

# Pacific Swimming Stroke & Turn Advancement Criteria

## Advancement from Trainee to Level One

- Attend Stroke and Turn Clinic.
- Minimum of four days (not less than 2 meets) working under direct supervision within the first year.
- Register with USA Swimming as non-athlete member
- Complete and pass the Stroke and Turn Certification test.
- Pass Level 2 background check & Complete the Athlete Protection Training
- Must work well with others.
- Evaluated and recommended 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**

- Knows the rules but may have problems interpreting them.
- Able to identify flagrant violations.
- May be hesitant at times (needs to think) when observing unfamiliar stroke violations.
- May only focus on a particular part of the body.
- May have problems observing multiple lanes.
- Sometimes out of position.

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

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

## Advancement from Level One to Level Two

- Level One Stroke and Turn for a minimum of one year.
- Worked a minimum of eight days the previous year.
- Evaluated and recommended 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**

- Knows the rules but may get too technical at times (hung up on words).
- Able to observe the whole body most of the time.
- Able to perform the Chief Judge or Assistant Chief Judge duties at Zone Level meets.

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- Has confidence making calls.
- Seldom makes mistakes on disqualification slips.
- Understands the proper positioning for most situations.
- Participates in LSC meets.
- Participates in the mentoring/training of Junior Officials.

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

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

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

- Level Two for two years.
- Worked a minimum of eight days at Zone Level meets and eight days at LSC Level meets.
- Has satisfactorily performed the Assistant Chief Judge duties at LSC meets.
- Attend a Zone Official's Clinic and an LSC Official's Clinic once every two years.
- Evaluated and recommended 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.
- Makes calls instinctively on most occasions.
- Able to perform the Chief Judge duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet".
- Works well with all Officials and Coaches.
- Has the respect of Officials and Coaches within their Zone.
- Always takes the initiative to seek opportunities to 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 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 Re-Certification test every two years.
- Shall work a minimum of four days at two Zone meets.
- Work a minimum of eight days at LSC Level (or higher) meets.