~B. Certification, Recertification, and Decertification of Officials~~**

1. ~~Certification initially will be effective until December 31 of the next odd number year. If the Certification occurs in an even numbered year, it shall expire at the end of the next year. If the Certification occurs in an odd numbered year, it shall expire at the end of the following odd numbered year.~~

- ~~2. Recertification: To avoid lapsing of certification, recertification of all officials will be done by December 31 at the end of odd numbered years.~~
- ~~3. All officials must be current non athlete members of USA/South Carolina Swimming and have completed the required background screening(s), concussion protocol training, and any other testing as required by USA Swimming.~~
- ~~4. Prospective and advancing officials must meet standards set by the SCLSC's Officials Committee which may include attending a clinic, taking and passing the required online testing, and receiving satisfactory rating from the Meet Referees where training sessions are worked.~~
- ~~5. Detailed certification, recertification, and decertification criteria will be published on the SCLSC's website on the Officials' page(s).~~

### **~~C. Transfer of Certified Officials into SCLSC~~**

- ~~1. Officials with USA Swimming National Certification shall be given an equivalent level of certification by the SCLSC upon request. The transferring official shall request such certification from the Officials Chair of the SCLSC. The Officials Chair shall determine that the National Certification is current and valid and subsequently issue the SCLSC Certification for the equivalent level. Thereafter, the official shall be required to meet all requirements for recertification of officials as specified by the SCLSC.~~
- ~~2. Officials who possess current certification as swimming officials from other LSCs (lacking National Certification) shall request transfer of LSC certification from the Officials Chair of the SCLSC. Upon determining that the certification is current and valid, the transferring official shall work a least one (1) session under the observation of a SCLSC certified referee at a SCLSC sanctioned meet. This observing referee should make an effort to both discuss the policies and procedures of the SCLSC and observe the official during the course of the swim meet. With the concurrence of the observing referee the transferring official shall be allowed to serve in the capacity at which he was certified during this observation period. The referee should communicate an evaluation to the Officials Chair of the SCLSC subsequent to the observed session(s). If the observation period is acceptable, the Officials Chair of the SCLSC shall subsequently issue a SCLSC certification to the transferring official. Thereafter, the official shall be required to meet all requirements for recertification of officials as specified by the SCLSC's Officials Committee. Certification and recertification requirements may be found on the SCLSC's website Officials page.~~

### **~~D. Officials Required~~**

- ~~1. 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 an 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 the SCLSC website under the Officials tab for certification requirements.~~
- ~~2. 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.~~
- ~~3. The SCLSC shall follow the dictates of USA Swimming's minimum number of officiating positions filled during a meet by meet categories, i.e, dual meets, non-dual meets or championship meets. These minimums can be found in the USA Swimming Rule Book within the Officials section.~~

**E.2.** Each certified official shall be responsible for following the guidelines provided by the Officials Committee for **showing proof (e.g., USA Swimming App, photo of certification)** of their Official's certification ~~cards~~ issued by USA Swimming. These guidelines will be outlined on the SCLSC's website under the Official's tab.

**Does this proposal amend an existing provision (circle one):** **Yes** No

**If yes, which provision:** III.A. and III.B. and III.C. and III.D. and III.E.2.

**Have you reviewed the P&P or bylaws to ensure no other provisions are impacted:**  
(circle one) **Yes** No

**If not an amendment, in which section or article do you propose the new language be added:**

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**Purpose of proposal:** Update duties and powers of the Officials Chair

### Proposed new language:

#### 3. Officials Chair

The Officials Chair shall chair the Officials Committee which is responsible for recruiting, training, certifying, and supervising officials for SCSJ. The Officials Chair shall be **either a Meet Referee certified by SCSJ prior to February 1, 2024, or equivalent (N2 Deck Referee, N2 Chief Judge and N2 Administrative Official and has been a meet referee for a minimum of two (2) prelim/final meets.) certified by SCSJ and official members of the Officials Committee shall be a certified official of SCSJ.**

- a. An Officials Chair for the SC-LSC shall be elected by the House of Delegates.
- b. The Officials Chair's functions shall include but not be limited to:
  - (1) The Officials Chair shall appoint an Officials Committee, which shall consist of at least two other SC-LSC Certified Officials at the Referee level and a student athlete representative.
  - (2) Coordinate the activities of the other members of the committee and chair all meetings of the committee or designate an alternate in cases where chair is unavailable to oversee the committee meetings.
  - (3) The Officials Chair, or a referee designated by the officials committee **with at least equal certifications of the Officials Chair**, shall serve as the Meet Referee for the SC-LSC Short Course and Long Course Championship meets.

- (4) ~~Complete the initial SC-LSC certification process of all SC-LSC officials.~~
- (5) ~~Complete the SC-LSC recertification processes of all SC-LSC officials on an annual basis.~~
- (6) ~~Complete the SC-LSC advancement certification processes of all SC-LSC officials.~~ **Assist with the SC LSC certification, recertification, and advancement certification processes of all SC-LSC officials.**
- (7) Assist with the USA Swimming National certification and recertification processes for all SC-LSC officials seeking national certifications.
- (8) Oversee, or designate another official to oversee, the entry of officials working each meet session into the USA-Swimming OTS website.
- (9) Maintain records of all officials working national championship meets to help identify candidates for assignment and acceptance/invitation to national championship meets, including the Olympic trials meet.
- (10) Provide regular reports to the General Chair for inclusion in his or her reports to the Board of Directors.
- (11) Participate as a member of the SC-LSC Board responding to questions posed by officials, coaches, swimmers, and parents.

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**If yes, which provision:** I.H.3.

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