

“Wet” Side Certification and Recertification

Stroke & Turn Judge (ST)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend initial S&T training clinic • Complete Stroke & Turn/Timer test with a grade of 80% • Complete 4 apprenticeships with multiple trainers who have at least 1 years' experience as a S&T Judge • Must complete apprenticeships within 1 year of clinic and test • Complete and submit USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Level II Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training
	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete requirements determined by Officials Committee – either clinic attendance or on-line test, alternating years • Work a minimum of 4 sessions per year in S&T capacity or higher • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current • Recertification must be completed by end of each calendar year
Chief Judge (CJ)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Chief Judge training clinic • Hold S&T Judge certification for 1 year or complete 20 sessions as a S&T in initial year of certification. • Complete 4 apprenticeships with multiple trainers who have at least 1 years' experience as a CJ Judge
	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete requirements determined by Officials Committee – either clinic attendance or on-line test, alternating years • Work a minimum of 4 sessions per year in CJ capacity or higher • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current • Recertification must be completed by end of each calendar year
Starter (SR)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Starter training clinic • Hold S&T Judge certification for 1 year; have worked as a S&T Judge for at least 5 documented sessions • Complete Starter test with a grade of 80% • Complete 5 apprenticeships, at a minimum of 2 different meets, with multiple trainers having at least 1 years' experience as Starter • Must complete apprenticeships within 1 year of clinic and test • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current
	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete requirements determined by Officials Committee – either clinic attendance or on-line test, alternating years • Work a minimum of 4 sessions per year in Starter capacity or higher • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current • Recertification must be completed by end of each calendar year
Deck Referee (DR)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Deck Referee training clinic • Hold S&T Judge certification • Hold CJ certification • Hold Starter's certification for 1 year; have worked as a Starter for at least 5 documented sessions • Complete Referee web-based test with a grade of 80% • Complete 6 apprenticeships, at minimum of 3 different sanctioned meets, with multiple trainers who have at least 1 years' experience as a Referee • Must complete apprenticeships within 1 year of clinic and test • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current

	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete recertification clinic in alternating years. • Work a minimum of 6 sessions per year at the Starter or Referee level with at least 3 sessions at Deck Referee level • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current • Recertification must be completed by end of each calendar year
Administrative Referee (AR)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill all requirements for the position of Deck Referee • Hold Referee's certification for 1 year; have worked as a Referee for at least 10 documented sessions • Complete Administrative Referee test with a grade of 80% • Be proficient in the operation of the Electronic Timer and Meet Manager software • Have a working knowledge of the rules of meet operations • Have a working knowledge of the Meet Director's position • Complete 6 apprenticeships, at minimum of 3 different sanctioned meets, (with at least 1 meet being a prelim/final meet), with multiple trainers who have at least 1 years' experience as an Administrative Referee or Administrative Official • Must complete apprenticeships within 1 year of clinic and test • Apprenticeship available at State Championship meets • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current
	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete requirements determined by Officials Committee – either clinic attendance or on-line test, alternating years) • Work a minimum of 6 sessions per year at the Referee level with at least 2 sessions at Admin Referee level • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current • Recertification must be completed by end of each calendar year
Open Water Judge (OJ)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be certified as a USA Swimming official at any level • Must complete the current open book test on USA Swimming's website with a score of 80% on the sections covering: OPEN WATER • Upon satisfactory completion of the test, the Official must attend an Open Water Officials' Clinic (Pre-session Official Briefing) and work one sanctioned Open Water Meet • Must complete apprenticeships within 1 year of clinic and test • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current
	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must renew the USA Swimming membership annually • Must recertify as a USA Swimming official at any level • Must provide proof of working at least one meet as an Open Water Official once every two years • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current

“Dry” Side Certification and Recertification

Timing Judge (TJ)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Timing Judge training clinic • Complete Timing Judge test with a grade of 80% • Complete 4 apprenticeships, 2 at Electronic Timer and 2 at Computer, with multiple trainers who have at least 1 years' experience as a Timing Judge • Must complete apprenticeships within 1 year of clinic and test • Apprenticeship available at State Championship meets

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and submit USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Level II Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training
	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the on-line Timing Judge Recertification test • Work a minimum of 4 sessions per year (2 at Timing Console and 2 at Computer) • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current • Recertification must be completed by end of each calendar year
Administrative Official (AO)	CERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill all requirements for the position of Timing Judge • Hold Timing Judge certification for 1 year; have worked as the Timing Console operator and Timing Judge for at least 4 documented sessions EACH (for a total of 8 sessions) in the past 18 months • Complete Administrative Official test with a grade of 80% • Complete Stroke & Turn/Timer test with a grade of 80% • Be proficient in the operation of the Electronic Timer and Meet Manager software • Have a working knowledge of the rules of meet operations • Have a working knowledge of the Meet Director's position • Complete 10 apprenticeships (4 at Timing Judge and 6 at Administrative Official), at minimum of 3 different sanctioned meets, (with at least 1 meet being a prelim/final meet), with multiple trainers who have at least 1 years' experience as an Administrative Official or Administrative Referee • Must complete apprenticeships within 1 year of clinic and test • Apprenticeship available at State Championship meets • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current
	RECERTIFICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the on-line Administrative Official Recertification test • Work a minimum of 6 sessions per year at the Timing Judge level with at least 2 sessions at Admin Official level • USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training must be current • Recertification must be completed by end of each calendar year