

N3i and N3f NATIONAL EVALUATOR APPOINTMENT GUIDELINES

N2 EVALUTORS/MENTORS

- Are maintained by the LSC
- The following are requirements for the LSC Officials Chairs to select N2 Evaluators:
 - Currently holds N3 ST certification.
 - Currently holds a N2 certification in the position they are evaluating.
 - Has attended a Futures meet (2 star and above) within the last 5 years.
- The following are additional guidelines for LSC Officials Chairs to select N2 Evaluators:
 - Actively participates in LSC meets including LSC Championship meets in past 18 months.
 - Successful Trainer for apprentices within LSC.
 - Knows rules, jurisdictions, protocols.
 - Characteristics: patient, thoughtful, communicates well and often, values volunteers, apprentices respond to teaching, is a good teacher/coach.
 - Has experienced higher-level meets (Sectionals, Futures, Pro Series, and National Championships).
 - Leads by example: Models skills in Professional Documents.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S STANDARDS FOR N3 MENTOR

- Positive performance in position at national championship meet as evidenced by evaluation.
- Actively mentored position at N2 level for N3 initial, and N2 and N3 initial for N3 final.
- Mentees have advanced and performed well.
- Excels at mentoring and possesses beneficial characteristics.
- Good Evaluate-The-Evaluator reports if available.

N3 INITIAL EVALUATORS/MENTOR (may also conduct N3 Recertification evaluations)

- N3i Evaluators/Mentors are maintained by the National Officials Committee.
- The following criteria are required for nomination:
 - Current N3 ST certification **PLUS**
 - Current N3 certification in recommended position **PLUS**
 - Active N2 evaluator in recommended position as evidenced by review of written N2 evaluations **PLUS**
 - Officiated in some capacity at a Junior or Senior National Championship meet in the previous 3 years **PLUS**
 - Positive recent performance and N3r evaluations in recommended position at two National 3 Star or above meets in the previous 8 years
- OR**
- Positive recent performance and N3r evaluation in recommended position at one National 3 Star or above meet **AND** served as the Meet Referee at one National 3 Star or above meet in the previous 8 years.
- Written application for an N3i evaluator position may be made by the applicant's LSC Officials Chair or another N3f evaluator in that position. LSC Officials Chairs will be asked to review the request if they did not initiate the recommendation.
- Application must be submitted via the official nomination link by the quarterly deadline.
- NOC members and AQUA list officials may be asked to review applications as necessary.
- Evaluator and Mentoring Working Group reviews applications on a quarterly basis and either approves or denies applications or develops action plans for applicants to attain needed qualifications.

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N3 FINAL EVALUATORS/MENTORS

- N3f Evaluators/Mentors are maintained by the National Officials Committee.
- The following criteria are required for nomination:
 - Current N3 ST certification **PLUS**
 - Current N3 certification in recommended National Evaluator position **PLUS**
 - Active N3i National Evaluator in recommended position as evidenced by review of written N2, N3i, and N3r evaluations **PLUS**
 - Successfully evaluated in the recommended position as evidenced by positive “Evaluate the Evaluator” responses if available in the previous four years **PLUS**
 - Positive recent performance and N3r evaluation in recommended position at one National 4 or 5 star meet **AND** attended one other National 3 star and above meet**OR**
 - Positive recent performance and N3r evaluation in recommended position at one National 3 star and up meet **AND** served as a MR at one National 5 star meet. Note: To be granted N3f AR evaluator status, National 5 star MRs must have officiated as an AR at two National 3 star and above meets in the previous 8 years.
- Written application for an N3f evaluator may be made by the applicant or the applicant’s LSC Officials Chair or another N3f evaluator in that position.
- Application must be submitted via the official nomination link by the quarterly deadline.
- NOC members and AQUA list officials may be asked to review applications as necessary.
- Evaluator and Mentoring Working Group reviews applications on a quarterly basis and either approves or denies applications or develops action plans for applicants to attain needed qualifications.

PROCESS TO MAINTAIN N3i and N3f MENTOR APPOINTMENTS (evaluated every July 1)

- Officiated in some capacity at one USA Swimming **sanctioned** National 3 Star and above meet in the past 3 years
 - ISL, Open Water, USMS, Para, High School, NCAA, etc. do not qualify
- Officiated/evaluated at LSC meets in past 12 months.
- USA Swimming member in good standing.
- Maintain LSC and N3 certifications in mentor positions.
- Mentors who allow their N3 mentor appointments to lapse will have to begin the process with new National meet assignments. Meets previously used for mentor applications cannot be used again.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- NOC Chair reserves the right to appoint or remove any official from the N3 Evaluator List.
- Exceptions to these processes must be approved by the Evaluator working group chair or the NOC Chair or P&E coordinator.
- N3 Evaluator List will be updated quarterly: July, October, January, and April. Submission must be received by: June 1, September 1, December 1 or March 1 to be considered for the next update.

USA SWIMMING MEET STAR DESIGNATIONS

Sectionals (★)

Futures (★★)

Juniors (★★★)

Pro Series (★★★★)

Nationals (★★★★★)

US Open (★★★★★)

Olympic Trials (★★★★★)