



Connecticut Swimming Championship Officials Assignments Guidelines

The following procedure is for assigned team positions at LSC championship meets. Any changes to this procedure shall be approved by a majority vote of the CT Officials' Committee.

Procedure for Meet Referee Assignment at Championships (Age Group and Senior)

- The Officials Committee creates a list of qualified officials. The committee will consider the following:
 - LSC Certification - must have been a MR for at least 2 years and have served as a Meet Referee for at least two local club meets as well as having served as a MR at a local meet with an assigned mentor.
 - National Certification - National (N2 or N3) certification as DR will be considered (for any meet run as an OQM, minimum N2 DR certification is required.)
 - Experience as a Meet Referee within the LSC - please see Championship Meet Referee Training Path document for detail
 - Rotating the assignments in order to create a stable of qualified and experienced championship Meet Referees
- Once a list has been compiled, the Officials Committee will review and select candidates.
- The Officials Chair, or their designee, will contact the candidates to determine individual interest.
- If there is more than one candidate who is both qualified and interested, the Officials Chair, or their designee, will contact the Meet Director and/or Senior or Age Group Committees for feedback on the potential referees.
- The Officials Committee will then vote to determine the final assignment.
- If the Meet Referee must withdraw at a point where the above process cannot be repeated, the Officials Chair will select a replacement.

Procedure for other Assigned Positions at Championships

- The Officials Chair shares an application for all lead positions (Head Starter and Team Lead Chief Judge) with all officials in the LSC
- The Meet Referee will select their lead team with advice and consent of the Officials Committee
- The Meet Referee will contact the selected officials for the assigned team.
- Once the assigned team is set, the Officials Chair will notify other applicants that the positions have been filled.
- The remainder of the assigned positions will be assigned by the Meet Referee and the Team Lead (TLCJ for CJ team and Head Starter for Starter/Deck Referee team) with advice and consent of the Officials Committee.

- If there are not enough applicants to fill every session of the meet, the Meet Referee will staff the positions at their discretion.

Please note: Assignments are made with the interests of the LSC as a whole, the meet as a whole, the athletes of the LSC, and the coaches of the LSC as primary concerns. The interests of individual officials and individual clubs are of secondary concern. If you are interested in serving in assigned positions, it is recommended that you pursue National (N2 or N3) certifications in the position. The steps outlined above may be conducted different order than outlined