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- 1. Q: What is the National Officials Certification program and where can I find out more about it?**

**A:** The National Officials Certification program provides a means for USA Swimming registered officials to earn National certification in each of 5 positions – Stroke and Turn Judge (ST), Chief Judge (CJ), Starter (SR), Administrative Referee (AR) and Deck Referee (DR) – to show that they have the experience, knowledge, skills, attentiveness, dedication to all levels of meets and professionalism to work in those positions at any high level meets (N2 certification) and then to be eligible for selection to work in those positions on the National Championship deck (N3 certification). Advancement is earned by a combination of evaluation and mentoring by approved evaluators, participation in local and certain higher level meets approved for evaluation, demonstration of continuing self education and helping to mentor and train other officials and sufficient time to gain experience in a level in a position. See "[\*National Official Certification Summary\*](#)" on the [volunteers – officials - certification](#) page of the USA Swimming website.

- 2. Q: What is the difference between N2 and N3 certifications?**

**A:** N2 certification indicates that the official has exhibited the knowledge and experience to officiate at Sectional, Zone, Grand Prix and similar level meets. The official is very knowledgeable in rules, procedures, and protocol used at meets of this level and performs professionally when on deck. N3 certification indicates that the official has exhibited in a near flawless manner the ability; knowledge



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and professionalism to perform at the highest level competitions in USA Swimming (i.e. National Championships).

### **3. Q: I've been evaluated! Now what do I do? How do I apply to advance or recertify in a position?**

- A:** You have a number of options, **but action is required by you to utilize the evaluation!**
- If you have all of the evaluations necessary to advance or re-certify you can go online in the OTS and apply for advancement and/or re-certification. You may need to supplement the data in the OTS with LSC meets and mentoring and learning activities if your LSC does not use the OTS to track those things.
  - If you don't have everything done to meet the requirements to advance or recertify you can wait. The evaluations are in the data base and can be used until they are 24 months old for advancement and 36 months for re-certification. You can enter "other activities" and "other meets" that you participate in to keep that part of your record up to date (if your LSC doesn't do it, or you want to log meets and activities outside the limits that they do enter e.g. masters or high school meets, meets outside your LSC, when you mentor individuals at meets, etc.) You may not get advancement or recert credit for some of those meets and activities, but it is a convenient place to keep your personal swimming record in case you need it for your tax return or want to write your memoirs.
  - Do nothing, and consider the evaluation a useful learning experience to apply to your LSC duties.

**Please Note:** The requirement to work two Officials Qualifying Meets (OQMs), at least 4 sessions in each, and demonstrating both "learning" AND "teaching" activities is not required before applying for N2 certification in a position. However you must work at least 4 sessions at the meet where you are evaluated for advancement or recertification although the evaluation may be required over less than 4 sessions. Learning OR teaching activities are required to advance or recertify as is participation in local meets. The grid on the Certification Application page is "advisory" and only has very limited "intelligence" built into it.

### **4. Q: I've been evaluated and have filled out the on-line application to advance (or recertify) in the National program. It shows that I have deficiencies in meet attendance and teaching and learning activities. I've done plenty of that stuff; what do I do?**

- A:** The Officials Tracking System (OTS) displays the specific area where the requirements may have not been satisfied based on the data in the system. If the system shows you are short of the participation requirements, it may be that all your meet sessions, activities and/or training sessions have not been entered into OTS by your LSC. Also, if you are applying for your first N2 level, see the "[Please Note:](#)" (last) paragraph in the preceding question.

If your LSC doesn't use the OTS to track LSC meets, clinics or meetings, or you've been to meets outside of your LSC and they don't use the OTS, you can add those meets and activities into your own OTS file as "other" meets or activities. Instructions on how to do this are included in the "[User Guide - Officials](#)" on the OTS area of the officials section of the USA Swimming website.

### **5. Q: How do I get evaluated at a meet?**

- A:** Evaluations for advancement and re-certification in any N2 and N3 position must be done by approved National Evaluators at Officials Qualifying Meets (OQMs). Host LSCs of meets that are

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approved as Officials Qualifying Meets are obliged to announce that they are approved, or have applied for approval, in the Meet Announcement or on the LSC/Zone website and include details of how to apply to be evaluated.

A [List of Qualifying Meets](#) that have been approved is posted on the USA Swimming web site: [volunteers – officials - certification](#). Each meet in the list shows a "Meet Contact for Officials" and their email address. Notice that you would like to be evaluated, if it can be accommodated, may be sent to them. The list is updated regularly.

