

N3 REFEREE FINAL EVALUATION

N3 Referee Evaluation is a two step process. Candidates must be Initially Evaluated by National Evaluators at officials "Qualifying Meets", or in some circumstances, at Time Trials of National Championship Meets (see guidelines for officials evaluations at National Championship Meets), and then be recommended for FINAL EVALUATION at a designated officials "Qualifying Meet," or at Time Trials of a National Championship Meet. At least one of the successful evaluations, Initial or Final, must be at a "Qualifying Meet." Only one successful Evaluation, Initial or Final, may be at National Championship Meet Time Trials. Generally, evaluations for Referee recertification will not be given at National Meet Time Trials.

These evaluations are in addition to the other requirements for advancement in the general Certification Matrix.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL EVALUATION

- A. Minimum certification – N2 Referee, active LSC Referee and N3 Stroke and Turn Judge.
- B. At least one successful Initial Evaluation as a N3 Referee Candidate.
- C. Recommendations for FINAL EVALUATION from the LSC Officials Chair and from a National Evaluator.
- D. Candidate must submit a request for "Final Evaluation" to, and be approved by, the National Officials Chair. The request must include a copy of the recommendations from C above.
- E. Wait one full year before requesting another Final Evaluation if not approved in 2 consecutive Final Evaluations.
- F. Cannot be given a Final Evaluation more than once each season.
- G. Work all sessions at the National Championship meet where a Final Evaluation is granted. Work at least 80% of the sessions at an officials "Qualification Meet" where the Final Evaluation is granted.
- H. Worked as an official at a National Championship Meet in the 24 months prior to any request for Final Evaluation.

To advance, a candidate must receive favorable reports from two (2) different qualified National Evaluators, one from an Initial Evaluation and one from a Final Evaluation.

PRIORITIES FOR EVALUATION AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET TIME TRIALS

1. N3 Referee Candidates with a successful Qualifying Meet Initial Evaluations and
 - i. 0 National Championship Meet Final Evaluations completed, next
 - ii. 1 National Championship Meet Final Evaluation completed, not successful, next
2. N3 Referee Candidates without a successful Initial Evaluation.

Each candidate will work 2 time trial sessions: one as deck referee and one as Time Trial Meet Referee. The Meet Referee and National Officials Chair will determine the order of evaluation based on the qualifications and the candidate's history. Two National Evaluators will independently evaluate candidates at Time Trials.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT TO N3 REFEREE

- 1) Two (2) passing deck referee EVALUATIONS, one Initial and one Final, from different National Evaluators, or,
- 2) if Meet Referee at a designated officials Qualifying Meet, a passing evaluation and recommendation for advancement from a National Evaluator qualified to give Final Referee evaluations. The candidate must be evaluated as a Deck Referee for at least one session at the meet, and
- 3) Meet all other requirements for advancement or recertification.

Evaluation Guidelines

Candidates will be evaluated on all expectations of the National Championship Deck Referee, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Knowledge of the rules, their intent and interpretation.
- Familiarity with all National Championship deck positions and their responsibilities
- Deck presence
- Ability to anticipate problems and to take appropriate advance action
- Ability to work under pressure and handle unexpected events
- Ability to focus on the pool, deck officials and swimmers when on duty
- Interaction with, and respect for, swimmers, coaches and officials
- Leadership and team player qualities

Note: Achievement of N3 Referee certification does not guarantee appointment as Referee at a future National Championship Meet. It is recognition that the Referee has the necessary skills, if maintained, to be considered for selection to the National Deck.