



ALL-CITY SWIM CHAMPIONSHIP LINEUP OF OFFICIALS

The All-City Swim Championship Meet takes the efforts of hundreds of volunteers each year to run. One of those groups of volunteers is the officials on deck (and behind the scenes) whose primary roles are to ensure the meet runs fairly and safely within the rules established by the All-City Swim & Dive League.

You may wonder why there are so many folks on deck wearing white shirts and navy bottoms. The primary reason is the size of the meet and the number of swimmers, which require more officials than your weekly dual meet. The different officiating roles required to run a Championship meet fairly, safely, and efficiently are described below.

Meet Referee: Is the senior official at the meet and is responsible for overseeing meet management and adherence to the rules throughout the event. They act as the liaison between the coaches and officiating team. The meet referee is the final authority on officiating decisions. Together with the Team Lead Chief Judge, they ensure the meet runs efficiently and smoothly in accordance with the All-City rules.

Team Lead Chief Judge (CJ): Is responsible for recruiting official volunteers, setting the deck layout (positioning of officials), and providing all the items needed by officials to run the meet.

Deck Referee: Is responsible for running a session of the swim meet. They are responsible for the pool's safety and for ensuring the session is run in an orderly and efficient manner. They are responsible for accepting or possibly rejecting disqualifications being called by stroke/turn officials.

Chief Judges: Assist the referee as directed by the referee in supervising and directing stroke and turn officials; assist the referee in processing disqualifications (basically, they are the "check" on the stroke and turn officials). Chief judges are not making calls while on deck; rather, they record what a stroke/turn official observed and report it to the deck referee.

Stroke and Turn Officials: Observe the swimmers from the sides and ends of the pool to ensure that the mechanics of each stroke are followed and that starts, turns, and finishes comply with the rules applicable to each stroke.

Starters: Start each race and ensure no swimmer leaves early (Think "Swimmers...take your mark"). Additional experienced officials are required for relay events to ensure a swimmer does not leave early during the relay exchanges.

Administrative Officials: Manage the meet data, including seeding heats, processing results, and ensuring swimmers receive an accurate, verified official time. With over 2,000 swimmers in the All-City Swim Championship, there are a lot of results to process!

Extra officials are always scheduled for relief to allow officials on deck time to rest and get out of the sun and heat.