

Meet Referee

October 12, 2024

Presented by: Phil Grant



The Meet Referee

- The Referee's principal function is to see that swimming rules are enforced during the meet and to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that all swimmers have uniform and fair competitive conditions. Therefore, the Referee above all, must know and understand the rules under which the swim meet is being conducted.
- The Referee shall have full authority over all officials, including assigning and instructing them. The Referee shall enforce all applicable rules and shall decide all questions relating to the conduct of the meet.




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Requirements –
Officials
Certification
Standards
(Referee),
Education &
Training


- Minimum age (19 years old)
- Grandfathered - Pre Feb 2024
- Member of USA Swimming
- Certified Administrative Official
- Certified Starter
- Attend Referee Clinic (online 2025)
- Pass Referee certification test – online
- Apprentice as Referee for at least four (4) Training Sessions, over two (2) meets with two (2) different trainers

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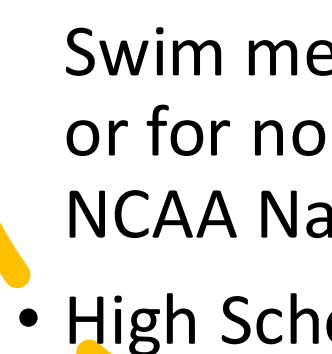
- Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier
 - Must complete certification within one (1) year from month of clinic
 - May officiate in any Referee role at any meet, except that in meets classified as USA Swimming Championships, this certification may not meet the requirement of serving as the required Admin Referee
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R9 Requirements – Officials Certification Standards (Referee), Recertification

- Every 3 years
 - Work sixteen (16) Qualified Recertification Sessions (next slide) within a 3 year period, with at least eight (8) Qualified Recertification Sessions in any Referee position.
 - Pass USA Swimming Referee recertification test every three (3) years
 - Attend clinic (recommend Referee) every three (3) years
 - Satisfactory Performance
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Qualified Recertification Sessions

- The session must include strokes and/relays
 - The sessions must not be a Time Trial
 - The session must not contain only freestyle events, even if including both individual freestyle events and freestyle relays
 - The session must occur at a meet which is either a Sanctioned USA Swim meet, a YMCA meet for the which an LSC has issue an approval, or for no more than 25% of any official's total required sessions, an NCAA National or Conference Championship Meet
 - High School and USA Swimming Masters Meets are excluded.
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Qualities Of A “Good” Meet Referee

Team Player

Delegator

Professional

Compassionate

Communicator

Calm

Confident

Experienced

Knowledgeable

Proactive

Interpersonal

Skilled

Fair

Flexible



Meet Referee Selection

- Meet Referees are selected from a pool of certified Referees that **best meet the needs of the athletes and the LSC**
- Meet Referees will start out by shadowing an experienced Meet Referee
- Generally, new Meet Referee will will be assigned to small developmental type meets
- As the Meet Referee gains experience they will progress to higher level meets



Meet Referee Selections

- Each Zone has a bid meeting for host clubs
- Zone Official Chairs have a planning meeting (pizza party)
- MR assigned based on experience, type of meet, size, and complexity
- MR chosen well in advance for sanctioning requirements.
- MR must be in good-standing prior to being listed on the Meet Announcement

Now You Have Been Selected – Planning Considerations

- Meet Announcement (review and approve)
- Meet entires (OME, Hytek, paper)
- Timelines (4 hour rule)
- Meet Director (pre meet conversations)
- **Computer Operator (employed or volunteers, timelines, scratch rate)**
- **Timing Operators (employed or volunteers, 2 or 3 buttons, pads, backup system)**
- **Clerk of the Course (experienced, when to close)**
- Head Marshall (expectations)
- Safe Sports (bathrooms etc.)
- Venue-Emergency Action Plan (EAP)
- Head Starter/Head Deck Referee (protocols)
- Administrative Official (pre meet, timing errors, entries)
- Chief Judge (protocols, deck assignments)
- Announcer (protocols, music, national anthem, avoid white noise)
- Meet Committee (MR, MD, Coach, Lifeguard)
- Pre select jury

Meet Announcement

- Online Meet Entires – Fast Swims, Swim Connection
- Timeline to Sanctions – 4 weeks
- Age Group Chair – Tyler Long
- Senior Chair – Asher Green
- Pac Swim Sanctions – Annie Stein
- Zone Sanction Chair
- Meet Referee may make suggestions
- Email Pre-meet info to coaches
- Monitor Time Lines
- Warm-up Guidelines
- OQM Meets
- Sanction Officials – MR reach out to MD with names
- Closing meet early – notify committee chair
- Confirm dates of online and mail in entries
- Review scheduled events
- Min time standards – work with admin team or Pac Swim verifications

Meet Announcement Mandatory Statements

- Statement of prizes
- Information of Water Depth
- USA Swimming held harmless
- Course Dimensions
- Recording devices and cell phone not permitted in restrooms and changing areas
- Operation of Drones




Conduct of Meet in Conformance with USAS Technical Rules

Meet Referee Must Certify on behalf of the LSC

- Article 101 – Starts, individual strokes, and relays
- Article 105 – Athletes with Disabilities
- 102.2.2 and 3 –Entry Limit per Day
- 102.8.1 a thru f – Swimwear restrictions
- 102.23 – Timing Rules
- 103.2.3 etc – Minimum standard for facility (water depth, dimensions, walls, platforms, backstroke ledges, flags)





Deck Seeding VS Pre-seeding



Deck Seeding

- Age Group Champs
- Far Westerns
- Senior Open
- 10 & Under Champs
- Zone Awarded Meets

Advantages: fewer open lanes, athlete present, easier to flag athlete with reg problem, APT, exceeded entry limit, time verification

Disadvantages: forget to sign-in, delay in seeding, delay in lane assignment posting, dead water, etc

- Clerk of the course – use signage girls, boys, ages, etc. (avoid long lines)
- Open clerk of the course prior to warm-ups
- Closing events – first event no more than 30 min prior to start
- Closing events thereafter – 1 hour (give time to seed)
- Consider starting with distance events (gives time to seed)
- **One call for missing swimmer(s)**

