

National Evaluator Jurisdictions

N2 and N3 Evaluator Jurisdictions

It is crucial for evaluators to have the time and focus to observe and mentor each official requesting evaluation. Generally, N2 and N3i evals require frequent, immediate communication between the mentor and official while N3f and recertification evaluations may require a little less interaction. This means that evaluators must limit the number, level, and scope of evaluations they perform in order to provide quality mentoring to each official.

Many OQMs (Officials Qualifying Meets) will have dedicated evaluators while others may require the evaluator to perform additional duties as a meet referee or deck official. When the MR or LSC Officials Chair assigns evaluations, it is essential to consider these factors. Also, it is critical that evaluators confirm with the MR that the assigned workload is manageable at a high quality level.

The quantity of evaluations a **dedicated mentor** can reasonably perform is affected by many factors, including the scope and level of requested evaluations, the number of OQM sessions at the meet, and the evaluator's experience. In general, dedicated, seasoned evaluators should target no more than 8 evaluations per meet and fewer if they are acting in any other role.

When **evaluators also serve as deck officials**, mentoring **must be limited to** evaluations within their assigned team or teams with whom they interface consistently. Other factors include the number of other assigned officials who can step in for an evaluator, the number of OQM sessions, and the evaluator's experience level. In general, the following jurisdictions must be observed. **Exceptions require approval in advance by the National Certification and Mentoring working group chairs:**

		Evaluator may conduct evaluations for these positions assuming the ability to properly observe (including radio protocol* required for certain positions), participate in pre-meet decision making, and interact on deck for the required number of OQM sessions. Exceptions require approval in advance.				
Position being evaluated	DR	AR	SR	CJ	ST	AO
DR	ALL	None	ALL	ALL	ALL	None
SR	None	None	ALL	None	None	None
CJ	None	None	None	ALL	ALL	None
AR	None	ALL	None	None	None	ALL
AO	None	ALL	None	None	None	ALL
MR*	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL

* Meet Referees generally should limit themselves to 1-3 evaluations, of which only 1-2 should be advancement evaluations.

By prioritizing high quality interactions when mentoring and evaluating officials and establishing consistency across LSCs, national mentors will foster a supportive, engaged, and skilled community of swimming officials.