### **6. Q: What is an Officials Qualifying Meet and how is it approved?**

**A:** Officials Qualifying Meets are those meets that have been approved for the evaluation of officials seeking advancement and/or re-certification at the N2 and N3 levels. They may include Regional, Zone, Sectional, Grand Prix, and other meets which satisfy the criteria outlined on the Officials Qualifying Meet application form. The USA Swimming Officials Committee will also consider some high level meets sanctioned by other Swimming organizations that use the USA Swimming Technical Rules as limited OQMs if the Meet Referee is suitably qualified and most deck officials are USA Swimming certified officials – for example YMCA National Championships and Masters National Championships.

USA Swimming National Championship Meets are also approved as "Officials Qualifying Meets". However, only one (1) National Championship Meet may be used to satisfy part of the participation requirements for re-certification or advancement. Time trials at National Championship meets may be available for evaluation of candidate N3 Starters. See "Guidelines for Evaluation of N3 Starters at Time Trials of National Championship Level Meets."

Go to "Applications for Approval of Officials Qualifying Meets" in [Word™ form](#) or [pdf online form](#) formats for requirements and standards for approval of a meet as an Officials Qualifying Meet.

Applications for approval of a meet as an Officials Qualifying Meet (OQM) need to be submitted by the host LSC's Officials Chair (exception – USA Swimming National Championships which are automatically approved and "other governing body meets" which must also include agreement from the Meet Referee and an officer of the other governing body) at least two months prior to the start date of the meet. Meet information documents must contain a notice that the meet has been approved, or application has been made for approval, as an Officials Qualifying Meet and indicate how to apply to be evaluated at that meet.

### **7. Q: Who are the National Evaluators? How are they appointed?**

**A:** There are two types of National Evaluators:

- Those qualified to evaluate candidates for certification and re-certification in all positions at the N2 level and Stroke & Turn Judges at the N3 level. These officials are very experienced with at least N2 Referee and N3 Stroke and Turn Judge certifications AND preferably with experience at National Championship meets over the last several years. They have a thorough understanding of the expectation for officials at National Championship meets. [LSC Officials Chairs](#) may nominate officials meeting this description for consideration to perform evaluations as part of the application for a meet to be approved as an "Officials Qualifying Meet."
- Evaluators who are qualified to make "Initial" or "Final" evaluations for candidates for N3 Chief Judge, N3 Starter, N3 Deck Referee and N3 Administrative Referee. "Initial" Evaluators have N3



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certification in the position and usually have been assigned at least once in the position at a National Championship meet in the last 5 or 6 years. Those approved to make "Final" evaluations have relevant National Championship Meet experience in several National Championship Meets. The Officials Committee appoints these evaluators and will periodically review the list.

### **8. Q: How often can I upgrade my certification?**

**A:** You may upgrade whenever you have completed the requirements. For example, you could upgrade to N2 Chief Judge in April, upgrade from N2 Stroke & Turn Judge to an N3 Stroke & Turn judge in August and then upgrade to N2 Referee in November. The important thing is to make sure all the requirements for each step and position are satisfied before applying for a new certification level. Participation and education activities and evaluations can be used for multiple advancement or re-certification application, provided they fall within the appropriate certification time frame window required for the application.

### **9. Q: Should I wait until the expiration of my current certifications to re-certify?**

**A:** That is not necessary. If you have completed all of your requirements for re-certification you can submit your application.

Please note that Initial (or Final) N3 evaluations for advancement to N3 in a position, if satisfactory or not noted as unacceptable for re-certification at the N2 level, may be used to satisfy the re-certification evaluation requirement for a position.

### **10. Q: Does it cost anything to re-certify or upgrade my certification?**

**A:** There is no cost for any certification. However, please make sure your applications are complete and valid before submitting them to reduce the level of activity required by staff and the Officials Committee volunteers to review and process the applications.

### **11. Q: What qualifies as a learning activity?**

**A:** Included in learning activities are Swimposiums, LSC training clinics, briefings at National Championship, Zone and sectional meets and being mentored as an apprentice on deck.

### **12. Q: What qualifies as a training activity?**

**A:** Included in training activities are leading LSC training clinics, mentoring apprentice officials on deck at meets, leading pre-session briefings and participation in LSC or National Officials Committee Meetings.

### **13. Q: Will I get a new patch or pin when I upgrade?**

**A:** There are no patches or pins as part of the certification program. A certification card with the highest level achieved for each position will be issued. You may print your own card showing your current National Certifications and, if your LSC chooses to use the LSC Certification Module in the OTS, your current LSC Certifications by going to "[My Certification Card](#)" in the OTS (Officials Tracking System) on the officials section of the USA Swimming web site and signing in with your linked account.

