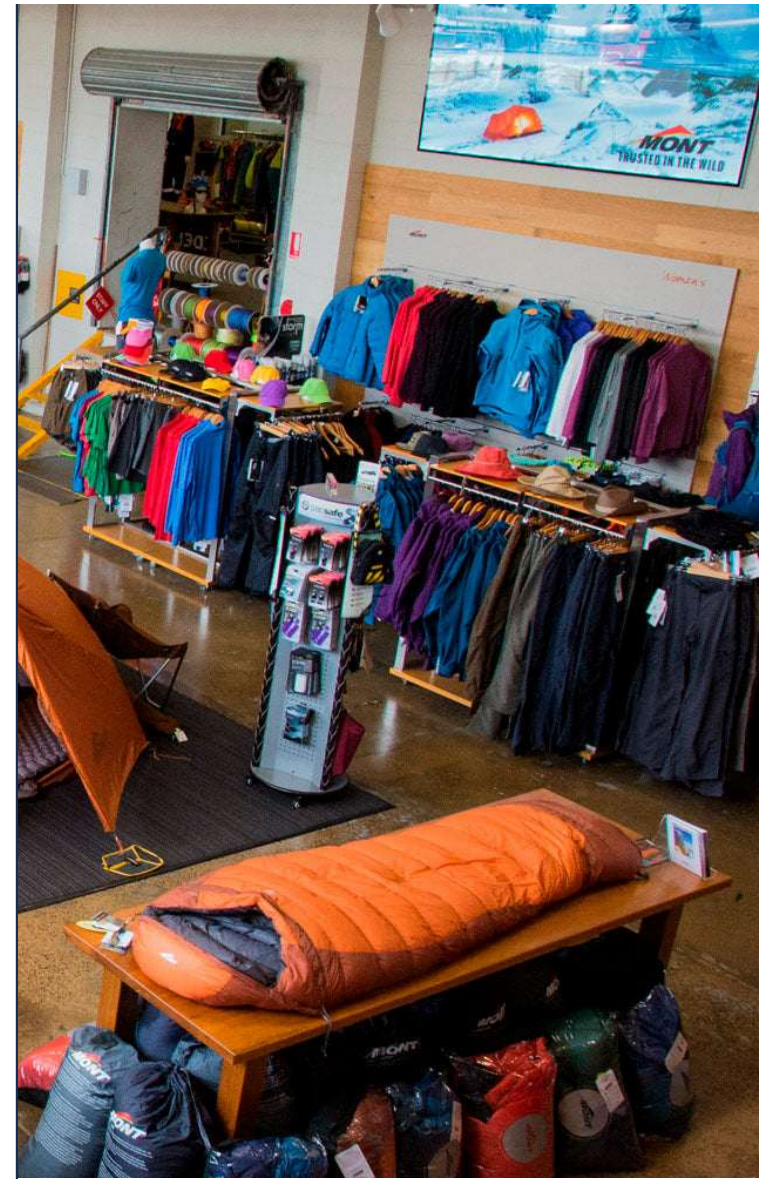




Parts of an OQM Approval Letter



How is an OQM approved

- LSC Officials Chair, Meet Referee, and National Mentors discuss aspects of a possible OQM
- LSC OC applies for an OQM at least 30 days in advance
- OQM Working group reviews the application, including meet announcement, history of the meet, mentor qualifications, etc.
- If approved, the LSC OC, Zone OC, Meet Referee, and all mentors receive the approval letter





To VA LSC Officials Chair: Michael Sizemore Zone Officials Chair: Genny Kimbel
 Meet Referee: Scott Witkin Contact for Officials: Scott Witkin
 National Evaluators: Dave Olack, Lisa Olack, Genny Kimbel

QM# QM24-177



The Eastern Zone Long Course Age Group Championship in Hampton, VA, hosted by Williamsburg Aquatic Club on August 7-10, 2024, has been approved as an Officials Qualifying Meet.



The meet has been recorded as being conducted in a LCM pool with 12 sessions of competition of which 8 are valid for OQM sessions in the position being evaluated which include: (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11&O Prelim and Final sessions). The balance of the total session requirement may be in any session of the meet. The following evaluators have been approved:

Dave Olack, Lisa Olack, Genny Kimbel



	S&T		Chief Judge				Starter				Deck Ref				Admin Ref				A
	N2	N3	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	
Meet Evaluations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X				X
Evaluators (with evaluation authority—may only be applied to positions and levels approved for the meet)																			
Evaluators must be members in good standing at the time of the meet.																			
The meet referee should limit their evaluations, as discussed in the Worlds Colliding presentation.																			
Dave Olack	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X				X
Lisa Olack	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Genny Kimbel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X				X				X

Evaluation Legend: N2 – Initial and Recert N3 – Initial and Recert for S&T N3I – N3 Initial N3R – N3 Recert N3F – N3 Final



This meet is approved for N2 advancement and recertification of Admin Referee due to the pre-seeding of events and lack of penalties for failure to compete during prelims. All other levels are valid for N2 and N3 as indicated on the approval letter.

