Name: Martin Schmidt Club: Position: General Chair

Proposal: Update to current USA Swimming Minimum Standards for Officials

Current bylaw or policy section and language:

## Training, Certification and Duties

### (10/06/2013)

### Marshal

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.19

#### Training Requirements – Pre-meet briefing.

#### Certification – None.

#### Minimum Age – 18.

#### Continuing Education – Serve as Marshal at least one session per year (recommended).

### Timer

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.17.3. A, B and C.

#### Education & Training –

##### Pre-meet briefing

##### Performance Monitored by Chief Timer and/or Referee

##### USA Swimming Timer’s test (optional).

#### Evaluation & Certification –

##### Certify after passing USA Timer’s test and satisfactory performance at one meet.

#### Minimum Age – 11.

#### Renewal – Based on satisfactory performance.

### Administrative Official

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.14

#### Education & Training –

##### Formal Clinic

##### Must take USA Swimming Administrative Official test before apprenticing.

##### On-the-deck apprenticeship with at least one (1) mentor (who has a minimum of one (1) year certification as Administrative Official, Administrative Referee, or Referee) for a minimum of two (2) sessions.

#### Evaluation & Certification –

##### Certify after passing USA Swimming Official test and completion of on-the-deck apprenticeship.

##### Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection Training before officiating as Administrative Official.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal – Based on satisfactory performance.

### Chief Timer

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.17.1.

#### Training Requirements

##### Timer at four sessions (optional)

##### Recommendation from Head Timer or Meet Referee

##### USA Swimming Timer’s Test (optional)

#### Certifications – None

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Continuing Education – Serve as Head Timer at minimum of two sessions per year (recommended).

### Stroke & Turn Judge

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.13.3, .4 and .5

#### Education & Training

##### Formal Clinic

##### USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Judge Test before apprenticing on deck.

##### On-the-deck apprenticeship with at least two (2) mentors (who have a minimum of one (1) year certification as Stroke & Turn Judge) for a minimum of four (4) sessions. (Cannot make a disqualification during those sessions.)

#### Evaluation & Certification

##### Evaluation by evaluator/mentor and/or Referee to be reported to LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

##### Must complete certification within one year form date of clinic.

##### Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection Training before officiating as Stroke and Turn Judge.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal –

##### Recommend clinic, pre-meet briefing and/or test.

##### To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year in Stroke & Turn or higher capacity.

##### Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory performance.

### Chief Judge and Assistant Chief Judge

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.13.1

#### Education & Training – Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge.

#### Evaluation & Certification –

##### Considered part of Stroke & Turn judge certification.

##### Must have minimum one (1) year experience as certified stroke and turn judge.

#### Minimum Age – 18.

#### Renewal – Same as Stroke & Turn Judge.

### Relay Take-off Judge

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.13.6

#### Education & Training – Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge.

#### Evaluation & Certification – Considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge certification.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal – Same as Stroke & Turn Judge.

### Starter

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.12

#### Education & Training -

##### Must attend clinic.

##### Must take USA Swimming Starters test and be a current member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection.

##### Must serve a minimum of five (5) sessions on the deck at two (2) different meets with at least two (2) different mentors approved by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

##### Must have worked as certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of five (5) sessions.

#### Evaluation and Certification – Certification based on recommendation of the mentor(s) and/or Referee.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal –

##### Recommend clinic, pre-meet briefing and/or test.

##### To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity.

##### Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and evaluation.

### Referee and Assistant Referee

#### Duties – see USA Swimming Rule 102.11 and 102.14.

#### Education & Training -

##### Must attend referee’s clinic and apprentice on-the-deck for a minimum of six (6) sessions at three (3) sanctioned meets with at least two (2) different referees.

##### Previous certification as a Stroke & Turn judge or Starter for a minimum of one (1) year.

##### Recommend being familiar with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge and Meet Marshall.

##### Must pass USA Swimming Officials tests (Stroke & Turn/Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, Administrative, and Referee) with a grade of at least 80% within the past 24 months and be a current member of USA Swimming.

#### Evaluation & Certification – Certification based on recommendation of the mentor(s) and/or Referee(s).

#### Minimum Age – 21.

#### Renewal –

##### Must attend clinic and/or take tests every three (3) years.

##### To maintain certification, must work a minimum of six (6) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity with at least one session as Referee.

##### Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and evaluation by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

Proposed bylaw or policy section and language:

## Training, Certification and Duties

### (10/06/2013)

### Marshal

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.19

#### Training Requirements – Pre-meet briefing.

#### Certification – None.

#### Minimum Age – 18.

#### Continuing Education – Serve as Marshal at least one session per year (recommended).

### Timer

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.17.3.

