

Deck Referee Checklist

LSC, N2, N3

Name: _____

● Knowledge of current rules and procedures.

- Meet information. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Governing policies and procedures (LSC, Region, Zone and National). *LSC, N2, N3*
- Rulebook – understanding the rules and their application. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Consistent and uniform application of rules and procedures. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Familiarity with all National Championship deck positions and their responsibilities. *N3*
- Familiarity with disqualification and radio protocol. *LSC, N2, N3*

● Meet Operations

- Deck presence (Poise and Positioning) *LSC, N2, N3*
- Interaction with Starter – teamwork. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Interaction with other team members, particularly Administrative Referee and Chief Judge(s) *LSC, N2, N3*
- Awareness of deck officials. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Focus on the pool, deck officials and swimmers, when on duty. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Proactive management – ability to anticipate problems and to take appropriate advance action. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Dealing with coaches' questions and concerns. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Implementation of meet Referee directives. *LSC, N2, N3*
- Willing to work in any deck position when needed. *LSC, N2, N2*

● Interaction with, and respect for, all meet participants; management, coaches, swimmers, officials, parents, spectators, guests. *LSC, N2, N3*

- Diplomacy
- Ability to keep a calm demeanor during stress or crisis.
- Ability to communicate in a clear and precise manner.
- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Leadership and team player qualities.
- Trainer for apprentice referee(s)

Notes:

Deck Referee National Levels

LSC

The *Deck Referee Checklist* is provided as a suggested guide for LSCs to certify Referees.

Where LSC certification as a Deck Referee is noted as a *prerequisite* for National certification it means an official certified as a Referee in their LSC and:

1. LSC's and Officials must comply with the Minimum Standards for Certification as published by USA Swimming Officials Committee.
2. Minimum two years as an LSC certified official
3. Experience, but not necessarily certified, as a starter.

N2 (National Level 2)

An Experienced Deck Referee, capable of performing as Meet Referee at LSC Meets. Accumulating experience at LSC and higher level meets.

N3 (National Level 3)

Very proficient, experienced Deck Referee with all of the qualities needed for National Meets.

See ADVANCEMENT SUMMARY for the procedures and requirements to be certified as an N3 Deck Referee.

