

Selection of Meet Referee and Administrative Referee for Western Zone Championship Meets and WZ Blue/Gold Sectional Meets

Selection of the Meet Referee and Administrative Referee for all Western Zone (WZ) Championship Meets and WZ Sectional level meets will be a collaborative effort between the Western Zone Official's Coordinator (WZOC), the Meet Host LSC/Team, the Host LSC Official's Chair (LSCOC), and the Sectional or Zone BOD or Committees. This procedure generally follows the National Official's Committee (NOC) selection process used for National USAS Meets. A National Evaluator for these Meets is chosen by the (LSCOC), the WZOC and the Meet Referee, with input from the NOC if needed. The goal in selecting these key Meet leadership positions is ensuring all meet stake holders, i.e. Athletes, Coaches, LSC Meet Hosts, and the Officials expectations are met with an environment of respect and understanding to running the type of Meet outlined in the Meet Announcement.

The WZOC is in contact with all Western Zone LSC Official's Chairs who have knowledge of competency of Officials from each LSC in the Western Zone and Blue and Gold Section. These Officials may be recommended for assigned roles at one of these meets. Succession planning with officials is important, and not using the same Meet Referees will help ensure there is a pool of possible candidates. Less experienced Referees will be paired with experienced Administrative Referees, and will have experienced mentors at the Meet as resources for any decisions.

Meet Referee:

The WZOC will consult with the Meet Host(s), Sectional or Zone BOD or committees and the Host LSCOC in finding a suitable Meet Referee. The WZOC will submit a name of a Sr. Official that could serve as Meet Referee for the Zone or Sectional Meet. If the Host Team or the Blue / Gold Section BOD or the Host LSCOC have a possible issue, they may also submit a name for consideration. It is important to try not have a MR from the host LSC and use Meet Referees from the Blue and Gold Sections working in the other Section, if possible.

Administrative Referee:

The Administrative Referee is a key position for any Meet, and must work well with Coaches, Athletes, Teams and the Meet Referee. After the Meet Referee is confirmed the same process for choosing an Administrative Referee will be followed. Consultation with the Meet Referee, Host Team, BOD or Committee for the Section or Zone, and the host LSC Officials Chair. Host LSCs will usually supply HyTek, AOs and Timing Operators. The Administrative Referee must be able to work well with these key meet personnel as a team.

Other Lead Officials:

Team Lead Chief Judge and Starter:

These Officials will be recommended by the LSCOC, the WZOC, and the Meet Referee, and may be reviewed by the Western Zone Directors and the Sectional BODs or Committees. Local Officials in assigned positions are important for these meets as is input from all Western Zone LSCOC's. Sometimes these Officials are not known until after the application process for Officials is closed.

National Evaluators:

National Evaluators will be selected by the WZOC, the LSCOC and the Meet Referee, and with consultation with the NOC, if needed. The Western Zone and Sectional BODs or Committees are also informed. There are many criteria that goes into an Evaluator's selection, including what are they certified to evaluate, what level of evaluations will be needed at this meet.