

# National Official Advancement Summary

There are two levels of National Certification – N2 and N3 – for each of 5 positions:

- Stroke and Turn Judge,
- Chief Judge,
- Starter,
- Deck Referee and
- Administrative Referee.

**N2** The first National level in a position – is administered by the National Officials Committee and recognizes that an official is experienced and has been evaluated as capable of working the position at Sectional, Zone, Grand Prix and similar higher profile meets.

**N3** The second, and highest, National level in a position – is administered by the National Officials Committee and recognizes that an official has the experience, skills and knowledge to be considered for selection to work National Championship level meets in the position.

Progression to N2 and N3 levels in the 5 positions is summarized on the following Pages.

## General Notes:

- **"Prerequisites"** - need to be in place before being evaluated for given position and level.
- **"Recommended"** - is suggested, but not required, for advancement or recertification.
- Only "satisfactory" evaluations can be used for advancement or re-certification. Evaluators may indicate that an N3 candidate, who is not ready to be considered for a Final Evaluation or for advancement to N3, meets a standard acceptable for re-certification at the N2 level in the position. All satisfactory evaluations have a life of 24 months from the last day of the meet where they were performed. N2 advancement or recertification evaluations cannot be used as Initial N3 evaluations.
- Applications must be submitted to advance or re-certify. Satisfactory evaluations do not automatically imply advancement or re-certification since there are other requirements that also must be satisfied.
- All National Certifications held by an Official always expire on the same date.
- If new N2 or N3 certification applications include the required evaluations to re-certify in N2 positions that are not being advanced, or in existing N3 positions, the new expiry date will be advanced to the next expiry day - June 30 or December 31 ("exp-days") - plus two years.

If all re-certification requirements are not included, the new expiry date will be advanced to the next "exp-day" plus one year (or the existing date, if later).

If all re-certification requirements are completed before the new expiry date a re-certification application may submitted and the expiry date will be extended two years from next "exp-day" after the application date.

Satisfactory evaluations for advancement, less than two years old, may be used for the re-certification application.

National levels start at N2. The previously described N1 level – to define an official certified in a position in their LSC and with sufficient experience to be considered proficient – has been removed from these documents.

Where LSC certification in a position is noted as a *prerequisite*, it means "An official certified in the position in their LSC and with sufficient experience to be considered proficient."

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## N2 Positions

N2 Positions	Prerequisites	Certification Requirements
<b>Stroke &amp; Turn Judge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSC Stroke and Turn Judge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory evaluation as an N2 Stroke &amp; Turn Judge over <u>three</u> sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet</li> <li>Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>Continuing Education</li> <li>One year of LSC level S&amp;T experience prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>
<b>Chief Judge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N2 Stroke &amp; Turn Judge <b>and</b></li> <li>LSC Chief Judge, or</li> <li>LSC Deck Referee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory evaluation as an N2 Chief Judge over <u>three</u> sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet</li> <li>Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>Continuing Education and Mentoring of officials</li> <li>One year of LSC level experience (any position) prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>
<b>Starter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSC Starter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory evaluation as an N2 Starter candidate over <u>three</u> sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet</li> <li>Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>Continuing Education and Mentoring of officials</li> <li>One year of LSC Starter experience prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>
<b>Deck Referee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSC Deck Referee <b>and</b></li> <li>N2 Stroke and Turn Judge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory evaluation as an N2 Deck Referee candidate over <u>three</u> sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet</li> <li>Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>Continuing Education and Mentoring of officials</li> <li>One year of LSC Deck Referee experience prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>
<b>Administrative Referee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSC Deck Referee or</li> <li>LSC Admin Referee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory evaluation as an N2 Admin Referee candidate over at least <u>three</u> sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet</li> <li>Continuing Participation in LSC level Meets</li> <li>Continuing Education and Mentoring</li> <li>One year of LSC Deck or Admin Referee experience prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>

Note: Evaluations for advancement in a position may be performed at any time after the *prerequisites* have been satisfied. It is not necessary for the year of active service in the position to be completed before an advancement evaluation. However, the year of active service is required before the application to advance may be submitted. It is strongly recommended to officials that advancement evaluations not be requested until sufficiently experienced at the current level in the position to have a reasonable chance of a satisfactory result.