Pre-Seeding

- Senior P & F Meets
- Far Westerns (2025-2026)
- Zone All Star Meet
- Zone Awarded Meets

Advantages: Accurate timeline, no dead water, no clerk of course, less runners, less volunteers

Disadvantages: Open lanes, may not be able to combine events, difficult contacting athletes prior to their first event

- Scratch Box (senior meets)
- Scratch Deadline
- Scratch Meeting each morning prior to seeding
- Positive check for distance events
- **NO call for missing swimmers**

MAAF VALLEY OWENS TEAM SWIMMING MEET ALL PACIFIC SWIMMING SHORT COURSE CNA+ MEET NOVEMBER 2 & 3 2021

Enter Online: <http://www.hawaii.com>

SANCTION: Held under USA Pacific Swimming sanction No. **24-133**
In printing this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to persons during the conduct of the event.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

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NOTICE: By entering this meet, the Athlete or his/her guardian consents to the publication, via electronic, print or other media, information and/or images obtained from participation at this meet. Such information and imagery may include, but is not limited to, photographs, video, text, audio, interviews, press events and live meet results. The results of this meet may be posted to real time on the internet or elsewhere.

USE OF AUDIO AND VISUAL: Photography and video recording from behind the blocks or starting area is prohibited unless prior permission is granted by the Meet Referee. Use of any audio or visual recording devices, including but not limited to film and digital cameras, cell phones and tablets, and social media is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Violation of this recording prohibition may result in ejection from the swimming pool facility by the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

MEET PERSONNEL: Meet Director: **DAVE TRAVELSTOCK** Meet Director: **DAVE ABE**
Meet Referee: **GIORNA KAZAN** Meet Referee: **WHEE ABBEGG**
Meet Director: **SARAH ADAMS** SAADAMS@PACSWIM.COM

LOCATION: Vantage High School, 2540 Jefferson St, Napa, CA 94958

DIRECTIONS: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Vantage+High+School/@38.29877,-122.28377,15z>

COURSE: Outdoor 25 yard pool with up to 10 lanes available for competition. An additional 12 lanes will be available for warm-up lanes around the pool for the competition. The minimum water depth for the outdoor pool course, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3.4.6 "d" at the turn end and "e" at the turn end. The Meet Host shall ensure the required course dimensions.

TIME: Meet shall begin at 10:00 AM each day with warm-ups from 9:30 to 9:45 AM each day.

RISKS:

- Current USA and Pacific Swimming rules and warm-up procedures will govern the meet. A copy of these procedures will be printed at the Check-in Counter.
- The local health guidelines, restrictions and interpretation of the local public health guidelines shall be followed at this meet.
- All adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledging that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of the competition.

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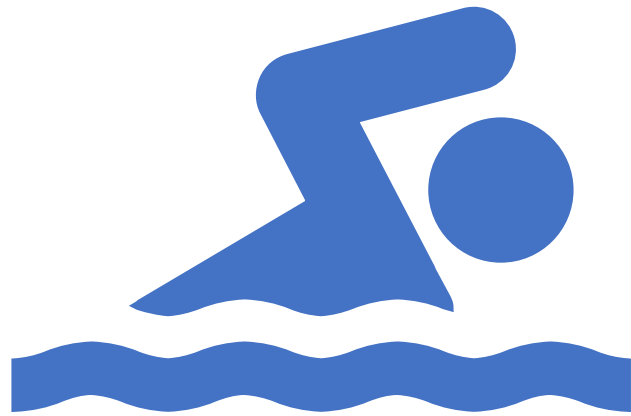
PACIFIC SWIMMING



12 & Under Four (4) Hour Rule

- Meet must be planned such that events for 12 & Unders can reasonably be concluded within 4 hours.
- Clock starts at published time of meet (9:00 am etc.)
- Clock ends at the conclusion of the last 12 & Under event
- Does not include Open Events (even if 12 & Under is competing)

Under no circumstances end the meet before all events are finished, just to comply with the rule



4 Hour Rule Prevention

- Use OME (Fast Swim, Swim Connection) software to monitor the timeline
- Use Meet Manger Hytek software to monitor the timeline
- Work with the Meet Director
- Select Heat Intervals appropriate for the session

Therapeutic Tape

- “Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Referee.” Common sense should prevail.
- The following uses of tape are generally permitted in competition: Wound protection and closure. Band-Aids, dressings, “Butterfly” type, etc. are normally permitted with no advanced notification to the Referee.
- When the tape to hold a dressing in place completely circles a major limb or the dressing is exceptionally large in size, advanced notification to the Referee is recommended.
- Taping of fingers or toes. “Buddy Taping” no more than two injured fingers or toes together should be permitted. Advanced notification to the Referee is recommended.
- Tape to secure medical alert bracelets and pendants, religious objects, etc. should be permitted. Advanced notification to the Referee is recommended.
- Tape to secure medical devices. Example – insulin pumps, etc. should be permitted. Advanced notification to the Referee is required.
- **The following uses of tape are not permitted in competition – irrespective of whether a Doctor’s note has been presented. 1. Elastic Therapeutic Tape is never permitted. 2. Kinesio Taping is never permitted. 3. Any other taping intended to provide compression or support to muscles, ligaments, tendons or joints (except as stated above) is never permitted.**



Swim-Offs

- A swim-off is considered to be part of the total preliminary process of qualifying for the finals. In no case may a swimmer with a faster time displace another who placed ahead of him within a heat as the result of a decision by the Referee or Place Judges in accordance with 102.23. If this situation results in disputed qualifications, all swimmers having times tied or within the disputed times shall swim-off the event to qualify for the disputed place or places in the final unless the swimmers, coaches, and Referee mutually agree to resolve the tie in an alternative manner, such as coin toss or racing a different distance/ event.
- This elimination may be held at any time set by the Referee, but not more than 45 minutes after the last heat of any event in which any one of these swimmers is competing in that session.



