

Referee Discussion



Discussion Points

- Checking Credentials
- Referees "certifying" officials after final training session
- Finding a mentor as a meet referee
- OTS review
- Closing out and certifying results
- Training a deck referee progression



Checking Credentials

- Committee Observation on Testing Year:
 - We will have officials who will have renewed their non-athlete membership or athlete protection training on time, but did not finish needed steps for renewal of deck certification get ahead of the game!
- An official must present current dates for their non-athlete membership, background check, athlete protection training, and deck credentials.
 - Deck Pass Online provides all deck credentials including certification level.
 - Deck Pass Phone app does not provide certification level

USA Swimming	Illinois Swimming	USA Swimming	Illinois Swimming
Member Name	Member ID	Member Name	Member ID
Dave Johnson	901234567	Dave Johnson	901234567
Level	Expires	Level	Expires
Stroke & Turn	01/31/2019	Stroke & Turn	01/31/2019
Referee	01/31/2019	Referee	01/31/2019
Referee/Deck Referee	01/31/2019	Referee/Deck Referee	01/31/2019
Administrative Official	01/31/2019	Administrative Official	01/31/2019

Clearly not ok!

B/C Exp: 12/31/16
Reg Exp: 12/31/17
APT Exp: 12/31/17



Referee "certification" of trainees

- Reminder that trainees are not certified upon completion of the final training session.
- Training cards for AO, ST, and SR must be reviewed the certification sub-committee for certification
- Training cards DR must also be reviewed by the Official's Committee for final approval
- Referees may not use a trainee who completed their final session as a certified official. Supervision is still required until the committee approves.

102.10.2 "...Uncertified trainees may perform the duties of such positions when they are under the direct supervision of a certified official."



Meet Referee Mentors

- Taking on a large multi-day meet is daunting.
- You aren't alone.
- If you don't have an experience MR on your team to help guide reach out to your Area Rep. They can find a mentor.
- The mentor can help you:
 - In pre-meet staffing guidance
 - Reviewing timeline and entries
 - Pool staffing
 - Coach interactions
 - Closing and certifying results

We are here to help!



Certifying Results

Compliance to:
102.10.2



Enter the referee's report by clicking **Meet Information** tab for your meet
Scroll toward bottom to REFEREE and the "Referee's Report"

- Note **session start and finish times, session duration**, and one official who was **deck referee, starter, stroke and turn, and administrative official**. Also note total number of officials (not including trainees) who worked the session.

- Template to copy available online

SR Start/Finish/Duration Key position officials (ID one DR, SR, AO) and total # of officials for session
SF1 05:35pm-08:45pm 3:10 DR - Name, SR - Name, AO - Name, X Officials
SF2 09:05am-11:34am 2:25 DR - Name, SR - Name, AO - Name, X Officials
SF3 02:01pm-04:34pm 2:33 DR - Name, SR - Name, AO - Name, X Officials

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OTS Review

- A video has been produced to help new referees on OTS entries.
- It can be used to help a DR trainee enter the session information for officials near the end of their training.
 - The MR should use the Meet Admin function to add a trainee. No need to involve the office on this.
 - This can be done for allowing a TLCJ to do entries as well.
- The video can be found here:
<https://youtu.be/R4ec-tr8yQ0>



Deck Referee Training Progression

- Are you aware that a training guide exists for each discipline?
- The guide highlights what should be covered in each of the sessions and when to bring in new skills.
- Even experienced trainers can benefit from reading the guides to give another point of view.



Deck Referee Training Session 1

- Focus is refereeing events and working with the table
- Pre-session discuss whistles, and how to pace them, false start protocol with Starter
- Concept of "Pool Sense" being aware of everything around the water; timers, officials, swimmers, general activity
- Start helping them establish a routine on each start, entry, heads up to finish
- Introduce the paper flow of closing events



Deck Referee Training Session 2

- Have them help in the meeting and participate. Work with admin and pre-session meetings with Starters
- Discuss their responsibilities for each events and what to watch.
- Introduce timeline management and whistle pacing, how to speed up or slow down a meet and when each is appropriate
- Discuss the back up referee. That eyes should be on the pool and not paperwork and to know when to ask for help.

Remember your chirps are important in letting the next heat get ready. Prioritize them in your readiness for the next heat. They shouldn't be a last second activity.



Deck Referee Training Session 3

- Add more pre-session activity; assignments or the stroke brief.
- Have them direct DR/SR teams in dividing up events fairly
- Discuss how to be a good DR for your Starter; letting them start.
- Introduce the 4 hour rule and how is it used.
- Bring them back to the table to show the importance of being able to do both wet and dry side.



Deck Referee Training Session 4

- Your trainee is halfway there
- They should be able to do assignments or the briefing with assistance
- They should be able to lead the DR/SR meeting with little assistance
- Discuss the importance of working with coach and how to handle protests and challenges
 - When do you keep a call when to overturn
- How to be an advocate for the swimmer
- When is a reswim appropriate



Deck Referee Training Sessions 5 & 6

- Now you watching your trainee more and seeing what they do well and where they need help, share those findings
- Whistles should be crisp now. They should be working well with the Starter before and during the session.
- How to handle late adds and scratches (penalties if applicable)
- Have them lead the meeting
- Discuss rules with them make sure they understand interpretations and disability swims.
- Offer to help them get to being a meet referee (if being pushed by their club)
- Remind them that this is process

Have you shared the Referee report to validate training dates and how to use it to recruit help for a meet?


