

Referee Checklist

- **Knowledge of current rules and procedures.**

- Meet information. *N1, N2, N3*
- Governing policies and procedures (LSC, Region, Zone and National). *N1, N2, N3*
- Rulebook – understanding the rules and their application. *N1, N2, N3*
- Consistent and uniform application of rules and procedures. *N1, N2, N3*
- Familiarity with all National Championship deck positions and their responsibilities. *N3*
- Familiarity with disqualification and radio protocol. *N1, N2, N3*

- **Meet Operations**

- Deck presence (Poise and Positioning) *N1, N2, N3*
- Interaction with starter – teamwork. *N1, N2, N3*
- Interaction with other team members, particularly administrative referee and chief judge(s) *N1, N2, N3*
- Awareness of deck officials. *N1, N2, N3*
- Focus on the pool, deck officials and swimmers, when on duty. *N1, N2, N3*
- Proactive management – ability to anticipate problems and to take appropriate advance action. *N1, N2, N3*
- Dealing with coaches' questions and concerns. *N1, N2, N3*
- Implementation of meet referee directives. *N1, N2, N3*
- Willing to work in any deck position when needed. *N1, N2, N2*

- **Interaction with, and respect for, all meet participants; management, coaches, swimmers, officials, parents, spectators, guests. *N1, N2, N3***

- Diplomacy
- Ability to keep a calm demeanor during stress or crisis.
- Ability to communicate in a clear and precise manner.
- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Leadership and team player qualities.
- Trainer for apprentice referee(s)

Referee National Levels

N1 (LSC – National Level 1)

The *Referee Checklist* is provided as a suggested guide for LSCs to certify Referees.

To use the N1 designation:

1. LSC's and Officials must comply with the Minimum Standards for Certification as published by USA Swimming Officials Committee.

Other suggested requirements for N1 certification include:

2. Minimum two years as an N1 certified official
3. Experience, but not necessarily certified, as a starter.

N2 (National Level 2)

Experienced Referee, capable of performing as Meet Referee at LSC Meets. Accumulating experience at LSC and higher level meets.

N3 (National Level 3)

Very proficient, experienced Referee with all of the qualities needed for National Meets.

See N3 REFEREE FINAL EVALUATION for the procedures and requirements to be certified as a N3 Referee.