

CJ Clinic

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PACIFIC
SWIMMING

Agenda

- MEETING OBJECTIVES
- EXPECTATIONS
- BEFORE THE MEET
- DURING THE MEET
- AFTER THE MEET
- RESOURCES
- APPENDIX: FORMS

Meeting Purpose: Chief Judge (CJ) Clinic



- ▶ Expectations and Good Traits of a CJ
- ▶ Preparation: Before the Meet
- ▶ Actions: During the Meet
- ▶ Follow-Up: Steps & Actions After the Meet
- ▶ Review Available CJ Resources

Expectations and Good Traits of a CJ

- ▶ Be organized and flexible
- ▶ Use your interpersonal skills
- ▶ Be knowledgeable (USA Swimming Rules)
- ▶ Have a deck presence
- ▶ Mentor your Stroke & Turn team
- ▶ Smile! Have fun
- ▶ Remember: We are all volunteers
- ▶ Check your disposition & temperament(are you calm?)
- ▶ Engage your perspective (are you looking at things fairly? are you giving the benefit of the doubt?)
- ▶ Act and look professional

Review Preparation: Before the Meet

- ▶ Review the Stroke & Turn Rules (USA Swimming Rule Book)
- ▶ Review the Meet Sheet
- ▶ Provide the Stroke & Turn sign-in sheet (See appendix)
- ▶ Review officials' credentials
- ▶ Know when and where the official's meeting is held
- ▶ Assign Teams (may discuss with the Meet Referee)
- ▶ Assign the Assistant Chief Judge
- ▶ Conduct CJ Duties:
 - ▶ Official Meeting,
 - ▶ Give out Stroke and Turn assignments, rotations & jurisdictions



- Arrive Early
- Get to know venue
- Briefly meet with:
 - Meet Referee
 - Hospitality Dir
 - Meet Dir

Review Activities: During the Meet

Observe & Mentor the Stroke & Turn team: Are they in the best position to observe the athletes

- ▶ Action: When Stroke & Turn raises a hand:
 - ▶ Remember the 3 questions: where were you? What did you see? What is the rule infraction?
 - ▶ Ask them to describe what they saw (“paint you a picture”) & to note the rule infraction

Observe the Timers:

- ▶ Action: Watch their actions
 - ▶ Are they at the edge?
 - ▶ Are they up in time for the finish?
 - ▶ Note: watch for parent photography around the timers

Other Observations/Actions:

- ▶ Pass all disqualifications (DQs) to the Deck Referee
- ▶ Don't discuss DQs with athletes or parents (politely direct them to the coach)
- ▶ Be ready for challenges from the coaches
- ▶ Evaluate Stroke & Turns (written and unwritten) – (Sample in Appendix)

Review Steps & Actions: After the Meet



- ▶ Thank everyone for volunteering
- ▶ Start or complete the evaluations for your Stroke & Turn team
- ▶ Remember to review your evaluations with the Meet Referee prior to presenting to the Stroke & Turn official

Resources



- ▶ USA Swimming Rule Book
- ▶ PacSwim.org
- ▶ USASwimming.org
- ▶ Experienced Officials

APPENDIX

FORMS

Forms

Pool 8 Lanes

STROKE & TURN SIGN-IN - SINGLE SESSION DAY

MEET: Walnut Creek Aqua Beers 2/5/21

DATE: _____



	NAME	ZONE	CLUB	LEVEL	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM
✓ 1	John Smith	2		1			
✓ 2	Jane Doc			2			
✓ 3	Peter			1			
✓ 4	Paul			1			
✓ 5	George			T			Eval Level 1
✓ 6	Mike			2			
✓ 7	Devon			T			
✓ 8	Richard			2			
✓ 9	Tonya			1			
✓ 10	Terri			1			
✓ 11	Helen			1			Eval Level 2
✓ 12	Samantha			1			
✓ 13	Ida			T			shadow
✓ 14	Jonathan			2			ACS
✓ 15							
✓ 16							
✓ 17							
✓ 18							
✓ 19							
✓ 20							

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4
Jane (Ida)	George	John	Terri
Mike	Devon	Peter	Helen
Richard	Tonya	Paul	Samantha
start side 9AM	start side 9:30	Turn side 9AM	Turn side 9:30

STROKE & TURN SIGN-IN - SINGLE SESSION DAY

MEET: _____

DATE: _____



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Forms



LSC Chief Judge Evaluation Form

Meet Referee: _____ Meet: _____ Date: _____

Officials Name: _____ Club: _____ Zone: _____

Current LSC Level: _____ National Level _____

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|---|----------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Knowledge of Rules | Knowledge/understanding of current USA and Pacific Swimming rules including their official interpretation, Understands jurisdictions, protocols and be able to mentor e.g. lead lag, relay take-off, etc | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | Positioning/Control | Consistently in position to best observe the officials & swims. Be able to assist meet personnel in maintaining control of the deck. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | S/T Training and Mentoring | Provide training and mentoring of Stroke and Turn officials with positioning, rule interpretations and deck protocols. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | Attentiveness | Aware of meet progress and swimmers: does not allow outside distractions to interfere with performance of duties. Focuses on S/T judges & swimmers in assigned jurisdiction. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | Attitude/Poise | Supportive of swimmers: works well with others: maintains a friendly, calm, non-combative attitude even in stressful situations. Supports all decisions by the Referee and fellow officials. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | Reliability | On time to all Official's briefings. Shows up when expected and ready to work. Keeps meet management informed. Can be counted on to be helpful as directed. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | Organization | Organize Stroke and Turn judges into balanced and effective teams. Runs Official's meeting efficiently with concise and precise instructions. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | Overall Performance | Taking into account all other factors, what is your overall assessment of the Official's performance. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Additional Comments:

- Ratings: 0 Not Observed
1 Does not meet minimum standards for position. Needs additional training.
2 Adequate, meets minimum standards for position. Needs additional experience
3 Meets all standard for position.

RATINGS ARE TO BE BASED ON THE CURRENT LEVEL OF THE OFFICIALS BEING EVALUATED

Evaluation completed by: _____ Meet Referee: _____

Ready for Advancement: YES LSC Level _____ NO

Note: Evaluation must be done over 2 days of a meet. Please refer to advancement criteria list on website (Pacswim.org) for further details.

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