

YMCA National Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee

YMCA National Officials Committee

Roles and Responsibilities of the Group Officials Coordinators

The National Officials Committee has established a program to assign a Group Officials Coordinator to work closely with the related Group Representative in promoting and facilitating the YMCA swimming and diving program in the various geographic areas of the country. The primary functions of these Group Officials Coordinators are as follows:

Work with the Group Representative for the Region to establish lines of communication (a communications chain, if you will) with the various YMCA swim leagues (e.g., the Penn –Del league) and swim teams so that important information concerning technical rules and procedures for running meets can be readily passed down from the National Committees to the individual YMCA swimming and diving programs, thus bringing greater consistency to all YMCA run meets.

Act as a conduit for questions and comments from the local leagues, teams and individual officials to the National Officials Committee.

Work with the Group Representatives to encourage more parents and interested volunteers to become officials.

Work with the Group Representatives, the Swim Officials Trainers in the Group and the local YMCAs to arrange clinics for new and recertifying officials throughout the Group area.

Identify potential trainer candidates and work with the National Officials Committee to get these people trained.

Encourage the local leagues and teams to establish local officials committees to help bring more consistency to meets run in the local area.

Act as a liaison with the Officials Chairs of the various USA-S LSCs in the Group area in order to facilitate the cross training of dual certified YMCA/USA-S officials and deal with issues of interest to both groups.

Provide advice and guidance to the local YMCA Championship Meet Directors in the Group area as to attracting officials to work at the Championship meets and so that these meets are run in accordance with the national guidelines and practices.

Be available to the local leagues to provide advice and guidance in promoting the sport and conducting the meets in the local area.

The Group Officials Coordinators are not another level of management; their role is as facilitators for the existing local leagues and teams, not as managers in the area. The Group Officials Coordinators are not also automatically the designated Meet Referees for any Championship meets in their areas. The Meet Referees should be chosen by the league based on experience and competence.