

## N3 STARTER FINAL EVALUATION

N3 Starter Evaluation is a two step process. Candidates must be Initially Evaluated by National Evaluators at Officials "Qualifying Meets", or in some circumstances, at Time Trials of National Championship Meets (see Guidelines for Officials Evaluations at National Championship Meets), and then be recommended for FINAL EVALUATION at a designated officials "Qualifying Meet" or at Time Trials of a National Championship Meet. At least one of the successful evaluations, Initial or Final, must be at a "Qualifying Meet."

These evaluations are in addition to the other requirements for advancement in the general Certification Matrix.

The following requirements and criteria will be used to determine who gets an opportunity for a Final Evaluation as a potential N3 Starter during time trials of National Championship meets or at designated Qualifying Meets.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL EVALUATION**

- A. Minimum certification – National Level 2 (N2) as a Starter and N3 Stroke and Turn Judge.
- B. At least one successful initial evaluation as a N3 Starter Candidate.
- C. A recommendation, by a National Evaluator (N3 Starter), that the candidate is ready for Final Evaluation.
- D. Candidate must submit a request for "Final Evaluation" to, and be approved by, the National Officials Chair. The request must include a copy of the recommendation from C above.
- E. Wait one full year before requesting another Final Evaluation if not approved in 2 consecutive Final Evaluations.
- F. Cannot be given a Final Evaluation more than once each season.
- G. Work all sessions at the National Championship Meet where a Final Evaluation is granted. Work at least 80% of the sessions at an officials "Qualification Meet" where the Final Evaluation is granted.
- H. Worked as an official at a National Championship Meet in the 24 months prior to any request for Final Evaluation or for an observation for education.

Candidates may submit a request for "observation for education" to the National Officials Chair if they meet A, B, G and H above. An observation for education will not be considered a N3 Final Evaluation.

To advance, a candidate must receive independent favorable FINAL EVALUATION reports from two (2) different qualified National Evaluators, one a Starter and one a Referee.

### **PRIORITIES FOR FINAL EVALUATION**

#### At National Championship Meet Time Trials

1. N3 Starter Candidates with a successful Qualifying Meet Initial Evaluations and
  - i. 0 National Championship Meet Final Evaluations completed, next
  - ii. 1 National Championship Meet Final Evaluation completed, not successful, next
2. Eligible N3 Starter Candidates without a successful Initial Evaluation, next
3. Requests for "education."

Each candidate will have a minimum of 10 starts at each of two sessions to be fairly evaluated. The Head Starter and National Officials Chair will determine the order of evaluation based on the qualifications and previous history of the candidates.

#### At Designated Qualifying Meets

N3 Starter Candidates may also request Final Evaluation at Designated Qualifying Meets. FINAL EVALUATION candidates shall work as an assigned Starter for at least four (4) sessions at the meet, with at least 10 starts in Finals.

Assignments to starter positions at Designated Qualifying Meets is determined by the meet referee and meet management who shall comply with the meet designation requirements and may consult with the National Officials Chair on the integration of approved Final Evaluation candidates into the meet.

**Note: Achievement of N3 Starter certification does not guarantee appointment as Starter at a future National Championship Meet. It is recognition that the Starter has the necessary skills, if maintained, to be considered for selection to the National Deck.**