

National Meet Officials Selection Process

OTS has been down for almost 2 years making it more difficult to select officials based on experience. This is not a cookbook equation. There are many variables that play into the decisions for each meet and each meet is different. It is great to set goals but don't forget to enjoy the ride in the process. The journey is the reward.

Who has input:

National Officials Committee, Chair
Programs & Events, Chair
Meet Referee
NOC, Evaluation/Mentoring working group chair
USAS Staff

Considerations:

Pool of applicants
Needs/Level of meet (World Aquatics, Nat Team Selection, underwater video, 2 pools, place in Quad)
Credentials Preferred: (Futures: N2; Jrs and above: N3)
Experience of applicants
National Evaluator List Needs
Succession planning
Zone/LSC representation
Interview/Team player
History of commitment (not withdrawing)

How is information obtained:

OTS
Evaluations/Evaluators
Previous interactions with applicant (see Interview above)

What can you do to increase your chances of being selected:

Have National Credentials
Work your way up Sectional/Zones. Futures, Jrs, Pro, Nats
Apply to more meets (the law of probability)
Attend more meets (gain more experience and increases your exposure to decision makers)
Network with other officials (if you had 2 equally educated applicants for a job, how do you decide who to select)
Know that every meet is an interview for the next possible assignment. Guaranteed that a future MR is at every meet.
Enjoy where you are at the moment (It shows)