Swim-off Prevention

- Work with Admin Team to identify potential swim-offs
- Scratch Desk – look beyond the qualifiers.
- Consider what day of the meet it is for the amount of scratches
- Advise coaches to have athletes check with Admin before going on break
- Athlete forfeits swim-off by leaving?



Protests - *Referee's Decision*

- Meet Referee - As an initial matter, protests against the judgment decisions of stater, stroke, turn, place and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Referee and the Referee's decision is final.




Disqualifications - Contested

- Depending on the level of meet, DR to handle coaches contesting DQs
- No Video footage is allowed to be viewed or considered
- Video replay footage from cameras approved in writing in advance of the competition by the Program & Events Coordinator (or his/her designee) may be used to ensure that the rules related to the style of swimming designated for the event are being observed, and to observe the starts, turns and finishes.
- Everyone has a smart phone



DISQUALIFICATION REPORT

 EVENT # _____ HEAT _____ LANE _____
SWIMMER _____

BREASTROKE
DURING: START _____ SWIM _____ TURN _____ FINISH _____
10 KICK: ALTERNATING _____ BUTTERFLY _____ SCISSORS _____
11 ARMS: NON-SIMULTANEOUS _____ TWO STROKES UNDER _____
NOT IN SAME HORIZONTAL PLANE _____ PAST HIPLINE _____
12 ELBOWS RECOVERED OVER WATER _____
14 CYCLE: HEAD NOT UP _____ DOUBLE PULLS/KICKS _____
15 TOUCH: ONE HAND _____ NON-SIMULTANEOUS _____
16 NOT TOWARD THE BREAST OFF WALL _____
19 OTHER _____

BUTTERFLY
DURING: START _____ SWIM _____ TURN _____ FINISH _____
20 KICK: ALTERNATING _____ BREAST _____ SCISSORS _____
21 ARMS: NON-SIMULTANEOUS _____ UNDERWATER RECOV _____

Protests – Meet Jury

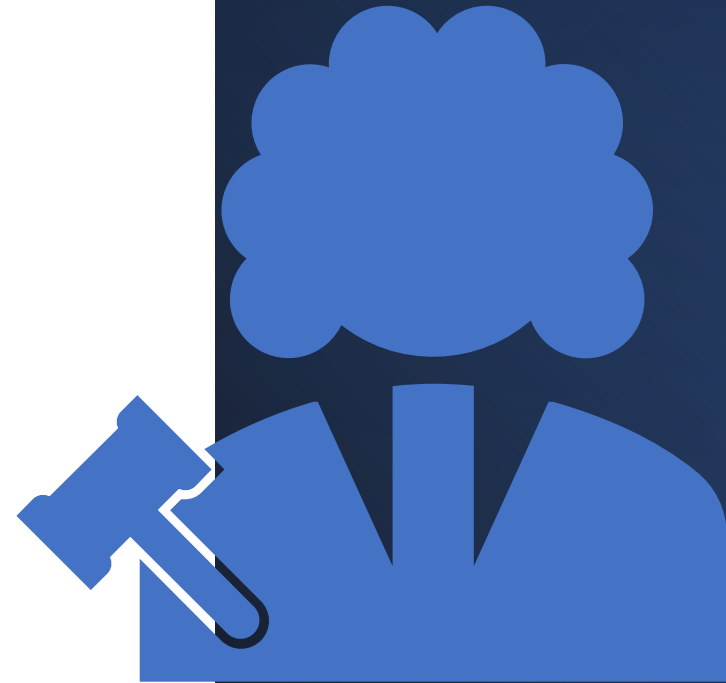
- For consideration of all other protests lodged at the meet, the Referee may appoint a meet jury. The jury shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5) persons, at least one of whom shall be a coach and one an athlete.
- Protest made prior to the race contesting the eligibility of a swimmer to complete or to represent an organization shall be made to the Referee in writing. If a protest is not resolved, the Referee or the meet jury shall allow the swimmer to compete under protest.
- All other competition-related protest, including protests concerning eligibility and representation, must be made to the Referee and submitted in writing thirty (30) minutes after the race in which the alleged infraction occurred.



Protests – Decision Appealed

The Referee's or the meet jury's ruling may be appealed

- Protests concerning interpretation of the rules in Part One and Part Seven of the shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) days to the Chair of Rules and Regs who shall issue a ruling with five (5) days from the date of receipt of such protest. The ruling shall be final and binding of all parties
- All other protests, together with the Referee's or the jury's written decision, shall be submitted to the NBOR

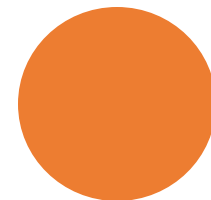
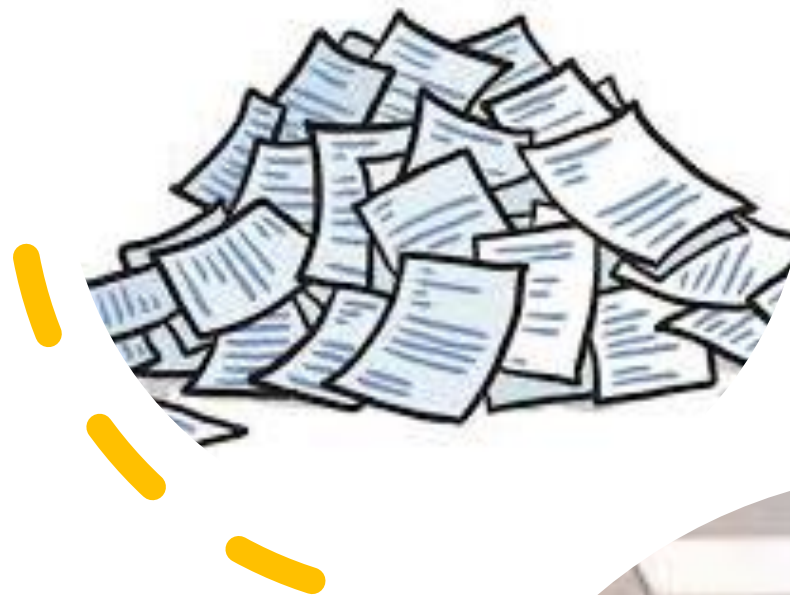


Meet is Closed – Guess my answer?

