



**Ohio Swimming Inc.**  
**Chief Judge (CJ)**  
**Certification/Recertification Standards**



<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Certified as a LSC Stroke &amp; Turn Judge (ST) for a minimum of one year and worked at least 12 sessions as ST in the prior 12 months per OTS.</li><li>2. Registered as an OSI Official.</li><li>3. Obtained a current concussion training certificate.</li></ol>
<b>Education</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attend at least one OSI CJ Clinic before or during the training process.</li></ol>
<b>Training</b> <b>Chief Judge - AP</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Shadow an OSI CJ Mentor at as many meets as necessary in order to acquire all of the skills included on the OSI CJ Mentoring Form. NOTE: CJ training sessions are to be coordinated in advance by the CJ Apprentice with the Meet Referee or designated Officials Coordinator for the meet. Most meets will not provide the opportunity to acquire all CJ skills. Thus, accumulating multiple mentor forms from various Mentors will be the norm.</li><li>2. Work four or more sessions of an OSI Championship Meet, Officials Qualifying Meet (OQM), or other designated meet as part of the assigned CJ team.</li></ol>
<b>Certification</b> <b>Chief Judge - Q</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Receive at least one favorable recommendation from an approved OSI CJ Mentor.</li><li>2. A CJ Mentoring Form must be completed by the OSI CJ Mentor and given to the Apprentice, who will forward it to the Commission Officials Chair upon completion. Note: While it is the goal of OSI to develop officials in a consistent and standardized manner, it is recognized that unique circumstances may occur which prevent an Apprentice the opportunity to fulfill all of the Training requirements listed above. Requests for an exception may be made by the Meet Referee, Commission Officials Chair or the Apprentice Official. The Ohio Swimming Officials Chair has the sole authority to waive specific certification requirements.</li></ol>

<b>Recertification</b> Chief Judge – Q Chief Judge - M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work as a CJ for at least six sessions at Championship Meets, OQMs or other designated meets in the prior three years.</li> <li>2. Receive a signed-off OSI CJ Mentoring Form from an OSI CJ Mentor at a Championship Meet, selected OQM, or other designated meet once every three years.</li> <li>3. Attend at least one OSI CJ Clinic every three years.</li> <li>4. Maintain a current concussion training certificate. Note: maintaining a current USA Swimming N2 or N3 CJ certification automatically renews the OSI CJ certification.</li> </ol>
<b>CJ Mentors</b> Chief Judge - M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OSI CJ Mentors will be designated in OTS, following approval by the Ohio Swimming Officials Chair, based upon discretion, and any of the following criteria:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A current OSI CJ in good standing, with at least five years' experience (or 40 sessions) as a Chief Judge.</li> <li>b. Certified as a USA Swimming N3 Chief Judge.</li> <li>c. Recommended as an OSI CJ Mentor by the Commission Officials Chair.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Note: Mentors may work with up to two CJ Apprentices at any given session.</p>