

# **General Policy for SCS/USA Swimming Sanctioned/Approved/Observed Status**

## **Minimum Deck Staffing for SCS sanctioned meets;**

- 4 or less lanes: 3 deck officials
- 5 – 7 lanes: 4 deck officials
- 7 – 8 lanes: 5 deck Officials
- 9 – 10 lanes: 6 deck officials
- Double ended long course meets: 8 officials
- Freestyle events may be run at a reduced staffing as long as turn touches are clearly visible by an official
- It is the responsibility of the meet referee to determine the number of officials required to run a fair and equitable meet for all in attendance. Timeline of the session/meet, length and shape of the pool as well as weather may all be factors in the referee's decision.

## **Minimum Admin Staffing for SCS sanctioned meets:**

- 300 or less swimmers/session – 1 Admin Official
- 300 or more swimmers/session – 1 Admin Referee

## **Required Certification level:**

- Timed Finals meets with less than 300 swimmers/session - 1 Referee, (Admin or Meet), 1 Starter, 1 Deck Referee (can be the meet referee). Other officials can be certified at Stroke and Turn. If using an Admin Official you must have a certified Meet Referee on deck.
- Timed Finals meets with over 300 swimmers/session – 1 Meet Referee, 1 Deck Referee (can be the meet referee), 1 Admin Referee, 2 Starters, 1 Admin Official or Clerk of Course. Other officials may be certified at the level of Stroke and Turn.
- Heats and Finals meets with less than 500 swimmers – 1 H&F Certified Meet Referee, 1 H&F Certified Admin Referee, 1 Admin Official or Clerk of Course. 1 Deck Referee, 2 Starters. Other deck officials may be certified at a level of Stroke and Turn.
- Heats and Finals meets with more than 500 swimmers – 1 H&F Certified Meet Referee (non-starting), 1 Deck Referee, 2 Starters; the remaining deck officials may be Stroke and Turn certified. 1 H&F Admin Referee, 1 Admin Official or Clerk of Course.
- All officials must be certified by SCS and be a member in good standing with a current registration of USA Swimming. Officials from other LSCs are welcome to officiate at Southern California swimming meets with the exception of Meet Referee and Admin Referee. Admin referee and Meet referee require unique knowledge of SCS protocol and procedures that an official from outside of SCS would not be expected to know.

## **Observed meets:**

Observed meets, 2 USA Swimming deck certified officials must observe the meet. Separate list of USA swimming disqualifications must be maintained.

**USA Swimming dual or similar format meets and club intra-squad meets** must meet all standards as set forth above to be sanctioned for the purpose of official time entry in USA Swimming SWIMS database. Any meet not meeting the minimum criteria listed above may be subject to losing its sanction. Times from the meet will not be entered in USA-Swimming SWIMS database.

**Sanction/Approval** status will be given only to meets which are conducted by the minimum required number of certified deck officials and which comply with all required standards as set forth by USA Swimming and SCS. A list of officials may be requested by the SCS office, as per the sanction request, prior to the meet.