- Can I enter my athlete, it is my fault. I meant to and forgot. Please don't punish my daughter because of my mistake. Yes or no? (What if home club?)
 - I would like to change my event from the 1650 freestyle to the 500 freestyle. Yes or no?
 - My swimmer is .017 seconds from the qualifying time. Isn't that close enough. Yes or no?
- I just achieved a new best time last weekend and would like to change my seed time. Yes or no? (consider distributed psych sheets)
 - My daughter is entered into the meet on Sunday and our plans changed. She can now swim Saturday too. I would like to enter a couple of events for Saturday. Yes or no?

Paperwork

- Timelines #, where posted, STR, Colorado, MR, Clerk of Course, Time Keeper (actual time for closing)
- Meet programs # (heat sheets), DR and STR, Colorado, CJs Announcer, single or multiple column
- Psych Sheet #, Coaches, stroke and turn officials



Warmup Guidelines - Addition

- Lanes will be available for warm/cool down at all times. No paddles, snorkels or other breathing devices, boards, or fins, will be allowed in the competition course and warm up pool.

Warm Down / Cool Down Recommendations

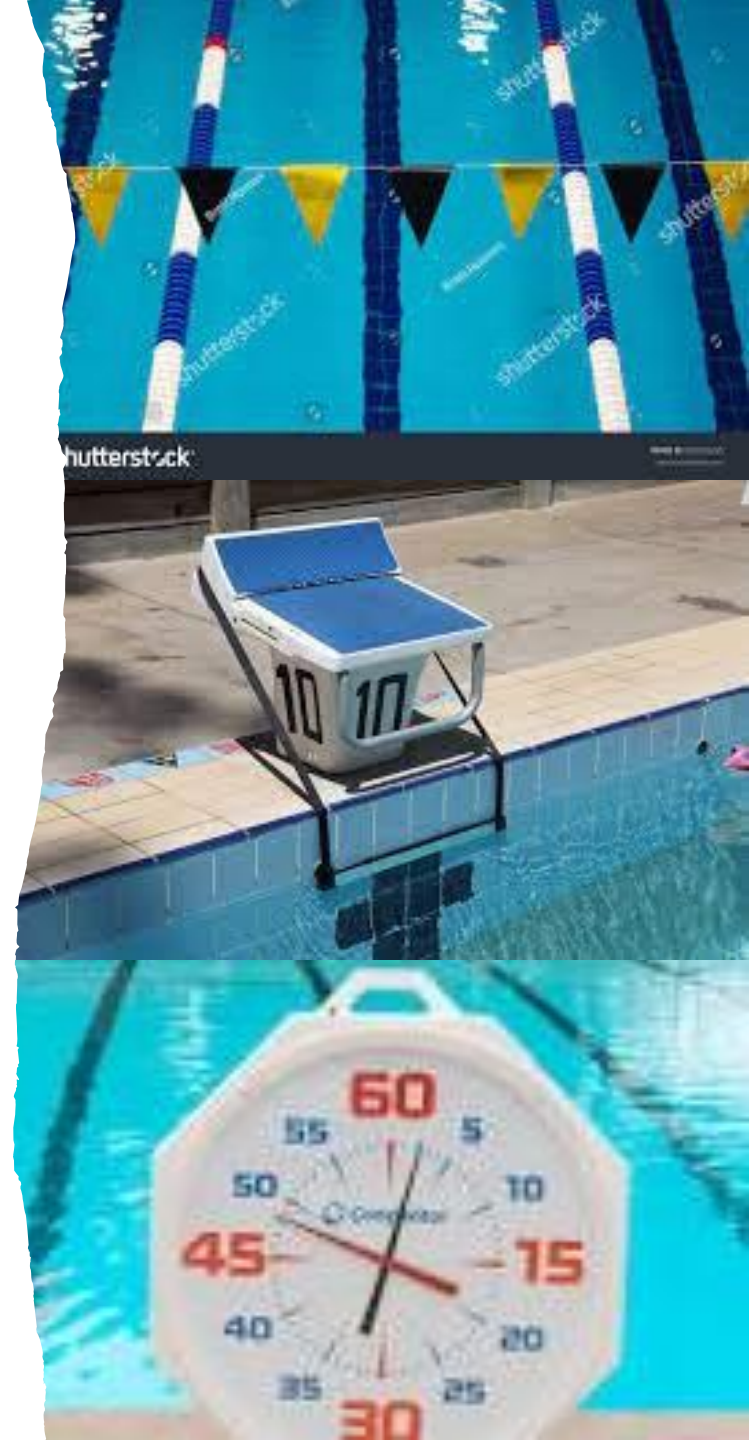
Meet referee how long do I keep the pool open?

- 5 minutes = 200 & Less
- 10 minutes = 400/500
- 15 minutes = 800/1000
- 20 minutes = 1500/1650



Pre-Meet Considerations

- Backstroke flags – Height and positioning
- 15 meter Mark – Marked on deck
- Lane Lines – loose or damaged
- Blocks – stability, quick fix?
- Water Temperature – 77-82.4 (f)
- Pace Clocks – Warm-up pool
- First Aid
- EAP (emergency action plan)





*Skilled enough to
become a*

SWIM

OFFICIAL

*Crazy enough
to love it!*

Need More Officials

- MR to notify LSC OC
- Need to add - Double sided course
- MR may recruit – advise OC of officials added and position
- Zone OC may help



Briefings

- One hour prior to start of sessions Prelim and Finals
- Corner officials not invigilating attendance mandatory
- Introduction of key personnel as well as Stroke and Turn Officials
- Mandatory stroke briefings, at least for the first few sessions
- Meet with Apprentice Officials and Trainers