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## N3 Positions

N3 Positions	Prerequisites	Certification Requirements
<b>Stroke &amp; Turn Judge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N2 Stroke and Turn Judge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfactory evaluation as an N3 Stroke and Turn Judge over four sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet</li> <li>• Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>• Work at least 4 sessions as an official at each of two Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to applying for advancement</li> <li>• Continuing Education, Mentoring and Training</li> <li>• One year as an active N2 Stroke and Turn Judge or N2 Deck Referee prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>
<b>Chief Judge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N3 Stroke and Turn Judge <b>and</b></li> <li>• N2 Chief Judge, or</li> <li>• N2 Deck Referee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfactory evaluations (one Initial and one Final) as an N3 Chief Judge over <u>four</u> sessions each at two Officials Qualifying Meets</li> <li>• Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>• Work at least 4 sessions as an official at each of two Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to applying for advancement</li> <li>• Continuing Education, Mentoring and presenting Seminars or High Level Briefings</li> <li>• Work at a National Championship Meet as an official at least once</li> <li>• One year as an active N2 Chief Judge or N2 Deck Referee prior to applying for advancement.</li> </ul>
<b>Starter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N3 Stroke and Turn Judge <b>and</b></li> <li>• N2 Starter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two satisfactory evaluations (one Initial and one Final) as an N3 Starter over four sessions each at two Officials Qualifying Meets</li> <li>• Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>• Work at least 4 sessions as an official at each of 2 Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to applying for advancement</li> <li>• Continuing Education, Mentoring and presenting Seminars or High Level Briefings</li> <li>• Work at a National Championship Meet as an official at least once</li> <li>• One year as an active N2 Starter prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>
<b>Deck Referee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N3 Stroke and Turn Judge <b>and</b></li> <li>• N2 Deck Referee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two satisfactory evaluations (one Initial and one Final) as an N3 Deck Referee over four sessions each at two Officials Qualifying Meets</li> <li>• Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>• Work at least 4 sessions as an official at each of two Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to applying for advancement</li> <li>• Continuing Education, Mentoring and presenting Seminars or High Level Briefings</li> <li>• Work at a National Championship level meet as an official at least once</li> <li>• One year as an active N2 Deck Referee prior to applying for advancement.</li> <li><i>Recommended:</i></li> <li>• N3 Chief Judge certification - earned concurrently or prior.</li> </ul>



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<b>Administrative Referee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N3 Stroke and Turn Judge <b>and</b></li> <li>• N2 Administrative Referee, or</li> <li>• N3 Deck Referee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two satisfactory evaluations (one Initial and one Final) as an N3 Administrative Referee at two Officials Qualifying Meets</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>• If evaluated as Head Admin Referee for all sessions at an Officials Qualifying Meet approved for Final N3 Admin Referee evaluations or Assistant Administrative Referee at a National Championship Meet – One satisfactory evaluation (final) by a qualified National Evaluator</li> <li><b>and</b></li> <li>• Participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of four LSC meets over the past 24 months</li> <li>• Work at least 4 sessions as an official at each of two Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to applying for advancement</li> <li>• Continuing Education and Mentoring or training others</li> <li>• Work at a National Championship level meet as an official at least once</li> <li>• One year as an active N2 or N3 Deck Referee or N2 Admin Referee prior to applying for advancement</li> </ul>
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**Notes:**

- Only one of the two required Officials Qualifying Meets may be a National Championship level meet.
- Initial and Final N3 evaluations for a position must be at different Officials Qualifying Meets. Initial and Final evaluations for a position must be by different, approved evaluators. See “N3 FINAL EVALUATIONS.”
- Prior to certification as an N3 Chief Judge, N3 Starter, N3 Deck Referee or N3 Administrative Referee, the candidate must participate as an official in at least one National Championship Meet (National Championships, National Junior Championships, National Short Course Championship, World Cup, etc.). Although officiating at only one such meet satisfies the requirement for all of the above positions, it is recommended that N3 level officials work at a National Championship meet periodically to stay in touch with current protocol and procedures.

**Achievement of N3 certification as a Chief Judge, Starter, Deck Referee or Administrative Referee does not guarantee appointment in the position at a future National Championship Meet. It is recognition that the Official has the necessary skills, if maintained, to be considered for selection to the National Deck.**

