

National Meet Referee Team Selection Guidelines

Overview:

The overall goal is to staff a deck that will best serve the athletes and coaches.

We are also looking to:

- provide experiences to officials.
- provide support to all officials on deck.
- prepare officials as: evaluators and mentors, future Meet Referees and World Aquatic officials.

You will be given temporary access to OTS to look at the records of officials who have applied to your meet. You are being trusted to treat this information confidentially. Only look at the records of applicants to the meet for which you are the MR. This information is not to be shared with others who do not need to know the information to conduct their job at the meet. Think of this as “Need to know basis”.

When selecting assigned teams use these **GUIDELINES**:

- NOC Chair/ P&E may make a couple of specific requests.
- If you have, at any point, concerns about these requests, you should express those concerns to the NOC Chair and/or P&E directly. You should not spread these concerns to others as this could be viewed as gossip and detrimental to a peer’s reputation. Understand and maintain the chain of command.
- **DESIRED** Credentials for position: Futures: N2, Jrs and above: N3. There may be exceptions.
- Honor the hosting LSC by assigning an official from host LSC to assigned team. (Same for TT)
- ~ 25% first (1st or 2nd) time in the position at the level of meet.
- ~ 50% some (3 or 4 meets) experience in position at the level of meet.
- ~25% experienced in position at the level of meet or higher.
 - Factors that may alter the composition of experience:
 - Winter Jrs (running 2 pools)
 - Underwater video
 - PSS leading up to Trials.
 - USAS Team selection meets.
- Identify 3 potential officials for each Lead position for NOC Chair to review
- NOC Chair and P&E will review your selections and provide input.
- Try to keep some well experienced ST officials in case you need to pull someone from the line into an assigned position on short notice.

Number of officials (total). This may be altered slightly due to certain circumstances: heat, logistics of pool configuration, hosts ability to provide volunteer timers etc. The NOC Chair and P&E will guide each MR in this arena

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