Technical Coaches Meeting - Zoom

- Zoom (virtual) Far Westerns and Higher
- Usually the Monday or Tuesday before the meet
- Add meeting information in the meet announcement
- Provide important details of the meet



Technical Coaches Meeting – On Deck

- Find quiet location to hold meeting
- Held usually at the end of warmups
- Provide Technical, safety, and safe sport info to coaches
- Advise scratches and penalties





Officials Qualifying Meets (OQM)

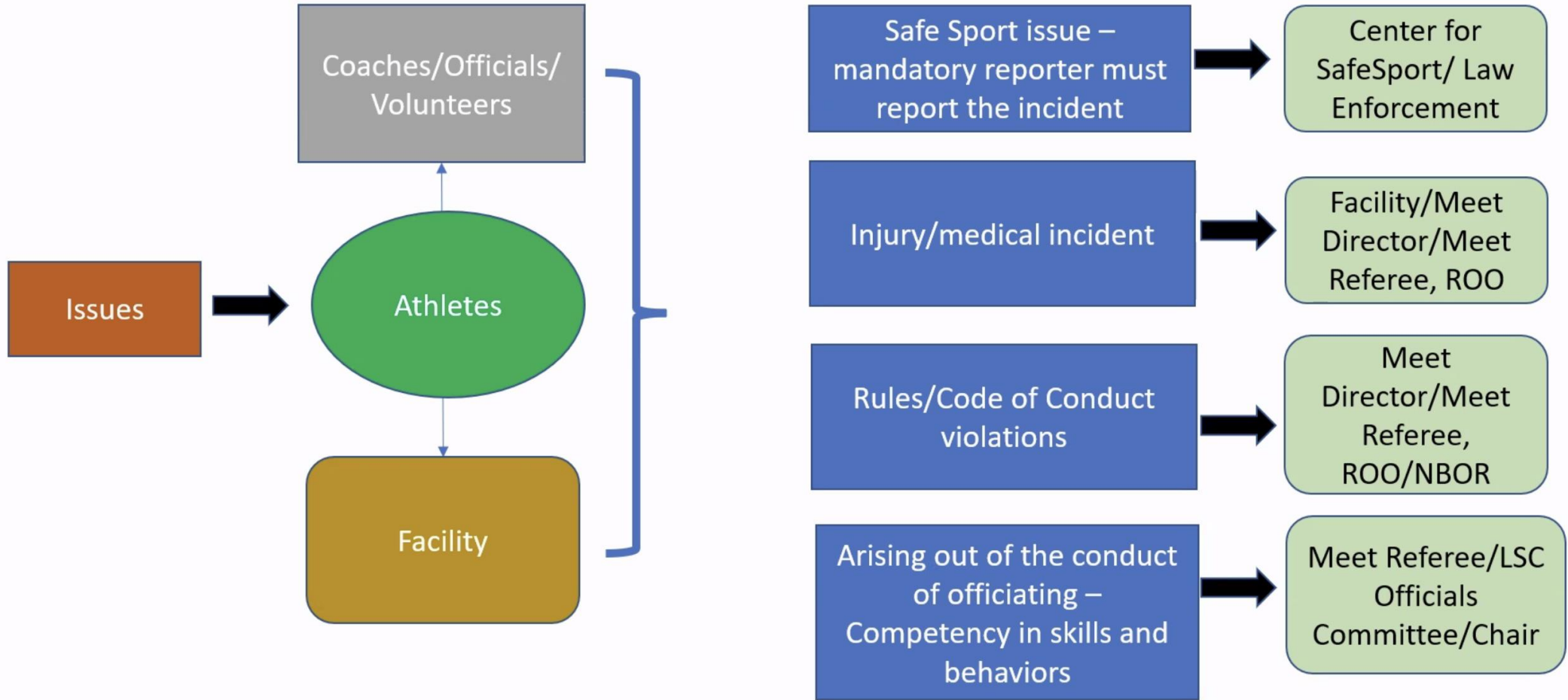
- LSC OC or designee will apply for OQM
- Need meet announcement ASAP
- N2 Evaluators chosen by LSC OC
- N3 Evaluators (normally selected from outside of LSC)
- Jeanette (N3f starter), Mike (N3i CJ, DR), Mary (N3f AR)
- OQM Summary listed in Meet announcement



Meet Announcer

- Club selects announcer
- MR may suggest announcer
- MR and AR brief announcer on what's to be said
- Teach whistle protocol
- Music
- National Anthem (other nations)
- Announcer can make or break a meet

Resolving issues - Triage concerns or issues, crucial conversation





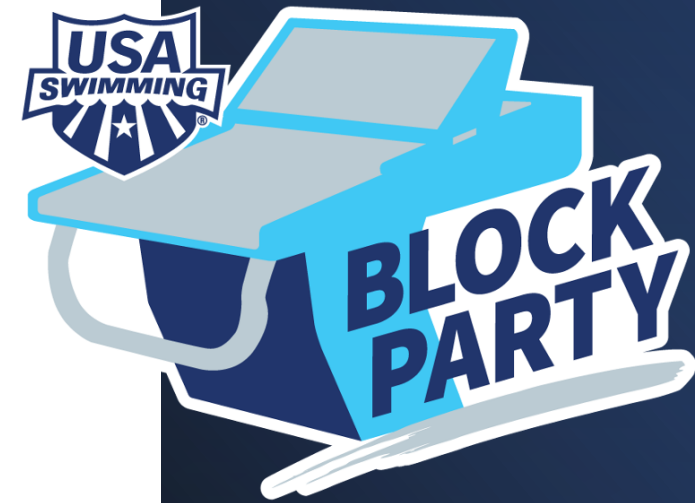
Backstroke Ledges



- Generally used at Major Meets
- MR/MD may request
- Preferred to be setup prior to meet
- 4cm below or above water line
- Athletes tend to prefer approx 2" below
- Advise coaches and athletes not to adjust

