

Guidelines for Evaluation of N3 Officials at Time Trials of National Championship Level Meets

Officials at National Championship Level Meets, if qualified, may request evaluations in Chief Judge, Starter or Referee positions at Time Trials. Applicants, whether they can be evaluated or not, will be assigned a mentor(s) from suitably qualified line officials at the meet to help them prepare for the evaluation, educate them if necessary and to take an interest in their progress.

Guidelines:

1. Candidates for "Final Evaluation" must come into the meet with one satisfactory N3 level evaluation for the position completed and with a recommendation from the evaluator that they are ready for a "Final Evaluation." They should also have all other requirements in place (LSC participation, mentoring, working two officials "Qualifying Meets" in the last two years, etc) before attending the meet. These candidates will have first priority for evaluation.
2. If positions are available, other prospective candidates may be given an "Initial" N3 evaluation, provided they request it at, or prior to, the first official's meeting at the Championship Meet site.
As a minimum, these candidates must have been active in the position at the N2 level for at least a year and be able to show their certification for this position. To protect the swimmers at the meet, mentors will be required to make a preliminary assessment that these candidates can perform at a satisfactory level at time trials in the position.
3. All candidates will be evaluated as follows:
 - a. Chief Judge candidates will be evaluated for at least two time trial sessions: one as the "team lead" being responsible for setting up the deck for the time trial session, and the other on a corner working a quadrant. Two National Evaluators – a Referee and a Chief Judge, will evaluate Chief Judges over the two sessions.
 - b. Referee candidates will be evaluated for at least two time trial sessions - one as the Time Trial Referee setting up the heats and managing the session, and at least one more as a Deck Referee working with at least 2 different starters. Two National Evaluators – both Referees, will evaluate referees over the sessions.
 - c. Starter candidates will be evaluated for at least two time trial sessions with at least 10 starts in each session. Two National Evaluators – one a Starter and the other a Referee, will evaluate starters over the two sessions.
4. Only one successful evaluation for a position may be at Time Trials of National Championship level meets. If it is the INITIAL evaluation, and it is successful, the FINAL evaluation shall only be at an Officials Qualifying Meet. At least one of the required two passing N3 evaluations for a position must be at an Officials Qualifying Meet, whether it is the Initial or Final. Both evaluations, Initial and Final, may be at Officials Qualifying Meets.
5. The National Officials Chair may allow eligible officials from the host LSC not working the National Championship Level Meet to be evaluated at Time Trials under the same guidelines above.

