

# Deck Referee Advancement Criteria

## Advancement from Trainee to Level One

- Attend Deck Referee Clinic.
- Minimum of six days working under direct supervision within the first year.
- Complete and pass USAS Deck Referee Certification test.
- Minimum Level Two Stroke and Turn Official.
- Evaluated and recommend by two different Meet Referees (or their designee) within the first year and approved by the Zone Official's Chair.
  - Evaluation shall be performed by an Official's Committee approved Evaluator.
  - Each Evaluation for advancement shall be performed over 2 days of the meet.

### **Level One – Minimum Criteria**

- Knows the functions and responsibilities of a Deck Referee.
- May have problems when facing unexpected events on deck.
- Tends to focus on the immediate situation at hand.
- Not quite comfortable in calling a false start unless it's flagrant.
- May have problems taking charge – sometimes loses control of deck.

### **Recertification requirement for Level One are as follows;**

- Attend a Zone or LSC Official's Clinic once every two years.
- Take and pass the USAS Deck Referee Re-Certification test every two years.
- Shall work a minimum of eight days per year.

## Advancement from Level One to Level Two

- Level One Deck Referee for a minimum of one year.
- Worked a minimum of eight days the previous year as a Deck Referee.
- Evaluated and recommend by two different Meet Referees (or their designee) within the first year and approved by the Zone Official's Chair.
  - Evaluation shall be performed by an Official's Committee approved Evaluator.
  - Each evaluation for advancement shall be performed over 2 days of the meet.

### **Level Two – Minimum Criteria**

- Experienced Deck Referee who has seen many different situations.
- Shall be a minimum Level One Chief Judge, Administrative Official and Starter.
- Well organized and able to maintain focus on the deck and pool.
- Able to perform the Chief Judge at Zone Level meets.
- Relaxed on deck while keeping everything under control; see's most that is going on.
- Seldom overlooks mistakes made by Stroke and Turn Officials on disqualification slips.
- Familiar with Meet and Administrative Referee's functions and responsibilities.
- Works well with others.

## Deck Referee Advancement Criteria

- Participates in LSC meets.
- Participates in the mentoring/training of Junior Officials.

### ***Recertification requirement for level two are as follows;***

- Attend a Zone or LSC Official's Clinic once every two years.
- Take and pass the USAS Deck Referee Re-Certification test every two years.
- Shall work a minimum of six days per year as a Deck Referee and two days per year as a Stroke and Turn Official.

### ***Advancement from Level Two to Level Three***

- Level Two Deck Referee for two years.
- Worked a minimum of six days at Zone Level meets and six days at LSC Level meets.
- Has satisfactorily performed the Deck Referee duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet".
- Attend a Zone or LSC Official's clinic once every two years.
- Evaluated and recommended by at least three different Meet Referees (or their designee) and approved by the Zone and LSC Official's Chair.
  - Evaluation shall be performed by an Official's Committee approved Evaluator.
  - Each Evaluation for advancement shall be performed over 2 days of the meet.

### ***Level Three – Minimum Criteria***

- Experienced Deck Referee at Senior Level meets.
- Shall be a minimum Level Two Chief Judge, Administrative Official, and Starter.
- Understands most aspects of running the Meet. Able to anticipate problems and take appropriate actions. Consistently keeps the meet running smoothly.
- Able to perform Administrative Referee functions at Championship Level Pacific meets.
- Able to perform the Meet Referee's duties at Zone Level meets.
- Has a thorough understanding of procedures at a Preliminaries and Finals meet.
- Has the respect of Coaches and Officials within their Zone.
- Capable and involved in the mentoring of Junior Officials on deck or at clinics.
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly.
- Participates in LSC "Officials Qualifying Meets".
- Shows leadership capabilities at the Zone Level and leads by example.
- Familiar with all Official's positions and their responsibilities.
- Knows the intent of the rules and applies them uniformly.

### ***Recertification requirement for Level Three are as follows;***

- Attend a Zone or LSC Official's Clinic once every two years.
- Take and pass the USAS Deck Referee Re-Certification test every two years.
- Shall work a minimum of four days at two Zone Level meets as a Deck Referee.
- Work a minimum of four days at LSC Level (or higher) meets as a Deck Referee.