



Referee Roundtable

UPDATED FOR THE 2023 SEASON

Agenda

- ▶ Referee Role and Qualities
- ▶ Meet Cover Sheet
- ▶ Rules and Recommendations
- ▶ Communication (Facebook)
- ▶ Discussion of Best Practices



The Referee's primary role is
to ensure that the meet
is contested fairly.

Qualities of an Effective Referee

Calm **Confident** **Fair**
Experienced **Knowledgeable** **Prepared**
Communicator **Proactive** **Alert**
Delegator **Multi-tasker**
Good Attitude **Professional**

Information to put on the Meet Cover Sheet

- ▶ Division
- ▶ Meet # (1 – 6)
- ▶ Meet Date
- ▶ Meet Start Time
- ▶ Time Event 44 begins (don't forget to note this)
- ▶ Meet workers & walkers (this is how people get credit!)
- ▶ Meet Completion Time
- ▶ Checkbox for Weather Delay
- ▶ Teams competing
- ▶ Meet Location
- ▶ Pool Measurement (Yards or Meters)

**NEW IN 2023: REFEREES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS
NOT COMPUTER REPS!**

Recording Officials on Cover Sheet

- ▶ For most part: should be self-explanatory
- ▶ Nuances for Strokes & Turns:
 - ▶ Any walks prior to final walk, the S&T Trainee goes in section 10 or 11
 - ▶ For the final “shadowed walk” the S&T judge is actually the judge of record. His/her name goes in section 2 or 6
 - ▶ The experienced “shadow” goes in section 10 or 11
 - ▶ **Ultimately, GRAL needs to know that it is the trainee’s final walk and who shadowed him/her**

<i>Certified Official role</i>	Certified Official (1st Half) <i>Name and Team (ie Joe Smith, PC)</i>	Certified Official (2nd Half) <i>Name and Team (ie Joe Smith, PC)</i>
Referee:	1	5
Strokes & Turns #1:		
Strokes & Turns #2:	2	6
Strokes & Turns #3:		
Strokes & Turns #4:		
Starter:	3	7
Head Clerk of Course:	4	8
Meet Director:	Home Team:	Away Team:
Parent Rep:		
<i>Walking/Shadowing role</i> <i>(ie Referee, S&T...)</i>	Walking/Shadowing Official (1st Half) <i>Name and Team (ie Joe Smith, PC)</i>	Walking/Shadowing Official (2nd Half) <i>Name and Team (ie Joe Smith, PC)</i>
9	10	11

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Meet Cover Sheet

This form is meant to be completed by the home team's Referee.

Which meet? *

Date of Meet *

Date

Delayed by weather? No Yes

Time Meet Began *

Time Event 44 Began *

Time Meet Ended *

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Rules & Recommendations

- ▶ COVID rules no longer apply
 - ▶ Separate referee and starter
 - ▶ 4 stroke and turn judges
 - ▶ 3 timers per lane
 - ▶ Dual confirmation of relays recommended
- ▶ Taping allowed with Dr's note in regular season; none @ Champs
- ▶ Backstroke turns same as VHSL (but no sculling back to wall)
- ▶ Backstroke flags used as 15 m marks; called made by turn end officials
- ▶ No cell Phone or other pictures behind the blocks
- ▶ Swim shirts require a special needs exemption
- ▶ New USA Swimming rules
 - ▶ Ex. backstroke; breaststroke; "take your marks"

GRAL Officials Facebook Group

- ▶ GRAL has a Facebook group for officials!
- ▶ All GRAL officials, trainees and coaches are invited and encouraged to participate
- ▶ Group discussion can include:
 - ▶ Questions on rules or rule interpretations
 - ▶ Share lessons learned and observations
- ▶ Intent is to promote consistency among GRAL officials
- ▶ Discussion on FB group does not constitute official guidance on rules
- ▶ To join:
 - ▶ Search Facebook for the group
 - ▶ Answer the questions to join including your position – S&T, Ref, etc.
 - ▶ Please share with other officials at your club
 - ▶ Non-officials will not be accepted (e.g. parents, club board members, etc.). This is just for officials

Best Practices, Comments, Questions

- ▶ We want to hear from you