**Note:** To have access to the **Officials Tracking System** detail pages, including "My Certification Card", you must be a current "non-athlete, official" member of USA Swimming. If you are an official, have a



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linked account, and are a current non-athlete member and can't open "My Certification Card" or access tracked meets where you are the Meet Referee, you may need to have your LSC Registration Chair add "**official**" to your SWIMs database record.

### **14. Q: Can I use sessions at the same meet to satisfy multiple re-certification requirements?**

**A:** Yes! For example, if you are certified as N3 Starter, N2 Deck Referee, N2 Chief Judge and N3 Stroke and Turn Judge, working an Officials Qualifying Meet with two sessions as a deck referee and two sessions as a starter, with satisfactory evaluations for both positions, you would satisfy all of the evaluation requirements for re-certification in all four of those positions. You still have to work at another two (2) Officials Qualifying Meet (whether you were evaluated or not) and meet all of the other participation and education requirements in the 36 previous months for your re-certification application to be complete.

### **15. Q: Can I use sessions at the same meet to get more than one advancement evaluation?**

**A:** Yes! If the meet host and National Evaluators are willing to accommodate and you do the following:

- Work the required number of session for each evaluation.
- Only one position can be evaluated for advancement in any session even if you are working in a rotation. For example, if you are moving from Deck Referee and then to Starter and then to a break, you can only be evaluated for advancement in one of those positions in that session.
- You can be evaluated for re-certification in more than one position in a session (say for both Deck Referee and Starter as in the above example).
- Work at least 4 sessions in the meet (the minimum sessions you have to work in the meet before any evaluation done at the meet is valid. This is the commitment from you to the meet in exchange for accommodating you as an evaluation candidate.
- Meet the Evaluation Requirements to be evaluated for each position. (See the [National Official Certification Summary](#) and [National Official Re-Certification Summary](#) documents on the web site.)

It is also possible to be evaluated for advancement at the N3 level in one position and N2 in another; e.g. for N3 S&T Judge – 4 sessions, and N2 Starter – 3 sessions; meaning you'd have to work at least 7 sessions at that meet.

### **16. Q: How frequently can I be evaluated for advancement in the same position?**

**A:** It is strongly recommended that officials not "rush to advancement." It is strongly suggested that officials absorb and put into practice the feedback received from any N3 or N2 evaluation, whether satisfactory or not, before proceeding to another evaluation for the same position. Much of the knowledge and approach to officiating that good officials use in their duties is the result of experience on the deck and feedback from National Evaluators, other experienced officials, coaches, swimmers, meet administrators, and even parents and spectators. It is suggested that working the position in at least two meets over a minimum of four months would be appropriate before requesting another evaluation for the same position.

### **17. Q: Is a satisfactory N2 advancement evaluation also an Initial N3 Evaluation for a position?**

**A:** No. Evaluations to advance to N2 in a position can only be used for satisfying N2 requirements, and for re-certification if the evaluation is less than 3 years old when application to recertify is made.

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Before any N3 evaluations can be given in a position the candidate must already be certified at N2 in the position (among other things). It should also be noted that N3 advancement evaluations must be done over 4 sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet by an appropriately approved National Evaluator. N2 advancement evaluations need only be over 3 sessions at an OQM by appropriately approved National Evaluators (although you must still work at least 4 sessions at the meet).

### **18. Q: What happens if my evaluation for re-certification or advancement in a position does not recommend re-certification or is not acceptable for advancement?**

**A:** The evaluation for a given level cannot be used to support re-certification or advancement applications at that level. However, the meet will count for the Qualifying Meet attendance, if you worked at least 4 sessions at the meet.

Comments and suggestions from the evaluation should be used as a guide for improvement so that future evaluation may be successful. The goal is to make sure that N2 and N3 certification levels are meaningful and represent an official's skill level.

Re-certification evaluations may be taken again. If they continue to be unsatisfactory, or are not completed before expiration of the certification, the certification for the position will lapse. If certification for the position is expired for less than 3 years it can be reinstated by fully completing the re-certification requirements for the level and position. If expired more than 3 years the position can be reinstated by fully completing the certification requirements for each expired position and level.

If "unsatisfactory" N3 advancement evaluations for a position are not noted as unacceptable for N2 re-certification, they can be used for re-certification.

### **19. Q: Can I be evaluated at time trials of a Sectional Meet?**

**A:** No. Evaluations at Sectional Meets (approved as Officials Qualifying Meets), or any other Officials Qualifying Meet, including National Championship level meets (see exception for "[N3 Starter evaluations](#)"), are to be done at the regular meet sessions and not during time trials. However, the National Officials Chair has the leeway to accommodate individual officials from remote locations, or with other special circumstances, and may, on request, allow time trials at a specific meet to be used for part of the evaluation sessions for those officials.