The OQM Working Group will determine the highest level (N2/N3) and positions each evaluator is available to complete. Evaluators may only evaluate to the levels approved for the meet or to their approved level, whichever is lower. If an Evaluator determines that the meet does not fulfill the requirements for the position at the requested level, an evaluation should not be given.

Lisa Olack

National Officials Committee
 OTS & Certification Working Group

Date: 7/8/2024 12:28:35 PM



OQM Number

- This is not the LSC sanction number
- Assigned sequentially by the OQM working group and entered into OTS
- The reference is then provided on the Official's History and Official's Evaluations

Sessions

Meet Sessions

- Total sessions of the meet
- Any session may be used to fulfill the required 4 sessions worked at a meet



Approved Sessions

- Sessions that fulfill the requirements for observation and evaluation at a meet
- The ONLY sessions that may be used for formal observation and evaluation
- If all sessions are not approved, the description of approved sessions is very specific



Meet Evaluations

- The Meet Evaluations summary line is explicit as to
 - Which positions may be evaluated
 - What level each position may be evaluated
- Dependent on
 - Mentor qualifications
 - **AND** level approved for the meet

Mentor Qualifications

- Each line represents the mentor's qualifications
- Must be N3ST and N2 or N3 in a given position to mentor that position
 - Attended a Futures or above meet in past 5 years
- N2/N3 AR may mentor N2 AO
- National Mentoring Working Group identifies N3i/N3f mentors
- Meet Evaluations summary line is the limit for each position at the meet
 - Regardless of the available mentor level





Notes

- Anything specific to the meet that needs to be addressed
 - Meet Referee not an N2
 - Meet Referee limiting evaluations
 - Not being approved for a specific position even if a qualified mentor is present
 - Examples
 - Meet doesn't meet N3 admin requirements
 - LSC OC specifically wants an N2 meet



CAUTION

- The mentor has the certifications to complete the N3i or N3f AR
- The meet is not approved for N3 AR



YOUR TURN



To OH LSC Officials Chair: Edgar Caraballo Zone Officials Chair: Phil Barnes
 Meet Referee: Josh Watkins Contact for Officials: Edgar Caraballo
 National Evaluators: Edgar Caraballo, Anissa Kanzari, Craig Schoenlein, Fraisa Caraballo

QM# QM25-154

The 2025 LC Junior Championship Meet in Oxford, OH, hosted by Ohio Swimming on July 17-20, 2025, has been approved as an Officials Qualifying Meet.

The meet has been recorded as being conducted in a LCM pool with 10 sessions of competition of which 7 are valid for OQM sessions in the position being evaluated which include: (Thu TF, Fri P/F, Sat P/F, Sun P/F). The balance of the total session requirement may be in any session of the meet. The following evaluators have been approved:

Edgar Caraballo, Anissa Kanzari, Craig Schoenlein, Fraisa Caraballo

	S&T		Chief Judge				Starter				Deck Ref				Admin Ref				AO
	N2	N3	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	N2	N3I	N3R	N3F	N2
Meet Evaluations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evaluators (with evaluation authority—may only be applied to positions and levels approved for the meet)																			
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Edgar Caraballo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X					
Anissa Kanzari	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Craig Schoenlein	X	X	X				X				X								
Fraisa Caraballo	X	X					X												

Evaluation Legend: N2 – Initial and Recert N3 – Initial and Recert for S&T N3I – N3 Initial N3R –N3 Recert N3F –N3 Final

Please note that since the MR is not a current N2 or N3 referee, a national evaluator listed in the approval letter must be present for all sessions being evaluated.

The OQM Working Group will determine the highest level (N2/N3) and positions each evaluator is available to complete.

Evaluators may only evaluate to the levels approved for the meet or to their approved level, whichever is lower.

If an Evaluator determines that the meet does not fulfill the requirements for the position at the requested level, an evaluation should not be given.

Scott Powell

National Officials Committee
 OTS & Certification Working Group

Date: 6/17/2025

- ⌘ Where do you find an OQM approval as an:
 - ⌘ Official attending the meet
 - ⌘ Mentor at the meet
- ⌘ What level of meet has this OQM been approved for, N2 or N3?
- ⌘ Which sessions could an official receive an evaluation?
- ⌘ Who is the lead evaluator at this meet?



- ✧ A recertification evaluation requires working 4 sessions and being evaluated over 2 sessions.
- ✧ Would an official who worked all day Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Timed Finals sessions be able to receive a recertification evaluation at this OQM?
 - ✧ If yes, why?
 - ✧ If no, what corrective action is required?





- ✂ Who may perform an N2 Starter evaluation at the meet?
- ✂ Josh Watkins is the meet referee and decides to do a few of the Stroke and Turn requests to help along his mentoring portfolio.
 - ✂ Is this permissible?
- ✂ The evaluators are at capacity and decide to add a senior official who shows up at the meet. That would allow them to do 3 more stroke and turn evaluations.
 - ✂ Is this permissible?
 - ✂ Other options?



- ⚡ One official has requested a recertification and is available Thursday TF, Friday Prelims, Friday Timed Finals, and Saturday Timed Finals. The approved evaluators will not arrive until Friday morning.
 - ⚡ What is the concern with this scenario?
- ⚡ How does a mentor know how many evaluations they may complete at a meet?



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