

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

Confident Calm Knowledgeable Fair ExperiencedPreparedAlertCommunicatorProactive Experienced Delegator Multi-tasker **Good Attitude Professional**

Information to put on the Meet Cover Sheet

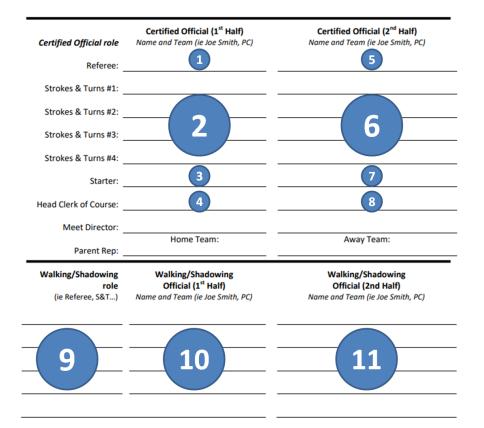
- Division
- Meet # (1 6)
- Meet Date
- Meet Start Time
- Time Event 44 begins (don't forget to note this)
- Meet workers & walkers (this is how people get credit!)

- 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 selfexplanatory
- 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



On the phone it looks like this

4:46				? ₫
Meet Co	ver She	et		
This form i team's Ref		be complet	ted by the h	iome
Which m	eet? *		٥	
Date of N	leet *			
mm-dd	-уууу			
Date				
Time Me	et Began	*		
Time Eve	ent 44 Be	egan *		
Time Mee	et Ended	*		
AA	🔒 for	rm.jotform.	.com	Ç
<	>	Û	Ш	C

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 <u>marks</u>"

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