Training recommendations provided below are to prepare Stroke and Turn Provisional Officials (PO) for intra-squad, dual, virtual dual and virtual invitational meets during a period of time established by USA Swimming. Provisional Official requirements are a temporary exception to LSC Certification requirements and allow these officials to work only applicable\* meets during the period set by USA Swimming, state and local entities. Provisional officials would fulfill perceived needs for additional officials to staff local meets as pools reopen.

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|  | **Provisional Officials and Training** | **Provisional Certification Notes** | **LSC Officials and****Training** |
| **Targeted group and Minimum Age Requirement** | Coaches and 18&O athlete members or those swimmers who recently left the sport | Assistant coaches who may not be allowed on deck where total numbers are restricted | 18 years |
| **Active OfficiatingTime frame** | Determined by National Officials Committee | Determined by Natl Officials Committee | Determined by LSC Officials Committee |
| **\*Applicable Meets** | Restricted* Intra-squad
* Dual Meet
* Virtual Dual Meet
* Virtual Invitational
 | Provisional Officials may not serve at any meets other than those listed nor beyond the Apprentice membership timeframe (see below).  | No restrictions |
| **USAS Registration*** Membership would fall within the scope of APPRENTICE
* Registered coaches who become Provisional Officials will have an additional member category added.
 | Required* No Fee
* 60 days from FIRST DAY on deck as an official
* May only be offered 1 time per official (no renewal option)
 | May elect to register for 2021 after June 1 and pay full registration fee if intent is to move to certified official.No renewal option in the same calendar year for Provisional official.  | Required* Varies by LSC
* Full fee annually
* For 2021 may start registration June 1, 2020
* 2021 registration valid June, 1 2020 thru December 31, 2021
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| **Background Check** | No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership | No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership | Required* Level 2
* $38

Valid for 2 years |
| **Concussion Training** | As above | As above | Required* NFHS or CDC course
* No fee
* Approx. 30 minutes
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| **Athlete Protection Training (APT) – including Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)** | As above  | As above | Required* Full course and testing
* No fee
* Approx. 1 hour
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|  | **Provisional Officials and Training** | **Provisional Certification Notes** | **LSC Officials and****Training** |
| **Officials’ Clinic** | Required* Online or in-person
* Provided by LSC
* Focus on Stroke and Turn and expectations
* Time varies
 | Based on attendees 60-90 minutes of instruction focused on Stroke and Turn and expectations. Stroke and Turn videos may be included or required separately.A follow-up clinic for Q&A and review of test questions is optional. | Required* Varies
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| **Stroke & Turn Videos** | Required | Videos may be viewed in advance of clinic or included with clinic. | Varies |
| **Testing (5 events)** | Required* Abbreviated [S&T Test](https://forms.gle/76rMJSv5ihgWUXVK9)
* 25 questions
* Approx. 30-40 min
* Prior to on deck officiating
 | Online testing ([S&T Test](https://forms.gle/76rMJSv5ihgWUXVK9)) with results submitted by PO to LSC Officials’ Chair who will then coordinate mentoring as needed. Results must also be provided to each Meet Referee by PO. | Required* Stroke and Turn/Timing Test (USA Swimming website)
* All other LSC certification requirements
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| **On Deck Instruction (Apprenticing)** | * 2-3 hours of mentored deck activity
* May occur during practices or during meet
* Upon completion, mentor must sign off indicating official is ready for deck or additional mentoring required
 | Deck mentoring to further educate these officials and ensure competent and qualified staff who consistently apply the rules of USA Swimming fairly and equitably at all competition levels. Sign-off should indicate a basic understanding of duties and competence. | Varies |
| **Annual Session requirements** | None |  | Varies |
| **Time to fulfill LSC requirements to become a Certified Official** | Optional | Once beyond the provisional period, provisional officials may not officiate until LSC requirements are fulfilled | Varies |
| **Transitional requirements to become a Certified Official** | Optional | LSC will determine requirements for transition where Provisional and LSC training requirements differ | Varies  |