

To: Derek Paul – Chair, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee
USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee Members

From: Virginia Nussbaum – Member of the House of Delegates/National Team Steering Coach Member
(Bylaw 6.1.6)
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6.1.12)

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RE: Proposed Legislation Amendment to Rule 102.10.2 of the USA Swimming Rule Book

Committee-

Please see the following proposed amendment to rule 102.10.2

Proposed Legislation:

102.10 OFFICIALS

.2 *All officials acting in the capacity of Referee, Starter, Judges, or Administrative Official, ~~or Stroke and Turn Judge~~ at a swimming meet shall be certified and trained in such position by their LSC to the requirements and standards set by USA Swimming prior to being assigned to officiate in that capacity. Uncertified trainees may perform the duties of such positions when they are under the direct supervision of a certified official. See Article 202 and the Corporate Bylaws for USA Swimming membership requirements*

Rationale:

As teams nationwide, we consistently struggle to recruit, retain, and advance officials within our LSC's. Potential recruits find the process in many areas of the country challenging; the time commitment needed to be certified as a new official or advance as an official exceeds their children's commitment to programs within USA Swimming. In addition, a certified official in one LSC can move into another LSC and no longer be certified due to not meeting the new LSC's certification "standard" to work a sanctioned or approved meet, therefore having to restart the certification process.

Standardization of the requirements would help grow the base of USA Swimming. We want to see a uniform and consistent standard by which all officials are certified and trained and advance to various officiating positions.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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