



ISI OFFICIALS COMMITTEE POLICY ON OUT-OF-LSC TRAINING SESSIONS

The Illinois Swimming Officials Committee is aware officials travel to meets outside our LSC and wish to do on-deck training sessions, especially true those near borders of other LSCs. To accommodate these officials and ensure our ISI officials receive not only quality on-deck training, but also protocols and procedures unique to our LSC, the following policy has been adopted:

1. All on deck training sessions must take place at USA swimming sanctioned or approved meets.
2. On deck training sessions done with a certified Illinois Swimming official qualified to train the position will qualify as "Illinois" sessions, regardless of the meet location or the LSC sanctioning the meet.
3. **No more than 50 percent** of the on-deck training sessions for a position may be done by officials from other than Illinois Swimming LSC, and out-of-state trainers must still have one year certified in the trained position, or two years in the case of referees. Specifically:
 - Stroke & Turn Judge: No more than two sessions outside the LSC
 - Administrative Official: No more than one session outside the LSC
 - Starter: No more than two sessions outside the LSC
 - Referee: No more than three sessions outside the LSC, only two of which may be completed at the same meet.
 - It is strongly recommended that referee-trainees do most of their training sessions in the Illinois LSC, with ISI referee trainers.
4. It is the responsibility of the trainee to ask the trainer when he/she was certified in the position being trained, and to make that note on the training card, along with the trainer's LSC. If the requirement is not met the session will not count.

It is recommended and expected that officials visiting another LSC **make contact with the meet referee in advance** of the meet to ask about training possibilities with a trainer from Illinois or another LSC, and be gracious if none are available. Including a copy of our on-deck training evaluation card with the request would help to inform the meet referee and ensure that Illinois training standards will be met. "Good neighbor" behavior with respect to assignments, requests and protocols also is expected. "That's not the way we do it" should not be a first response; viewing the position and its requirements through a different lens is a good learning experience and can be a point of discussion afterwards.

The ISI Officials Training Coordinator, Certification Coordinator or Officials Chair should be contacted in advance to review any unusual opportunities, circumstances, or questions.