

Chief Judge

Zone 2 Officials Clinics

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Expectations - General

- Interaction with swimmers and coaches
- Interaction with deck and meet management
- Interaction with parents and spectators
- Skills
 - Clear and precise communication
 - Good listener and not reactive
 - Positive attitude
 - Calm demeanor
 - Leadership

Duties

- Recruit S&T officials
- Assign S&T teams
- Establish work rotations
- Forms
 - DQ slips
 - Relay take-off slips
 - DQ summary sheets
- Pre-meet briefing
 - Review rules
 - DQ protocols
 - Jurisdictions
 - Meet Referee directions
- Record work sessions and evaluate officials
- Other assignments as directed by Meet Referee
- National Qualification Meets
 - Arrange for speakers
 - Officials equipments (head sets, etc.)

Knowledge

- USA Swimming Rules
- Pacific Swimming Rules
- Meet Sheets
- Radio Protocol
- Hierarchy of the meet officials and their duties and responsibilities

Prerequisites

1. Two years as an LSC certified officials
2. Certified or eligible to train as an LSC deck referee or VERY experienced S&T Judge with extensive knowledge of meet procedures

CJ Certification – LSC Level

- The Chief Judge Checklist is provided as a suggested guide for LSCs to certify S&T Judges. Where LSC certification in a position is noted as a prerequisite for National certification as a Chief Judge it means an official certified in the position in the LSC and:

1. LSCs and officials must comply with the Minimum Standards for Certification as published by USA Swimming Officials Committee

Other suggested requirements for LSC Chief Judge certification, if used, include:

2. Minimum 2 years as an LSC certified official
3. Certified as, or eligible to train as, an LSC Deck Referee. Very experienced Stroke and Turn Judges with extensive knowledge of meet procedures may also be considered
4. Performs satisfactorily as a Chief Judge in at least 4 LSC level meet

CJ Certification – National Level

- N2 (National Level 2)
 - Minimum requirement – one year as an LSC Deck Referee*
- N3 (National Level 3)
 - Minimum requirement – one year as an N2 Deck Referee** or one year as an N2 Chief Judge and N3 S&T Judge
- Has all the qualities needed to serve as a Chief Judge at National Championship Meets. See ADVANCEMENT SUMMARY for the procedures and requirements to be certified as an N3 Chief Judge

* Very experienced N2 and N3 Stroke and Turn Judges can also be considered

** Very experienced N3 S&T Judges with National Meet experience can also be considered

References for CJ

- USA Swimming
 - Chief Judge Responsibilities and Checklist
 - Advancement Summary
 - Checklist – Chief Judge
 - Jurisdiction
 - Officials Briefing
- Other materials
 - DQ Records
 - S&T Sign-up Sheet