



Illinois Swimming Officials Committee

Out of LSC Training Policy

The Illinois Swimming Officials Committee is aware officials travel to meets outside the LSC and wish to do on-deck training sessions, especially those who are near borders of ISI and other LSCs. To accommodate these officials and to ensure ISI officials receive not only quality on deck training but also are made familiar with the policies, procedures and protocols of our LSC we adopt the following policy.

1. All training sessions must take place at USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets.
2. On-deck training sessions done with trainers who are certified by the Illinois Officials Committee will count as “in LSC” sessions, regardless of the LSC sanctioning the meet.
3. **No more than 50%** of an individuals on-deck training sessions may be done by officials from other than the Illinois Swimming LSC, and any out-of-state trainers must still meet the minimum requirements to be trainers. It is the responsibility of the trainee to ensure this with the meet referee of the meet at which they wish to train.
4. Specifically:
 - a. Stroke and Turn – no more than two sessions out of the LSC or by out-of-LSC trainers.
 - b. Administrative Officials – no more than one session out of the LSC or by out-of-LSC trainers.
 - c. Starters – no more than two sessions out of the LSC or by out-of-LSC trainers.
 - d. Referees – no more than three sessions out of the LSC or by out-of-LSC trainers.
5. It is strongly recommended referees do their training in Illinois or with Illinois Officials.
6. A referee’s 5th or 6th session, which must be done with a certified trainer, must be done with a trainer certified by Illinois Swimming.

It is recommended and expected that officials training outside the LSC will contact meet referees in advance to inquire of training opportunities and will be gracious if denied. Including a copy of our on-deck training card in that communication will help ensure that the standards can be met. Act with “good neighbor” behaviors and avoid “that’s not the way we do it.” Seeing officiating from a different perspective is in itself a good learning experience.

The ISI Certification Coordinator or Officials Chair should be notified to review any unusual opportunities.