

OFFICIATING AT THE SPEEDO CHAMPIONS SERIES*

(* HERE IN AFTER SCS)

SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATION POSSIBILITIES

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- The SCS meets are NOT to be called national championship meets. The only reference to championship status is in the officiating possibilities.
- The procedures for officiating at SCS meets was established in order to find a way to 'bridge the gap' for advancement between Zone level and National Championship meets.
- The procedures have been revisited after one year of SCS meets. One change has been approved in the National Championship re-certification procedures. The change is detailed in the section on National Championship certification.
- Only **ONE** certification/re-certification of any level can be achieved in one SCS meet, as is the current practice in all National and National Championship meets. Each official must determine which level is appropriate based on expiration dates and available opportunities in the current certification.

LSC CERTIFICATION

YOU CAN:

- Upgrade to a higher level if assigned and officiate as such in the SCS meet **AND** have met your LSC upgrade requirements;
(ASSIGNED is defined as being a meet referee, administrative referee, deck referee, starter, or chief judge)

YOU CANNOT:

- Renew your current LSC certification if it is a higher level than worked in the SCS meet.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

YOU CAN:

- Acquire NEW certification for the position worked by officiating three (3) or more sessions in the SCS meet;
- RENEW the position worked by officiating three (3) or more sessions in the SCS meet;
- UPGRADE to a higher level if ASSIGNED and officiate as such in the SCS meet in three (3) or more sessions.

YOU CANNOT:

- Acquire National certification in any position if the LSC certification was achieved LESS than one (1) year ago;
- Acquire NEW, RENEW, or UPGRADE if officiating in LESS than three (3) sessions.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

YOU CAN:

- Acquire NEW National Championship certification as *STROKE AND TURN* **ONLY** if ASSIGNED (see previous definition) and work four (4) or more sessions in the assigned position at the SCS meet and have National certification for at least one (1) year;
- RENEW National Championship certification at your highest level by working at least four (4) sessions at the SCS meet.

YOU CANNOT:

- Acquire National Championship certification unless working the SCS meet as an ASSIGNED (see previous definition) official;
- Acquire National Championship certification unless ASSIGNED in the SCS meet;
- UPGRADE National Championship certification;
- Acquire or RENEW National Championship certification if working **LESS** than four (4) sessions in the SCS meet.

SUGGESTIONS ON GETTING AN ASSIGNMENT AT SECTIONALS

- DEVELOP CREDIBILITY WITH THE LEADERSHIP IN YOUR LSC AND SURROUNDING LSCs IN THE ASSIGNED POSITION(S) BEING REQUESTED
- SHOW A FAVORABLE HISTORY OF VOLUNTEERISM IN ANY POSITION AT ANY LEVEL OF COMPETITION WITH THE LSCs WITHIN YOUR SECTIONAL
- BE A PROFESSIONAL EVERY TIME YOU OFFICIATE
- BE A 'TEAM PLAYER' WITHOUT PERSONAL AGENDAS
- DECLARE YOUR INTENT ON THE APPLICATION TO OFFICIATE