

# Chief Judge/Assistant Chief Judge

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# Role of the Chief Judge

- National Deck Protocol
- Pacific Swimming LSC Protocol
- Other LSC Meets Protocols

# CJ Responsibilities

- Pre-meet
  - Meet Referee
    - Protocol, Expectations & Uniform
  - Meet Director
  - Recruiting & Planning
- During Competition
  - Briefings & Management of Judges
- Post-meet
  - Evaluations

# CJ Attributes

- Organized
- Clear & Precise Communicator
- Positive Attitude
- Calm Demeanor
- Leader
- Humorous

# CJ Duties at the Meet

- Check in with meet referee
- Assign roles to ACJ (if you have one or more)
- Check pool & equipment
- Welcome officials as they arrive
- Sign-in sheet
- Briefing time & location
- Speaker
- Evaluator
- Briefing, Assignments & Rotations

# CJ Duties - Briefing

- Greeting
- Sign-in
- Protocols
  - Appearance, Movement, Uniform, DQ...
- Rules
- Jurisdiction
  - Short Course, Long Course
  - Lanes
- Assignments & Rotations
- Hospitality

# CJ Duties - Disqualifications

- Positioned by deck referee - View of all judges
- Disqualifications – Protocol
  - Slip writing
  - Event, heat & lane
  - Listen and don't assume or put words in judge's mouth
  - Notification of referee – radio or no radio (see radio protocols & etiquette)
  - Recommendation
  - Keep it simple

# CJ Duties - Disqualifications

- So what happens with the DQ?
- National, Pacific or other LSC
- Role of deck referee
- Role of admin
- Athletes
- Coaches
- Parents
- Challenges & questions



# CJ Duties - Other

- False Starts
- Relays

# ACJ Duties

- Assist CJ
- Responsible for one or more parts of briefing
- Positioned on deck to observe judges
- Disqualifications
- Monitor judges
  - Professional duties
  - Personal needs

# CJ – The Little Things in General

- Be organized – know where things are and anticipate issues
- Be knowledgeable – you need to know what you're doing
- Be a leader – listen to others and determine expertise, let others shine and contribute, be ready to help those who are unsure
- Be logistical – Do we have everything? Does everything work? Are there any obstacles?
- Think ahead – what's going to happen during the next session, the next day...

# CJ – The Little Things-Briefing

- Critical – It sets the stage for the meet
- Prepare an agenda (mental or in writing)
- Differentiate – 1<sup>st</sup> session, subsequent, level..
- Communicate clearly
- Cover protocols
- Cover rules – what's needed?
- Make assignments
- Be aware of time

# CJ – The Little Things - Meet

- Stay calm
- Keep a wide view
- Be aware of posture and facial expressions
- “The Show”
- Check in with the referee(s)
- Overturned calls

# CJ Resources

- USA Swimming Rule Book
- Pacific Swimming Swim Guide
- USA Swimming Guide for Chief Judge
- Forms
- Experienced Officials