

Deck Referee Advancement Criteria

Level 1

- ☐ Attend Referee clinic.
- ☐ Take and pass USA Swimming Referee test.
- ☐ Minimum Level 3 Stroke & Turn.

Advancement from Level 1 to Level 2

- ☐ Minimum of 6 sessions and 2 meets within the first year.
- ☐ Evaluated and recommended by at least 2 different Trainer/Deck Referee or Meet Referees within the first year of clinic.

Level 2

- ☐ Knows the functions and responsibilities of a Deck Referee.
- ☐ May have problem when facing unexpected events on deck.
- ☐ Tends to focus on the immediate situation at hand.
- ☐ Not quite comfortable in calling false start unless it's flagrant.
- ☐ May have problems taking charge – Sometimes loses control of deck.

Advancement from Level 2 to Level 3

- ☐ Held level 2 Deck Referee for 1 year.
- ☐ Worked a minimum of 6 sessions the previous year as Deck Referee.
- ☐ Recommended by 2 different meet referees and approved by the Zone Officials Chair.

Recertification for Level 2

- ☐ Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years.
- ☐ Work a minimum of 6 sessions every year.

Level 3

- ☐ Experienced starter who has seen many different situations.
- ☐ Well-organized and able to maintain focus on deck.
- ☐ Very relaxed on deck while keeping everything under control; sees everything that's going on.
- ☐ Familiar with Meet Referee and administrative Referee responsibilities and functions.
- ☐ Participates in the Mentoring/Training of Junior Officials.
- ☐ Participates in LSC meets.

Advancement from Level 3 to Level 4

- ☐ Held level 3 Deck Referee for 1 year.
- ☐ Worked a minimum of 8 sessions the previous year as Starter.
- ☐ Has satisfactorily performed the Deck Referee duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet."
- ☐ Recommended by 3 different Meet Referees and approved by the LSC Officials Chair.

Recertification requirements for Level 3

- ☐ Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years.
- ☐ Must work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.

Level 4

- ☐ Experienced starter at senior level meets.
- ☐ Able to anticipate problems and always take appropriate actions.
- ☐ Consistently keeps meet running smoothly.
- ☐ Able to perform Administrative Referee functions at Championship level Pacific meets.
- ☐ Able to perform Meet Referee function at Zone Championships and T&F meets.
- ☐ Understands all aspects of running a meet.
- ☐ Has the respect of officials and coaches within their zone.
- ☐ Capable and involved in the training of junior level officials on deck or at clinics.
- ☐ Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly.
- ☐ Shows leadership capabilities at the zone level and leads by example.
- ☐ Participates in LSC "Officials Qualifying Meets."

Advancement from Level 4 to Level 5

- ☐ Level 4 Deck Referee for at least 1 year.
- ☐ Worked a minimum of 8 sessions the previous year.
- ☐ Has satisfactorily performed the Meet Referee duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet."
- ☐ Recommended by the Zone Officials chair and approved by the LSC Officials Committee.

Recertification requirements for Level 4 & 5

- ☐ Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years
- ☐ Work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.

Level 5

- ☐ Knows the intent of the rules and always applies them uniformly.
- ☐ Familiar with all officials' positions and their responsibilities.
- ☐ Has the respect of officials and coaches throughout Pacific Swimming.
- ☐ Works well with all officials.
- ☐ Always take the initiative to seek opportunities to train junior officials.
- ☐ Able to perform the Meet Referee position at "Officials Qualifying Meets".
- ☐ Shows leadership qualities at the LSC level.

Recertification requirements for Level 4 & 5

- ☐ Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years
- ☐ Work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.

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