### **20. Q: If I'm already an N3 Deck Referee (Starter, Chief Judge, Administrative Referee) do I have to be evaluated in the Stroke and Turn Judge position to re-certify as a Deck Referee (Starter, Chief Judge, Administrative Referee)?**

**A:** The simple answer is "No". (See the "[National Official Re-Certification Summary](#)" documents on the web site.) However, it is recommended that N2 and N3 Chief Judges, Starters, Deck Referees and Administrative Referees periodically request evaluation in the Stroke and Turn Judge position over a couple of sessions so that:

- Experienced officials can be seen actively participating as S&T Judges.
- They can keep their skills at a high level and refresh their awareness of current rules, their interpretation and the deck protocol expected at National and high level meets.
- They can emphasize the importance of the Stroke and Turn Judge (in swimmers' opinions - the most important positions on the deck).

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### **21. Q: Will I be provided with a written copy of my evaluation?**

**A:** Yes – it should be part of the wrap-up discussion you have with your evaluator. You will also be emailed a brief summary of the evaluation and the result as soon as the evaluation is entered in to the Officials Tracking System (OTS) by the evaluator. You may also review your full evaluation online in the "My History" link in the OTS. It should be the same as the printed evaluation or similar to the hand written or verbal evaluation given to you at the meet.

A large component of the Evaluator's responsibility is to interact with and, if necessary, mentor those being evaluated for both advancement and re-certification. All Evaluators must provide feedback to the candidate during the meet so that any areas in need of improvement can be addressed and demonstrated by the candidate during subsequent sessions being evaluated.

All Evaluators are obliged to give a verbal evaluation to the candidate official by the end of the meet.

See the "[Guidelines for National Evaluators](#)" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> certification page on the website for more information on what can be expected during the National Certification evaluation process.

You may now provide feedback on your evaluation to the National Officials Committee by following the directions included with the emailed evaluation notice. Please be constructive and as objective as possible if you do choose to respond. The committee will consider the feedback when adjustments are made to the program. You may also access the "[Evaluation Process Survey](#)" from the certification page on the website.

### **22. Q: What happens if one or more of my National Certifications (N2 or N3) expire before I recertify?**

**A:** Expiration dates for each position will now be maintained separately. If you do not complete the re-certification requirements, and apply for re-certification before the expiry date for a position, the certification will lapse and no National certification for the position will show on your card. If you were shown as N3 in a position it will not revert to N2.

You may be reinstated to a lapsed position, at the level you were at, if you fully complete all re-certification requirements for the position within three (3) years of the date it expired.

If you do not complete the re-certification requirements and apply for re-certification within three (3) years of the expiry date you will be required to complete the full advancement process for that position and level to be reinstated. Under this circumstance you may require satisfactory N2 or N3 Stroke and Turn Judge advancement evaluation (if Stroke and Turn Judge certification has also lapsed) before N2 or N3 initial or final advancement evaluations for each of any other lapsed positions can be given.

Please review the "[National Certification Reinstatement](#)" document posted on the website.

Please also review the "[National Official Certification Summary](#)" and the "[National Official Re-Certification Summary](#)" documents posted on the web site.

For instructions on how to apply for certification, re-certification or reinstatement in the Officials Tracking System, see the "[User Guide – Officials](#)" on the OTS or Certification website pages.

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### **23. Q: I've been an evaluator at a number of Officials Qualifying Meets over the last couple of years; how do I get to be evaluated for re-certification if I'm always evaluating?**

- A:** National Evaluators approved to give Initial or FINAL N3 evaluations may earn position re-certification evaluation, OQM participation, education and mentoring credit for their own re-certification by accomplishing the following:
- Full-time (not working another position) National Evaluator (including prompt submission of reports) at 3 OQMs in the 36 months before expiration will satisfy (personal) requirements, at all positions.
  - Full-time National Evaluator at two OQMs will satisfy the evaluation, education and mentoring requirements, but full credit still requires working at the third OQM.
  - Up to 50% of the LSC meet participation requirement may be relieved for re-certification if National Evaluators provide the service at 3, or more, OQMs. However, all N2 and N3 officials and Evaluators are still required to meet their own LSC's re-certification requirements to maintain their status, regardless of any relief given by the National Officials Committee.
  - It is suggested that National Evaluators request periodic evaluation by a National Evaluator:
    - in the S&T Judge position to demonstrate maintenance of skill and the importance of the position, and
    - in the Starter position, if N2 or N3 certified.