#### Education & Training –

##### Pre-meet briefing

##### Performance Monitored by Chief Timer and/or Referee

#### Evaluation & Certification – **No evaluation or certification required.**

#### Minimum Age – 11.

#### Renewal – Based on satisfactory performance.

### Administrative Official

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.14

#### Education & Training –

##### Formal Clinic

##### Must take USA Swimming Administrative Official test.

##### On-the-deck apprenticeship with at least one (1) mentor (who has a minimum of one (1) year certification as Administrative Official, Administrative Referee, or Referee) for a minimum of two (2) sessions**, at two different meets**.

#### Evaluation & Certification –

##### Certify after passing USA Swimming Official test and **satisfactory performance at two meets**.

##### Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, complete the online Athlete Protection Training, **and complete Concussion Protocol Training** before officiating as Administrative Official.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal

##### **Recommend clinic and/or re-cert test.**

##### **To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year – at least one session must be as the administrative official, the remaining may be in any of the 6 positions for which the Administrative Official supervises/directs: Entry/Registration Personnel, Clerk of Course, Timing System Operator, Scoring Personnel, Timing Judge, or Meet Management Software Operator.**

##### Based on **continuing USA Swimming membership and** satisfactory performance.

### Chief Timer

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.17.1.

#### Training Requirements

##### Timer at four sessions (optional)

##### Recommendation from Head Timer or Meet Referee

##### USA Swimming Timer’s Test (optional)

#### Certifications – None

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Continuing Education – Serve as Head Timer at minimum of two sessions per year (recommended).

### Stroke & Turn Judge

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.13.3, .4 and .5

#### Education & Training

##### Formal Clinic

##### Must take USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Judge Test.

##### On-the-deck apprenticeship with at least two (2) mentors (who have a minimum of one (1) year certification as Stroke & Turn Judge) for a minimum of four (4) sessions. (Cannot make a disqualification during those sessions.)

#### Evaluation & Certification

##### Evaluation by evaluator/mentor and/or Referee to be reported to LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

##### Must complete certification within one year form date of clinic.

##### Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, complete the online Athlete Protection Training, **and complete Concussion Protocol Training** before officiating as Stroke and Turn Judge.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal –

##### Recommend clinic, pre-meet briefing and/or test.

##### To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year in Stroke & Turn or higher capacity.

##### Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory performance.

### Chief Judge

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.13.1

#### Education & Training – Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge.

#### Evaluation & Certification – Considered part of Stroke & Turn judge certification.

#### Minimum Age – 18.

#### Renewal – Same as Stroke & Turn Judge.

### Relay Take-off Judge

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.13.6

#### Education & Training – Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge.

#### Evaluation & Certification – Considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge certification.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal – Same as Stroke & Turn Judge.

### Starter

#### Duties – See USA Swimming Rule 102.12

#### Education & Training -

##### Must attend clinic.

##### Must take USA Swimming Starters test and be a current member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, complete the online Athlete Protection Training, **and complete Concussion Protocol Training.**

##### Must serve a minimum of five (5) sessions on the deck at two (2) different meets with at least two (2) different mentors approved by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

##### Must have worked as certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of five (5) sessions.

#### Evaluation and Certification – Certification based on recommendation of the mentor(s) and/or Referee.

#### Minimum Age – 18

#### Renewal –

##### Recommend clinic, pre-meet briefing and/or test.

##### To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity.

##### Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and evaluation.

### Referee

#### Duties – see USA Swimming Rule 102.11.

#### Education & Training -

##### Must attend referee’s clinic and apprentice on-the-deck for a minimum of six (6) sessions at three (3) sanctioned meets with at least two (2) different referees.

##### Previous certification as a Stroke & Turn judge or Starter for a minimum of one (1) year.

##### Recommend being familiar with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge and Meet Marshall. **Strongly suggest AO certification before becoming a Referee.**

##### Must pass USA Swimming Officials tests (Stroke & Turn/Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, Administrative, and Referee) with a grade of at least 80% within the past 24 months and be a current member of USA Swimming **as well as pass the Level 2 Background Check, complete the online Athlete Protection Training, and complete Concussion Protocol Training**.

#### Evaluation & Certification – Certification based on recommendation of the mentor(s) and/or Referee(s).

#### Minimum Age – 21.

#### Renewal –

##### Must attend clinic and/or take tests every three (3) years.

##### To maintain certification, must work a minimum of six (6) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity with at least one session as Referee.

##### Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and evaluation by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

Rationale:

As part of our LEAP renewal, USA Swimming’s goal is to have all LSC’s adopt their minimum standards for certification of officials. This proposal simply updates our policies to match the most current version from USA Swimming.