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Dear WSL Members,

As many of you are aware we face a difficult position with our official recruiting and requirements on the Western Slope. Research was done to compare CSI requirements to the requirements of surrounding LSC's which have similar geographical challenges as our own LSC.

The proposal is listed below which the WSL Board is submitting for review before the CSI House of Delegates. We would like your input so we may have a sound caucus before going to the HOD. We need to act as a League in order to support this so please submit your opinions to:

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I would also like to encourage all members, voting and nonvoting to attend the CSI HOD. I feel it is important to have an informed constituency so our needs are met and addressed on facts. In order for Western Slope to move forward we must make ourselves a known active part of Colorado Swimming.

Thank you.

Terri Hermes

WSL President

Summary of Requirements to become an official, advance and renew

CSI: **S&T:** clinic, test, 24 hours; renewal 20 session/10 for seasonal clinic/test every year

Starter: 1 year as S&T, written rec from senior refs, clinic, 24 hours on deck over 1 year of training, 2 sessions as chief judge, exam

Deck Ref: Starter for one year, rec from 3 senior refs, clinic, 24 hours as apprentice, test

Meet ref : Deck ref for 1 year, rec by zone officials chair, 1 year as apprentice at least 12 sessions followed by co-meet ref for 12 sessions completed within a minimum of 1 year

Minimum time to meet ref: over 5 years

Wyoming: **S&T:** clinic; test, four sessions; renewal 4 sessions/yr, clinic or test every 2 yrs

Starter: 5 sessions as stroke and turn, test, 5 sessions as supervised starter spread over 2 meets

Ref: stroke and turn for 1 year, test, clinic, 6 sessions as apprentice – no distinction between meet and deck ref

Minimum time to meet ref: 1 year plus 10 sessions

North Dakota: **S&T:** test, clinic, 6 sessions, renewal 6 sessions/yr , test or clinic each 2 yrs

Starter: test, 6 sessions

Ref: 6 sessions as certified stroke and turn, test, apprentice 6 sessions; no distinction between meet/deck ref

Minimum time to meet ref: 18 sessions

New Mexico: **S&T:** clinic, test 6 sessions, renewal 4 sessions/yr, test/clinic/feedback every 2 years

Starter: S&T for 6 months OR 5 sessions; clinic, test, 6 sessions

Ref: starter for 1 year(at least 6 sessions), test, 6 sessions regular meet; 2 sessions prelim/final meet

Minimum time to meet ref: 1.5 years plus 18 sessions

We favor a progression similar to New Mexico

Furthermore, none of these states have more stringent requirements for officials on deck than recommended by USA swimming. We recommend concordance with those guidelines: 1 referee, 1 starter, 2 stroke and turn. Referee may act as starter or stroke and turn – in other words 3 total officials. Dual meet all you need is 1 ref and 1 starter each of whom can also act as stroke and turn. These are straight from 102.12. **No mention of # of lanes**