

National Official Advancement Summary

N2 Stroke and Turn Judge

Prerequisites:

- N1 (or equivalent) Stroke and Turn Judge

Requirements:

- Evaluation as a N2 Stroke & Turn Judge by a National Evaluator¹
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Educational Activities
- One year of N1 level experience prior to application.*

N2 Chief Judge

Prerequisites:

- Very Experienced N1 Stroke and Turn Judge, or
- N1 (or equivalent) Chief Judge, or
- N1 (or equivalent) Deck Referee

Requirements:

- Evaluation as a N2 Chief Judge by a National Evaluator¹
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Educational and Mentoring Activities
- One year of N1 level experience (any position) prior to application.*

N2 Starter

Prerequisites:

- N1 (or equivalent) Starter

Requirements:

- Evaluation as a N2 Starter by a National Evaluator¹
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Educational and Mentoring Activities
- One year of N1 Starter experience prior to application.*

N2 Deck Referee

Prerequisites:

- N1 (or equivalent) Deck Referee and
- N2 Stroke and Turn Judge

Requirements:

- Evaluation as a N2 Deck Referee by a National Evaluator¹
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Educational and Mentoring Activities
- One year of N1 Deck Referee experience prior to application.*

N2 Administrative Referee

Prerequisites:

- N1 (or equivalent) Deck Referee or
- N1 (or equivalent) Admin Referee

Requirements:

- Evaluation as a N2 Admin Referee by a National Evaluator¹
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Educational and Mentoring Activities
- One year of N1 Deck or Admin Referee experience prior to application.*

N3 Stroke and Turn Judge

Prerequisites:

- N2 Stroke and Turn Judge, or
- N2 Deck Referee (note: N2 Stroke and Turn Judge is a prerequisite for N2 Referee)

Requirements:

- Evaluation as a N3 Stroke and Turn Judge by a National Evaluator²
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Work at least 4 sessions at each of 2 Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to application³
- Educational, Mentoring and Training Activities
- One year as an active N2 Stroke and Turn Judge or N2 Deck Referee prior to application.*

N3 Chief Judge

Prerequisites:

- N2 Chief Judge, or
- N2 Deck Referee and
- N3 Stroke and Turn Judge

Requirements:

- Evaluations (one initial and one final) as a N3 Chief Judge by National Evaluators⁴
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Work at least 4 sessions at each of 2 Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to application³
- Educational, Mentoring and Training Activities
- Work at a National Championship Meet as an official at least once⁵
- One year as an active N2 Chief Judge or N2 Deck Referee prior to application.*

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N3 Starter

Prerequisites:

- N2 Starter and
- N3 Stroke and Turn Judge

Requirements:

- Evaluations (one initial and one final) as a N3 Starter by National Evaluators⁴
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Work at least 4 sessions at each of 2 Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to application³
- Educational, Mentoring and Training Activities
- Work at a National Championship Meet as an official at least once⁵
- One year as an active N2 Starter prior to application.*

N3 Deck Referee

Prerequisites:

- N3 Stroke and Turn Judge, and
- N2 Deck Referee

Requirements:

- Evaluations (one initial and one final) as a N3 Deck Referee by National Evaluators⁴
- N3 Chief Judge (may be issued simultaneously with N3 Deck Referee Certification)
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Work at least 4 sessions at each of 2 Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to application³
- Educational, Mentoring and Training Activities
- Work at a National Championship level meet as an official at least once⁵
- One year as an active N2 Deck Referee prior to application.*

N3 Administrative Referee

Prerequisites:

- N3 Stroke and Turn Judge, and
- N2 Administrative Referee, or
- N3 Deck Referee

Requirements:

- If a N2 Admin Referee - Evaluations (one initial and one final) as a N3 Administrative Referee by National Evaluators⁴, or
- If a N3 Deck Referee and if Head Admin Referee for all sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet or Assistant Administrative Referee at a National Championship Meet - Evaluation (final) by a qualified National Evaluator⁴
- Participation in LSC level Meets
- Working at least 4 sessions at each of 2 Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to application³
- Educational, Mentoring and Training Activities
- Work at a National Championship level meet as an official at least once⁵
- One year as an active N2 Deck Referee prior to application.*

General Note: Only satisfactory evaluations can to be used for advancement or re-certification. Unsatisfactory N3 evaluations may, if noted by the evaluator, be included with application for N2 re-certification in the position.

Footnotes:

- 1 N2 - Evaluation by a National Evaluator over 3 or 4 sessions at a high level meet. The meet may be an Officials Qualifying Meet, but does not have to be. It is preferred that other high level meets be used so that the risk to swimmers at Officials Qualifying Meets minimized.
- 2 N3 - Evaluation as a potential N3 Stroke & Turn Judge by a National Evaluator over at least 4 sessions in the Stoke & Turn Judge position at an Officials Qualifying Meet. At least 75% of each evaluation session must be in the Stroke & Turn Judge position.
- 3 Participation as an official in two Officials Qualifying meets in the 24 months prior to application is also a requirement. Meets at which any N3 advancement or N3 or N2 re-certification evaluations are obtained may be included if they fall within the 24 month and minimum 4 sessions requirements.
- 4 N3 - Evaluations as N3 Chief Judge, N3 Starter or N3 Deck Referee by a National Evaluator over at least 4 sessions in the position at an Officials Qualifying Meet. Satisfactory evaluations (an "Initial," followed by a "Final") are required, each at different

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Officials Qualifying Meets, each by a different qualified National Evaluator. One satisfactory N3 Starter Evaluation may be obtained at time Trials of National Championship Meets. See the appropriate guidelines.

Note: For an N3 evaluation to be valid the official must work at least 80% of the total number of sessions in the Qualifying Meet (the minimum session requirement is capped at 6 sessions), e.g. work 4 at a 4 or 5 session meet, work 5 sessions at a 6 session meet, 6 sessions at a 7 or more session meet. Time trials DO NOT COUNT as sessions at Officials Qualifying Meets.

- 5 N3 - Prior to certification as an N3 Chief Judge, N3 Starter, N3 Deck Referee or N3 Administrative Referee the candidate must participate as an official in at least one National Championship Meet (National Championships, National Junior Championships, US Open, World Cup). Although officiating at only one such meet satisfies the requirement for all of the above positions, it is recommended that N3 level officials work at National Championship meets periodically to stay in touch with current protocol and procedures.
- * Evaluations for advancement in a position may be performed at any time after the prerequisites have been satisfied. It is not necessary for the year of active service in the position to be completed before an advancement evaluation. However, the year of active service is required before the application to advance may be submitted.