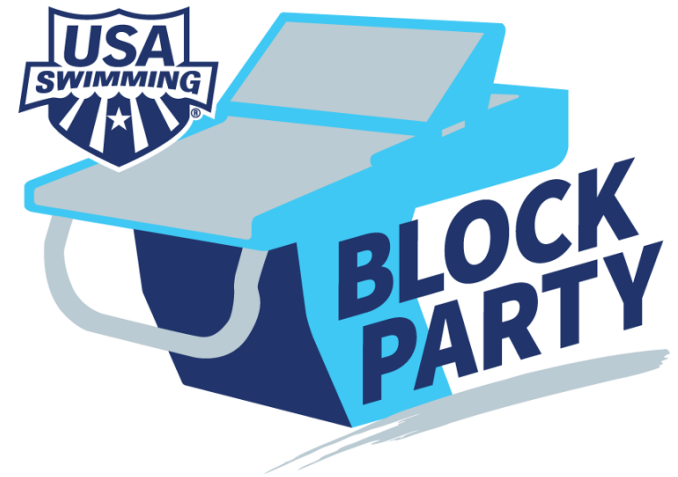
Block Party

- **What is a Block Party meet?** Easy to run, easy to sanction, short, family-friendly, one-day meet. Ideally the meet lasts less than two hours, no limit on the number of teams, focusing on a short timeline- and FUN.
- **Why do we need Block Party meets?** Athletes stay in the sport when they compete- we have a declining number of sanctioned meets and a high percentage of athletes that are not competing in USA Swimming meets. The best way to grow is to retain current members.
- We also need a way to onboard families to competition, and those events need to be comparable to other sport's "first competitions"- short, nearby, and easy to be a part of the process.



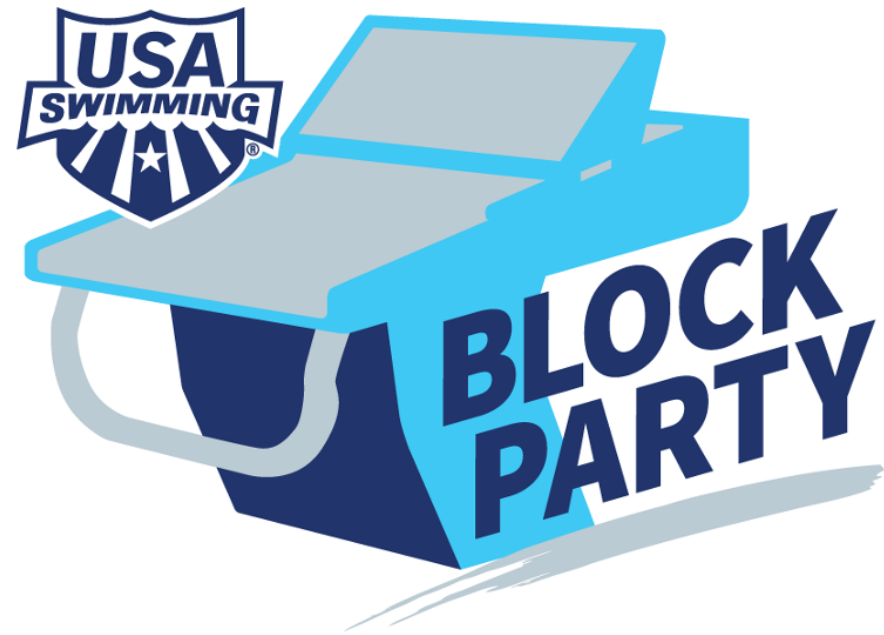
Block Party Cont.

- **What is the goal of the pilot?** To increase the number of teams offering meets, increase the overall number of meets available to families, increase the percentage of athletes participating in meets, and build best practices for growing USA Swimming opportunities through competition. Also- to help athletes and families move through the stages of Learn-to-Swim to Learn-to-Compete to Love-to- Compete. A sub-goal of Block Party is to attract and recruit more USA Swimming Officials.



Block Party Cont.

- **Do Block Party Sessions Count in OTS?** Yes, only if USA Swimming Officials are used to meet the requirements of 102.10.4. During the sanction process, the team will need to input the name of the referee for the meet to receive an OTS-eligible designation.
- **Do the times count?** The times are loaded into SWIMS, but they are not eligible for OME selection, from a USA Swimming 5-Star Meet (Speedo Sectionals and above) standpoint these times will not be eligible, nor will they be eligible for NAG records. If an LSC wishes to use the times for LSC championship meet qualification and uses OME for their championship meets, they may use the existing override function.



USA Swimming Block Party Officiating Guide

Thanks for considering officiating at a Block Party meet and supporting racing in your community. Competition is a big part of sport and we're excited you're helping the swimmers in your area have a more complete experience in the sport. Block Party meets are intended to be fun, short, and easy for clubs to host. Here's a few guidelines for officiating these meets:

- 1) All races should be officiated in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules.
- 2) All meets should be staffed with a minimum of the following officiating positions:
 - a. 1 Referee, who may also act as a stroke and turn judge
 - b. 1 Starter
 - c. 1 Other Stroke and Turn Judge, who may be the Starter
 - d. 1 Announcer
 - e. 3 Timers per lane, or a minimum of 1 per lane if automatic timing equipment with touchpads is used
 - f. 1 Administrative Official
 - g. 1 Place Judge
 - h. Relay Take-off Judges (if applicable)
 - i. Timing Equipment Operators, as needed
 - j. 2 Marshals, with at least one of each gender
- 3) All officiating positions may be filled by anyone who is either:
 - a. a USA Swimming non-athlete member in good standing certified as a USA Swimming Official,
 - b. a USA Swimming non-athlete member in good standing registered as a USA Swimming Coach, or
 - c. a USA Swimming non-athlete member in good standing who is certified as a swimming official by another governing body, including, but not limited to, the NCAA, YMCA, or NFHS.
- 4) Have fun and remember, the benefit of the doubt always goes to the swimmer.

USAS BLOCK PARTY

What is OTS?

