

SECTION 8

OFFICIATING

A. Operation of Swimming Meets

1. Pacific Swimming meets shall be staffed by currently registered non-athlete members of USA Swimming certified as officials. Officials certified by Pacific Swimming or other LSCs, who are volunteers shall be qualified by training and experience in the various capacities of officiating.
2. Officials' positions and duties are described in the USA Swimming Rulebook.

B. Organization

1. All currently registered non-athlete members of USA Swimming certified as an official registered with Pacific Swimming shall be considered Pacific Swimming officials.
2. The LSC Officials Chair shall preside over the Officials Committee.
3. The LSC Officials Chair shall appoint, with the advice and approval of the Pacific Swimming General Chair and the Zone Chair, an Officials Chair in each of the five zones. The Zone Officials Chair may appoint qualified officials to conduct officials' clinics as necessary.

C. Duties of the Zone Officials Chair

1. Schedule and conduct training clinics in the Zone.
2. Maintain a list of trained officials, indicating qualifications of these people based on experience, performance, and interest.
3. Zone Officials Chair is responsible for the assignment of qualified officials to Zone scheduled and sanctioned meets as needed.
4. Assist the LSC Officials Chair and meet directors in obtaining qualified officials suitable to the needs of scheduled LSC meets.

D. Qualification of Officials

1. Clinics for the instruction of officials in various capacities shall be conducted by qualified instructors and hosted by the Officials Committee, Zones, and clubs.
2. All clinics shall be sanctioned and shall be approved by the Pacific Swimming Officials Chair or the Zone Officials Chair. A sanction fee is not required.
3. Persons instructed as officials at clinics shall serve at meets as trainees under the supervision of experienced qualified officials. Certification of officials shall require the evaluation of the trainee and/or official according to Pacific Swimming Officials Advancement Criteria and recommendation by meet referees under whom the training was accomplished in addition to the clinic instruction and the approval of the Zone Officials Chair.
4. The position and level for which the official is certified shall be entered into the Officials Tracking System database of USA Swimming.
5. Swimming officials shall wear a uniform of appropriate clothing prescribed by the Officials Committee during the performance of duties and display their current USA Swimming membership card at all times while performing their duties.