### **24. Q: The OTS looks pretty fancy. Does my LSC have to use it?**

- A:** The simple answer is: No!
- The initial priority for the system was to track attendance and evaluations at OQMs, however there are a number of features built into the system that LSCs can use if they choose. LSC meets can be set up by the LSC Officials chair (or their designees), they can include a meet referee who, along with those who have set-up authority, can enter officials into the meet and the number of sessions worked in each position. They can also load teaching and learning activities such as large clinics, meetings, briefings, etc into the system to track participation. Individual officials can also record their own activities, such as one-on-one mentoring, or participation in meets not tracked by their own or other LSCs. These are referred to as "*Other Activities*" and "*Other Meets*" in the OTS guides on the USA Swimming Website.

Many additional LSC friendly enhancements have recently been included in the OTS. These include LSC certification management and tracking for active and new officials, the ability to print certificates, enhanced participation tracking and reporting features.

### **25. Q: Can I be "evaluated for education"?**

- A:** With the introduction of the OTS an "Evaluation for Education" option was added to the online evaluation report form. It allows an official to request an evaluation over a short period, say one session or even at time trials, to get feedback on their performance. These evaluations do not get counted and are "unofficial."

Evaluators can also use the "Evaluation for Education" if, after discussing it with the candidate, during a requested N2 or N3 evaluation, it is apparent that there are obvious shortcomings or lack of sufficient experience and there is no point in continuing with the full evaluation. This use allows the evaluator to record the improvements needed and to give the candidate a copy for reference.

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### 26. Q: I can't get to "My Certification Card" or go to a tracked meet where I'm the designated Meet Referee or an Evaluator (at an OQM). Why?

To have access to the **Officials Tracking System** detail pages, including "My Certification Card" and tracked meets, or to see reports (if you are an LSC Officials Chair), you must be a current "*non-athlete, official*" member of USA Swimming. If you are an official, have a "[linked account](#)", and are a current non-athlete member and can't open "My Certification Card" or access tracked meets where you are the Meet Referee, you may need to have your LSC Registration Chair add "**official**" to your SWIMS database record.

If you don't have a linked account, see any of the OTS "[User Guides](#)" for instructions on how to create one.

### 27. Q: I've been appointed as a Meet Referee/Evaluator/Activity Administrator for the first time and I can't find the meet/activity that I'm supposed to enter data into! Why?

Presuming you have a properly linked account and you are a current "Non Athlete-Official" member of USA Swimming, as noted in the previous question, you are probably trying to use too much information to search for the meet or activity.

*Principle: When searching for anything in the OTS "**less is usually best!**"*

First; read the OTS "[User Guides](#)" for general information on using the OTS and "searching."

If you are the Meet Referee or an evaluator at an approved OQM and you know the approval number you can enter just that number; or just the serial part of the number, on the search page and click on "Search".

The screenshot shows the 'Officials Tracking System - Meets' search interface. It features a search form with the following fields and options:

- Meet Name: [Text Input]
- Meet Date: [Date Picker]
- City: [Text Input]
- State: [Dropdown Menu]
- LSC: [Dropdown Menu]
- Referee: [Radio Buttons for All/Specific]
- Evaluator: [Radio Buttons for All/Specific]
- Official: [Radio Buttons for All/Specific]
- Search Links: Search for a Meet by Referee, Search for a Meet by Evaluator, Search for a Meet by Official
- Search Button: [Search]

In general, if you are the Meet Referee/Evaluator/Activity Administrator, search using only the Meet Referee, Evaluator or Activity Administrator link. That is, click on the link and then enter your family name, and maybe your LSC, in the officials search page to find yourself; then return to the meet search or activity page and search.

The meet/activity should be returned with "edit" in the right-most column. Click on "edit" link.

You may also consider a search using a narrow "date range" and the host LSC (and no other search fields). Meets/activities where you have authority will be in the list with "edit" in the right-most column.

#### Notes:

- For USA Swimming National Championship meets and for activities sponsored by USA Swimming, such as National Officials seminars or meetings, the "LSC" is "USA Swimming".

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- For all other meets/activities the "LSC" is usually the host LSC. This includes Time Trials at USA Swimming National Championship meets and "national meets" for other organizations such as US Masters Swimming, YMCA, NCAA, etc. In some rare cases an LSC may have their championship meets at a facility in another LSC. You'll have to find out which LSC sets up the meet; although it is preferred that the LSC benefiting from the meet be the "LSC" and, if two sanctions (or a joint sanction) are issued, that information be recorded in the Sanction Number field.

