

Pacific Swimming Chief Judge Advancement Criteria

Advancement from Trainee to Level One

- Attend a Chief Judge Clinic.
- Minimum of four days (not less than 2 meets) working under direct supervision within the first year.
- Be up to date with Background Check and Athlete Protection Training
- Must work well with others, and is a willing participant in mentoring by other Officials.
- Evaluated and recommend for advancement by two different Meet Referees (or their designee) 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

- Must be a L2 or higher Stroke and Turn Judge.
- Knowledge/understanding of current USA and Pacific Swimming rules including their official interpretation. Understands jurisdictions, protocols and be able to mentor e.g. Stroke and Turn Judges in positioning, relay take-offs, etc.
- May have difficulty putting together rotations.
- May have difficulty running the Official's meeting.
- May be hesitant at times when mentoring.
- May focus on swims vs Officials in their jurisdiction.
- May have problems observing multiple Officials.
- Sometimes out of position and may have difficulty handling more than one disqualification at a time.

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 Stroke and Turn or 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 Chief Judge for a minimum of one year.
- Worked a minimum of eight days the previous year.
- Evaluated and recommend for advancement by two different Meet Referees (or their designee) 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

- Knowledge/understanding of current USA and Pacific Swimming rules including their official interpretation. Understands jurisdictions, protocols and be able to mentor e.g.-lead lag, relay take-off, etc. Has confidence when working with and mentoring other Official's.
- Able to perform the Chief Judge or Assistant Chief Judge duties at Zone Level meets.
- Is able to run the Official's meeting affectively.
- Is able to put together a rotation that is balanced and considerate to the Stroke and Turn Officials.
- Is capable of talking to Coaches, Officials and others during the meet.
- Is able to monitor the whole deck and keep everyone informed of situations that arise.
- Understands the proper positioning for most situations.
- Participates in LSC meets.

Recertification requirement for Level Two are as follows;

- Attend a Zone Clinic or an LSC Official's Clinic once every 2 years.
- Take and pass the USAS Stroke and Turn or Referee Re-Certification test every two years.
- Shall work a minimum of eight days per year as a Chief Judge or Deck Referee.

Advancement from Level Two to Level Three

- Level Two for a minimum of two years.
- Worked a minimum of eight days at Zone Level meets and eight days at LSC Level meets.
- Has satisfactory performed the Chief Judge duties at LSC Level meets.
- Shows a willingness to learn and be mentored.
- Attend a Zone Official's Clinic and an LSC Official's Clinic once every two years.
- Evaluated and recommend for advancement by three different Meet Referees (or their designee) 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 Three – Minimum Criteria

- Knows the intent of the rules and applies them uniformly.
- Able to perform the Chief Judge briefings and is confident in delegating duties.
- Able to perform the Chief Judge duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet".
- Works well with all Officials and Coaches and has the respect of the same.
- Understands Radio protocols and can explain the protocols to others.
- Always takes the initiative to seek opportunities to learn and mentor Junior Officials.
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly.
- Shows leadership capabilities at the Zone Level and leads by example.
- Familiar with all the Official's positions and their responsibilities.

Recertification requirement for Level Three are as follows;

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