



**MINNESOTA
SWIMMING**

POLICY & PROCEDURE

**POLICY
NUMBER: 2201**

Subject:

**Assignments for Sanctioned
or Approved Meets**

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Assigned official positions include the meet referee, deck referee, starter, and administrative official/referee positions for L2 meets and the L3 Minnesota Regional, Minnesota Achievement, and other similar championship meets. Assigned official positions include the meet referee, deck referee, starter, administrative official/referee and chief judge positions for L3 prelim/final and State Championship meets. For all meets, assigned positions are subject to the approval of the Officials' Chair. L2 meets are designated as intrasquad meets, dual meets, and timed final meets of more than two teams. L3 meets are designated as prelim/final meets, MACs, MRCs, State Meets, and other LSC Championship meets.

L2 Meets – Intrasquads, Dual Meets, Timed Final Meets of More Than Two Teams

The host club shall be responsible for the recruitment of officials in assigned positions for L2 meets. The meet referee may hold another assigned role on deck for L2 meets. The meet referee assignment shall be held by one individual for the entirety of the meet, who shall be present for the entirety of all sessions of the meet unless excused by the Officials' Committee. All officials in the assigned positions listed above shall hold L2 or L3 certifications in the position assigned as outlined in the current MNSI certification guidelines. Officials with L1, L2, and L3 certifications may rotate into deck referee, starter, and administrative official/referee positions as non-assigned officials at the discretion of the meet referee.

L3 Meets – Prelim/Final Meets

The recruitment of 50% of the assigned positions shall be the responsibility of the Minnesota Swimming Officials' Committee, and the recruitment 50% of assigned positions shall be the responsibility of the host club. The meet referee should hold no other assigned role on deck for prelim/final meets. The meet referee assignment shall be held by one individual for the entirety of the meet, who shall be present for the entirety of all sessions of the meet unless excused by the Officials' Committee. All officials in the assigned positions listed above shall hold L3 certifications in the position assigned as outlined in the current MNSI certification guidelines. In the event that no L3 certified officials are available, the Officials' Committee may grant an exemption to allow an assigned L2 official for a given meet. Officials with L1, L2, and L3 certifications may rotate into deck referee, starter, administrative official/referee, and chief judge positions as non-assigned officials at the discretion of the meet referee.

If the host club elects to assign the meet referee and no National Evaluator is confirmed at the time of assignment, the meet referee should be an Officials' Qualifying Meet (OQM)-eligible meet referee for a meet without a National Evaluator present as defined by the USA Swimming Officials' Committee.

L3 Meets – LSC Championship Meets (MACs, MRCs, State Meets, Other LSC Championship Meets)

The Minnesota Swimming Officials' Committee shall be responsible for the recruitment of officials in assigned positions for L3 designated LSC Championship meets including the Minnesota Achievement Championships, the Minnesota Regional Championships the State Championships (Age Group; Senior), and other LSC Championship meets. The meet referee assignment shall be held by one individual for the entirety of the meet, who shall be present for the entirety of all sessions of the meet unless excused by the Officials' Committee. All officials in the assigned positions listed above shall hold L3 certifications in the position assigned as outlined in the current MNSI certification guidelines. In the event that no L3 certified officials are available, the Officials' Committee may grant an exemption to allow an assigned L2 official for a given meet. Officials with L2 and L3 certifications may rotate into deck referee, starter, administrative official/referee, and chief judge positions as non-assigned officials at the discretion of the meet referee.