

Recommended Minimum Number of Officials

Potomac Valley Swimming’s *Policies and Procedures* states: “Except at Distance meets, it is the expectation of the PVS Board of Directors that all PVS sanctioned meets be conducted with **no less than** 4 certified deck Officials (Referee, Starter, 2 Stroke & Turn Judges), as well as sufficient table workers and the required number of Timers, which depends upon the timing equipment being used.” The Officials Committee believes that an adequate number of certified officials is essential to providing safe, fair and equitable conditions of competition. The Committee recognizes that the configuration of the pool plays a part in determining the number of officials needed to ensure these conditions. The following minimum number of certified officials is recommended for sessions at PVS sanctioned meets, excluding all-Freestyle meets.

Short Course:

8 Lane Pool	10 Lane Pool
Deck Referee - 1	Deck Referee - 1
Starter - 1	Starter - 1
Stroke & Turn Judges - 4	Stroke & Turn Judges - 6
ETS Operator - 1	ETS Operator - 1
HyTek Operator -1	HyTek Operator -1

Long Course:

8 Lane Pool	10 Lane Pool
Deck Referee - 1	Deck Referee - 1
Starter - 1	Starter - 1
Turn Judges - 4	Turn Judges - 6
Stroke Judges - 2	Stroke Judges - 2
Chief Judge - 1	Chief Judge - 1
ETS Operator - 1	ETS Operator - 1
HyTek Operator -1	HyTek Operator -1

Please note that these are recommended minimum numbers, and do not include trainee officials. As per Article 102.10.2: “All officials acting in the capacity of Referee, Starter, or Stroke and/or Turn Judge at a swimming meet shall be certified in such position by their LSC prior to being assigned to officiate in that capacity. Uncertified trainees may perform the duties of such positions when they are under the direct supervision of a certified official.”