

SECTION 8

OFFICIATING

A. Operation of Swimming Meets

1. Pacific Swimming meets shall be staffed by **currently registered non-athlete members of USA Swimming certified as Officials**. Officials certified by Pacific Swimming or other LSCs, who are volunteers **shall be** qualified by training and experience in the various capacities **of officiating**. ~~for efficient operation of meets.~~
2. Officials' positions and duties ~~shall be as~~ are described in the **USA Swimming Rule book**.

B. Organization

1. **All currently registered non-athlete members of USA Swimming certified as an Official registered with Pacific Swimming shall be considered Pacific Swimming Officials.**
2. The **LSC Officials Chair** shall preside over the **Officials Committee**.
3. The LSC Officials Chair shall appoint, with the advice and approval of the Pacific General Chair and the Zone Chair, an Officials Chair in each of the five zones. The Zone Officials Chair may appoint qualified **officials** to conduct official's clinics as necessary.

C. Duties of the Zone Officials Chair

1. Schedule and conduct training clinics in the zone.
2. Maintain a list of trained officials, indicating qualifications of these people based on experience, performance, and interest.
3. **Zone officials chair is responsible for the assignment of qualified officials to zone scheduled and sanctioned, approved, observed, and other meets as needed.**
4. **Assist the LSC Officials Chair** and meet directors in obtaining **qualified** officials suitable to the needs of ~~the scheduled LSC~~ meets.

D. Qualification of Officials

1. Clinics for the instruction of officials in various capacities shall be conducted by **qualified instructors and hosted by** the Officials Committee, zones, and **clubs**.
2. All clinics shall be sanctioned and shall be approved by the Pacific Officials Chair or the Zone Officials Chair. A sanction fee is not required for this event.
3. Persons instructed as officials at clinics shall serve at meets as trainees under the supervision of experienced qualified officials. Certification of officials shall require the evaluation **of the trainee and/or official according to Pacific Swimming Officials Advancement Criteria** and recommendation by meet referees under whom the training was accomplished in addition to the clinic instruction and the approval of the Zone Officials Chair.

4. The position and level for which the official is certified shall be entered into the Officials Tracking System database of USA Swimming.
5. Swimming officials shall wear a uniform of appropriate clothing prescribed by the Officials Committee during the performance of duties and display their current USA Swimming membership card at all times while performing their duties.

ADDENDUM

I. MOTION(S) TO CLARIFY AN EXISTING RULE OR ADD A RULE:

C Duties of Zone Officials Chair Item 3 Zone officials chair is responsible for the assignment of qualified officials to zone sanctioned, approved, observed, and other meets as needed. (current practice)

D. Qualification of Officials Item 4 The position and level for which the official is certified shall be entered into the Officials Tracking System database of USA Swimming. (current practice)

II. ITEMS TO BE MOVED TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

D. Qualification of Officials Item 3: Criteria for Advancement and the corresponding Evaluation forms for various Official positions to be posted in P & P.

III. ITEMS TO BE DELETED

A: Operation of Swim Meets : Rules and Regulations, as these suit the meet situation and comply with Pacific Swimming Rules and Regulations. (ambiguous)

B. Organization Item 1: reside within the territory of Pacific Swimming shall be considered members of the Pacific Swimming Officials. Those persons qualified and who have paid the annual membership fee are members of the Pacific Officials Organization (change reside to registered)

B. Organization Item 2: The annual membership fee for officials shall be fixed by the Pacific Board of Directors. The fee shall be waived for any official holding USA-S membership. (not current practice)

B. Organization Item 3 All meet directors, referees, starters, administrative officials and stroke and turn judges serving as officials in a USA Swimming sanctioned event shall be members of USA Swimming.(Redundant)

B. Organization Item 4 The LSC Officials Chair . and is a voting member of the Board of Directors. at meetings of the House of Delegates. (defined in Bylaws)

C. Duties of the Zone Officials Chair, Item 2 Issue officials 'cards, collect the annual fees, and transmit the fees collected to the Pacific Treasurer. (outdated process)

C. Duties of the Zone Officials Chair, Item 5 Maintain custody of and schedule the use of watches and other equipment belonging to Pacific or the Zone. (outdated process)

D. Qualification of Officials: Item 4 A card denoting positions for which the official is certified is issued by the Zone Officials Chairman. (outdated process)