



LIFESAVING SOCIETY®
SOCIÉTÉ DE SAUVETAGE
The Lifeguarding Experts
Les experts en surveillance aquatique

Canadian Officials Endorsement for International Appointments

The National Sport Commission shall endorse Officials for International Lifesaving Sport Championships such as, but not limited to, ILS and Commonwealth Lifesaving Championship Events.

Eligibility

To be eligible to officiate at an International Lifesaving Championship an official shall;

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Be 18 years of age or older as of the appointment date.
- Be endorsed by their Provincial Sport Organization and/or Provincial/Territorial Lifesaving Society Branch.
- Be in good standing with their Provincial Sport Organization and/or Provincial Branch.
- Be in general good health and fitness to actively participate in the required officials' duties in the roles they are applying for.
- Have a basic command of the English language.
- Have experience at Provincial, National and/or International Championships in the roles they are applying for.
- Have officiated at Provincial and/or National Championships within the last 24 months.

Endorsement Process

Applications for Canadian endorsement at international championships must adhere to the following process:

1. Complete application for the specific international championship and send to National Sport Commission, National and International Officials Training Certification & Assignment Chair at officials@lifesavingsport.ca

2. Once endorsed, the National and International Officials Training Certification & Assignment Chair will send an endorsement letter to the applicant.
3. The applicant will attach this endorsement letter to their application and submit to the appropriate individual for the international championship.

Expectations of Endorsed Officials

- Participate fully in the Championship as you are scheduled.
- Enhance your lifesaving knowledge by meeting and interacting with other International delegates.
- Demonstrate behaviour befitting an ambassador of the Lifesaving Society.
- On your return, continue to volunteer your expertise and knowledge gained to further the development of lifesaving sport provincially and nationally.
- Operate in accordance with the accepted international sport officiating practices, style, legal, and ethical responsibilities and to manage risk.
- Apply self-reflection techniques to evaluate and modify sports officiating performance.
- Be flexible in being able to adapt to changing conditions and environment in pool or ocean competition.
- Maintain a level of health and fitness to ensure active participation as a sport official as you are scheduled.
- Have ready access at the competition to the latest edition of the appropriate international Competition Manuals.
- Use a range of communication strategies to develop effective relationships, minimize conflict, and deal with disputes effectively in the lifesaving competition arena.
- Ability to work and liaise cooperatively with a wide range of people such as athletes, coaches, managers, other officials, interested parties and event managers in the competition environment.
- Officiate with impartiality and in the spirit of fair play.

H:\Lifesaving Sport\Lifesaving-Sauvetage Canada\2011\91cp Canadian Officials Endorsement for International Appoint.doc