

## Starter Advancement Criteria

### Level 1

- Attended Starter clinic.
- Must take and pass USA Swimming Starters test.
- Minimum Level 3 Stroke & Turn.

### Advancement from Level 1 to Level 2

- Minimum of 6 sessions and 2 meets within the first year.
- Evaluated & recommended by 2 different Head Starters or meet refs within first year of clinic.

### Level 2

- Knows the functions and responsibilities of a Starter.
- Knows the proper position of Starter and Deck Referee for backstroke and forward starts.
- Sometimes has problems seeing the whole field.
- Not quite comfortable in calling a false start unless it's flagrant.
- May occasionally rush the start (swimmers not set).
- Still trying to learn the proper timing for using the "stand" command.

### Advancement from Level 2 to Level 3

- Held level 2 Starter for 1 year.
- Worked a minimum of 6 sessions the previous year as Starter.
- Recommended by 2 different meet referees and approved by the Zone Officials Chair.

### Recertification for Level 2

- Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years.
- Work a minimum of 6 sessions every year.

### Level 3

- Experienced starter who has seen many different situations.
- Calm and conversational tone of voice.
- Understands the differences between a "Start", "Stationary" and "Non-disqualifiable start."
- Very relaxed on deck while keeping everything under control.
- Able to perform Head Starter functions at low level meets.
- Understands the basic words used by the starter and when to use them.
- Familiar with deck referee's responsibilities and able to assist the deck referee as needed.
- Participates in the Mentoring/Training of Junior Officials.
- Participates in LSC meets.

### Advancement from Level 3 to Level 4

- Held level 3 Starter for 1 year.
- Worked a minimum of 8 sessions the previous year as Starter.

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- Has satisfactorily performed Head Starter duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet".
- Recommended by 3 different Meet Referees and approved by the LSC Officials Chair.

### **Recertification requirements for Level 3**

- Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years.
- Work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.

### **Level 4**

- Experienced starter at senior level meets.
- Able to anticipate problems and always take appropriate actions.
- Allows time for swimmers to achieve a stationary position without delaying the start.
- Aware of potential problems at the start, such as sudden noises, music, camera flashes, etc.
- Able to perform Head Starter functions at Zone Championships and T&F meets.
- Has the respect of officials and coaches within the zone.
- Capable and involved in the training of junior level officials on deck or at clinics.
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly
- Shows leadership capabilities at the zone level and leads by example.
- Participates in LSC "Officials Qualifying Meets".

### **Advancement from Level 4 to Level 5**

- Level 4 Starter for at least 1 year.
- Worked a minimum of 8 sessions the previous year.
- Has satisfactorily performed the Head Starter duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet."
- Recommended by the Zone Officials chair and approved by the LSC Officials Committee.
- Level 2 Referee

### **Recertification requirements for Level 4 & 5**

- Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years
- Work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.

### **Level 5**

- Experienced starter at Pacific Championship level meet.
- Familiar with all officials' positions and their responsibilities.
- Has the respect of officials and coaches throughout Pacific Swimming.
- Always takes the initiative to seek opportunities to train junior officials.
- Able to perform Head Starter functions at "Officials Qualifying Meets".
- Shows leadership qualities at the LSC level.
- Level 2 Referee.

### **Recertification requirements for Level 4 & 5**

- Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years
- Work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.