

LMSC STANDARDS

As approved by the USMS Board of Directors

(Proposed revisions to 3/27/2012 document)

Officials

	Required	Suggested	
O1	The LMSC shall ensure that all events meet the minimum requirements in the rulebook for the number of required officials.		
O2	The LMSC shall ensure that qualified referees are assigned for all sanctioned events.		
O3	The LMSC shall ensure that all officials are briefed on USMS rules, including current interpretations, prior to all sanctioned meets.	The Officials Chair should distribute a copy of the Pre-Meet Briefing or Rule Difference document available on the USMS web page in the Officials section of the Guide to Operations (GTO)	
O4	LMSC Officials Chair shall have a current hardcopy of the USMS rulebook.		
		The LMSC Officials Chair should provide Meet Referees with updates on rules interpretations and points of emphasis prior to sanctioned meets.	OS5
		Individuals certified at only the Stroke and Turn level should receive additional training on duties of the Meet Referee, administrative rules, and starting rules before serving as a Meet Referee. Training may be accomplished by providing a copy of the USMS Deck Officials Roles and Responsibilities for Meet Officials document available on the USMS web page in the GTO-Officials section.	OS6
		The LMSC Officials Chair should have the latest copy of the USMS Deck Officials Roles and Responsibilities document for Meet Officials either on their LMSC web page or available for distribution.	OS7

	Required	Suggested	
		LMSC Officials Chairs should maintain a roster of officials in their LMSC who are qualified to officiate at USMS sanctioned meets.	OS8
		LMSC Officials Chairs should receive reports from Meet Referees at each USMS sanctioned meet in their jurisdiction. Reports should include, at a minimum, a roster of officials working the meet, their certification levels, and any significant issues relating to officiating at the meet. Reports may be verbal, by electronic mail, written report, or any other means deemed appropriate by the LMSC.	OS9
		All non-certified deck officials (Starters, and Stroke and Turn Judges) working at USMS sanctioned meets should be provided the latest copy of the USMS Deck Officials Roles and Responsibilities for Meet Officials document.	OS10
		If desired, work with the USMS Officials Committee to establish a certification program to increase the pool of available qualified officials.	OS11