The Officials Tracking System (OTS) is a part of the SWIMS database used for recording USA Swimming Officials' requirements and history. OTS allows for USA Swimming Officials to track the sessions they have worked, evaluations, etc. to maintain their existing certification and pursue higher levels of certification if they so choose. This is a critical tool in the professional development of USA Swimming Officials to serve our sport.

(Only USA Swimming meets with a certified referee may be used for required sessions.)

| | Approved for OTS | Not Approved for OTS |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Certified Referee identified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team applying for meet must identify USAS Certified Referee | N/A |
| Number of Officials | Block Party meets fall under rule 102.10.4 which requires a minimum of three officials | Block Party meets fall under rule 102.10.4 which requires a minimum of three officials |
| Types of officials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 USAS Certified Referee, who may also act as a stroke and turn judge. 1 USAS Certified Starter, who may also act as a stroke and turn judge 1 USAS Certified Admin Official All other officials used on deck must be Certified as a USAS official or USAS Apprentice as outlined in the LSC Officiating Standards. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> certified swimming officials from other organizations or USA Swimming Coaches can be used in the role(s) of Referee, Starter, AO or Stroke and Turn Judge All coaches and officials must be USA Swimming members in good standing. |
| Officials Uniforming | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Officials uniforming | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> specific uniforming not required |
| Timing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule 102.23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule 102.23 |
| Officials Tracking System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAS Certified Referee must enter certified officials at meet into OTS | N/A |
| Officials training meet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAS Apprentices Officials may be trained as outlined in The LSC Officiating Standards. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAS Apprentice Officials may not use the meet for training sessions as outlined in The LSC Officiating Standards. |



JUNIOR OFFICIALS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY



Rationale

- Expanding the pool of potential officials is a necessary action to preserve our sport. By allowing 16–17-year-old members to serve in the capacity of a junior meet official, it will generate a new pipeline to the officiating community and offer an opportunity for student athletes to expand their role within USA Swimming.
- This new membership category will contribute to ensuring competition for our swimmers continues and helps meet hosts more easily staff them.
- This will open the door for additional competition opportunities for our athletes that will compete with similar opportunities currently offered in other youth sports.

Quick Logistical Facts

- Ages: 16-17
- Cost: Full Annual USA Swimming Membership. No additional cost if member is already a current Premium Athlete member
- Date of Implementation: September 2024





Membership Facts

- Stroke and Turn Judge
- Introductory officiating position for senior athletes in USA Swimming
- Officiating in sessions limited to 12& Under where not entered to compete
- Meet Referee is responsible for overseeing all officials on deck, including the Junior Official
- 1 Junior Official: 1 Officials Ratio on Deck

Membership Requirements

- Technical Training as stated in Rule 102.10.2
- Safe Sport for Youth Athletes (13-17) Training
Replaces APT Training until age 18
- No Background Check (Under 18)
- Concussion Protocol Training





MAAPP Guidelines for Junior Officials



SafeSport Training Requirements

- SafeSport for Youth Athletes (13-17) Training
 - Available through USA Swimming University webpage
- Athlete Protection Training is not required for Junior Officials



Interactions with Officials, Athletes, and Coaches

- One-on-one contact between a minor Junior Official and adult participant must occur at an **observable** and **interruptible** distance from another adult
- The Meet Referee is responsible for overseeing all Officials on deck, including the Junior Official



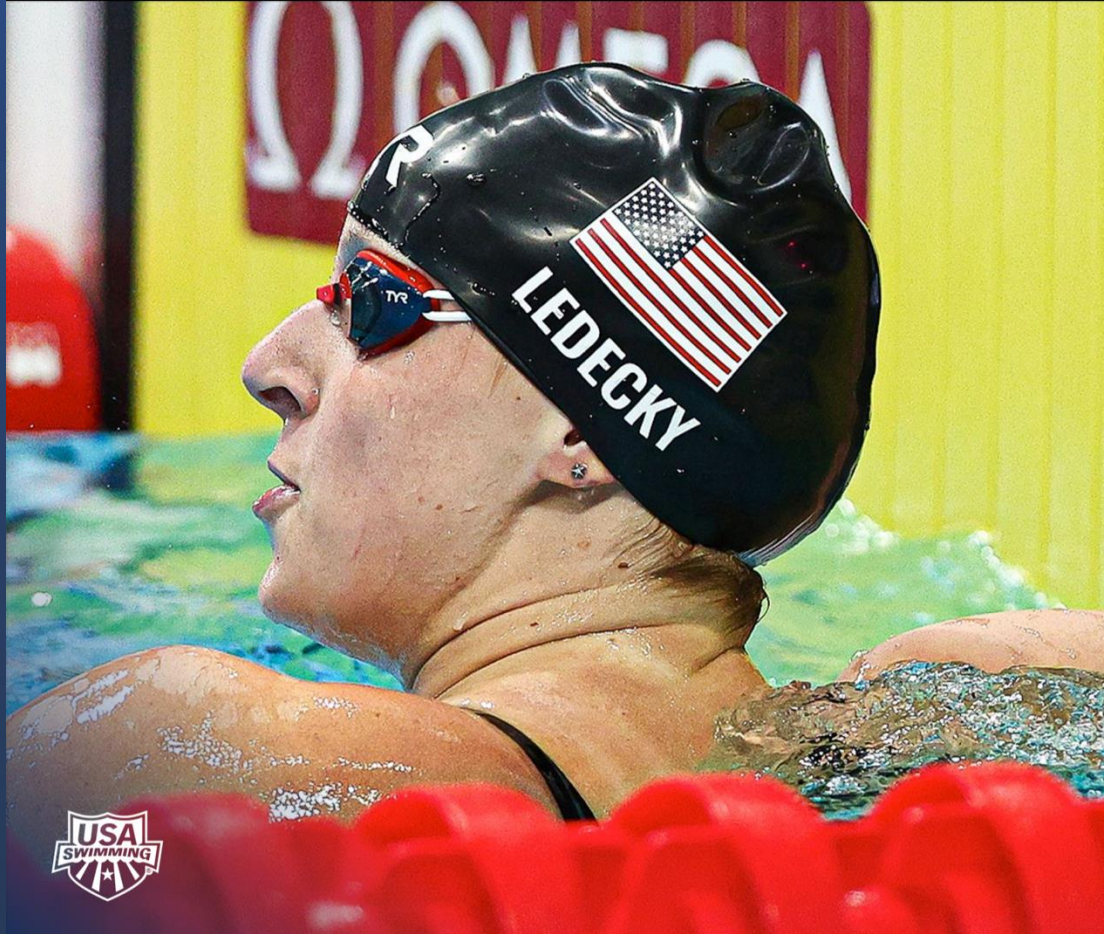
Locker Rooms

- Junior Officials must use the designated locker room when changing
- Contact between adult participants and minor Junior Officials in a locker room must be **observable** and **interruptible**



