

THE PROFESSIONAL N3 MENTOR

Reappointment and Recertification Requirements

REAPPOINTMENT AND RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL N3 INITIAL and FINAL MENTORS

National N3 mentors must meet ongoing requirements in **two key areas** of their roles. First, they must meet criteria each year to renew their appointment as National N3 mentors. Second, they must maintain their personal certifications as N3 officials in the positions in which they conduct National N3 evaluations.

Renewing Annual National N3i and N3f Mentor Appointments

Annual National N3 mentor appointments run from July 1-June 30 of each year. As of **June 30 each year**, N3i and N3f mentors must have met these criteria for their annual National N3 mentor appointments to be renewed on July 1:

- 1) Must be current members of USA Swimming with up to date BCG and APT
- 2) Must have current LSC and N3 certifications in all appointed National N3 mentoring positions (see next section)
- 3) Must have been active at the LSC level within the prior 12 months from July 1 through June 30
- 4) Must have attended a 3+ star National Meet within the past 36 months from July 1 three years ago through June 30 of the review year

National N3 mentors who do not meet these criteria each year and allow their appointments to lapse may have their appointments suspended or revoked. There is no avenue for reinstating revoked National N3 mentor appointments.

Renewing Personal N3 certifications for National N3 mentors

National N3 mentors are expected to maintain their personal N3 certifications in all positions in which they are appointed as National N3 mentors. Active National N3 mentors may apply for N3 recertification based on their service as a National Mentor if they also meet these criteria:

- Active in LSC in the 12 months preceding application for N3 recertification
- Current LSC certifications
- Participate in LSC **sanctioned** meets as recorded in OTS and verified by LSC Official's Chair
 - Time Trials, approved, and observed sessions *will not* satisfy the requirement
- Must serve in any position, including as an evaluator, for a minimum of 4 sessions at each of 3 LSC Championships, Zones, Sectionals, Futures, or OQMs (only one of which may be a 3+ star National meet) in the 3 years prior to requesting recertification

N3 recertification evaluations are not required for National N3 mentors but are recommended periodically to stay current on N3 skills and protocols.

Reinstatement of Expired Personal N3 Certifications for National N3 mentors

- 1) Please refer to the Certification and Recertification Requirements documents for each position for the requirements to reinstate expired N3 certifications
- 2) National N3 mentors will not be added to OQMs to evaluate positions in which their personal N3 certifications are expired
- 3) Should N3 certifications be expired during the annual June 30 appointment renewal review, N3 National mentor appointments may be suspended or revoked