USAS BLOCK PARTY

What is OTS?

The Officials Tracking System (OTS) is a part of the SWIMS database used for recording USA Swimming Officials' requirements and history. OTS allows for USA Swimming Officials to track the sessions they have worked, evaluations, etc. to maintain their existing certification and pursue higher levels of certification if they so choose. This is a critical tool in the professional development of USA Swimming Officials to serve our sport.

(Only USA Swimming meets with a certified referee may be used for required sessions.)

	Approved for OTS	Not Approved for OTS
Certified Referee identified	• Team applying for meet must identify USAS Certified Referee	N/A
Number of Officials	Block Party meets fall under rule 102.10.4 which requires a minimum of three officials	Block Party meets fall under rule 102.10.4 which requires a minimum of three officials
Types of officials	• 1 USAS Certified Referee, who may also act as a stroke and turn judge. • 1 USAS Certified Starter, who may also act as a stroke and turn judge • 1 USAS Certified Admin Official • All other officials used on deck must be Certified as a USAS official or USAS Apprentice as outlined in the LSC Officiating Standards.	• certified swimming officials ofrom other organizations or USA Swimming Coaches can be used in the role(s) of Referee, Starter, AO or Stroke and Turn Judge • All coaches and officials must be USA Swimming members in good standing.
Officials Uniforming	• Certified Officials uniforming	• specific uniforming not required
Timing	• Rule 102.23	• Rule 102.23
Officials Tracking System	• USAS Certified Referee must enter certified officials at meet into OTS	N/A
Officials training meet	• USAS Apprentices Officials may be trained as outlined in The LSC Officiating Standards.	• USAS Apprentice Officials may not use the meet for training sessions as outlined in The LSC Officiating Standards.