Electronic Communications

- All electronic communication from adult participants to minor Junior Officials must be professional in nature
- If an adult participant communicates one-on-one with a minor Junior Official via electronic communications, the minor Junior Official's parent/legal guardian must be copied or included



Electronic Communications

- Electronic communications must only be sent between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. local time for the location of the minor Junior Official



Electronic Communications

- Adult participants are not permitted to maintain private social media connections with minor Junior Officials

Meet - Postponement or Cancellation

- If, prior to its commencement, unusual or severe weather or other conditions preclude the possibility of safely and effectively conducting a meet or an event, the **meet committee** may cancel or postpone it. Meets postponed to a start date within fourteen (14) days from the original start date shall define age as the first day of the original meet.
- Meets postponed to a date more than fourteen (14) days from the original start date shall define age as the first day of the rescheduled meet. B If, after commencement, conditions preclude the possibility of safely and effectively

Lightening Safety

- The following advice is offered by the National Weather Service, regardless of location: If thunder is heard, a thunderstorm is close enough to pose an immediate threat. All water activities should be suspended and everyone should be instructed to take shelter in a safe place, preferably a sturdy building, or even a hard-topped vehicle with the windows closed. The "**30/30 Rule**" should be your guide: When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If the interval is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is close enough to be dangerous. Seek shelter immediately. Stay indoors until 30 minutes after hearing last thunder.



Air Quality Issue Affecting Meet Operations

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| AQI of 0-50 | No impact on meet conduct |
| AQI of 51-100 | Meet held or continued. Decision to swim or not resides with swimmers/coaches/parents. No show penalty, if applicable, suspended at meet |
| AQI of 101-150 | Meet may be held or continued, Decision to swim or not resides with swimmers/coaches/parents. No show penalty, if applicable, suspended at meet |
| AQI of 150+ | Meet should be cancelled or stopped (if ongoing) |





STROKE AND TURN CERTIFICATION RECORD



OFFICIAL'S NAME / TEAM

SESSION 1 / DATE / MEET NAME / TRAINER NAME / LSC

SESSION 2 / DATE / MEET NAME / TRAINER NAME / LSC

SESSION 3 / DATE / MEET NAME / TRAINER NAME / LSC

SESSION 4 DATE / MEET NAME/ TRAINER NAME / LSC

APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS

USA Swimming Member (Good Standing)

Attend online course (Foundation of Officiating)

Attend online course (Stroke and Turn Certification Course) Pass with a 80 % or higher

Apprentice as a Stroke and Turn Judge for at least 4 training sessions at a minimum of 2 meets with a trainer. OR Coach or Athlete members with 5+ years USA Swimming experience shall apprentice as a Stroke and Turn Judge for at least 2 training sessions with a trainer.

| Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 | CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS May be evaluated during last apprentice session and use MR sign-off for each session. Y-Yes, N-No, ND - Not Demonstrated |
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| | | | | Arrives on time, prepared with necessary personal equipment, in proper and professional uniform. |
| | | | | Is respectful of other officials, coaches, meet volunteers, spectators, and athletes. |
| | | | | Understands and applies proper positioning on deck. |
| | | | | Understands and applies communicated jurisdictions and protocols. |
| | | | | Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for butterfly. |
| | | | | Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for backstroke. |
| | | | | Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for breaststroke. |
| | | | | Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kicks, turn, and finish for freestyle. |

Apprentice Officials Certification

- Can not be by themselves
- Can not raise their hand
- May train at any LSC meet other than LSC Championship or Higher
- Assign to Trainer with 1 or more years of experience or most experienced

The Meet is Completed (Yea!)

- Meet report 72 hours to LSC OC and Laurie Benton
- Especially important for League, Intra, Dual, Tri, Invitationals
- Report of Occurrence (ROO)
- Work with MD and Admin for post meet timing errors.
- National Records set
- Apprise the LSC OC of anything unusual that may cause a phone call or email (PD called, unruly parent, coach etc.)

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PACIFIC SWIMMING

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.ES – MEET REPORT FORM

es – Please fill out the form below, **SAVE** to your desktop, and email your completed form to [pswim.org](mailto:pswim@pacswim.org) and pgrant@pacswim.org. **Report is due no later than 72 hours following the end of the meet.**

Meet: **2023 PC DACA Short Course Quad** Sanction Number: **23-096**

Name: **Saratoga High School** City: **Saratoga**

Zone: **Zone 1N** Host Club: **DACA**

Start Date: **7/21/2023** Meet End Date: **7/22/2023**

Short Course Yards (25 yd)

Number of Swimmers: **276** Number of Lanes: **8** Number of Sessions: **2**

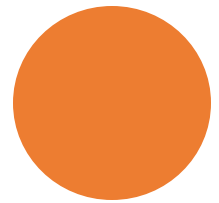
How many timing devices were used? (Describe both Primary and Backup Systems)

Yes
 No

Number of Buttons Used: **3**
Number of Watches Used: **1**

Does the meet conform to all relevant USA Swimming technical rules and meet standards? YES

Official: **Sachi Itow**
Number of swimmers at the meet: **10**



Thank You For Your Volunteerism!

