

# 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)

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## 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.