





<b>Requirements for a Recertification</b>
<b>Foundation Requirements (Required for all)</b>
Maintain non-athlete membership status with USA Swimming.
Maintain a current background check
Maintain current Athlete Protection Training
All of these foundation requirements must be maintained current in order to be an active official.



<b>Requirements for a New Certification</b>
<b>Stroke and Turn Judge</b>
Complete all foundation requirements.
Must pass online certification test (at least 80%) for S&T available at the USA-S website.
Must attend a formal training clinic (online or in-person) given by a member of the OKS Officials Committee or designee.
Must complete six apprenticeship sessions under the supervision of a certified OKS official. Six session requirement may not be satisfied at 1 meet.
Must submit certification application form to OKS Officials Chair and must be endorsed by the applicants club officials chair. In the event, the applicant is unattached then the application must be endorsed by an OKS certified referee. In the event, the applicant is attached but there is no official serving as club chair then the most senior official from the applicants club may endorse the application.



<b>Requirements for a Recertification</b>
<b>Stroke and Turn Judge</b>
Must have passed the online re-certification test (80%) for S&T available at the USA-S website. Every two years.
Must have worked at least 6 sessions per year as an official at a LSC USA-S sanctioned meet.
Must have attended a formal officiating training clinic (online or in-person). Every two years.
A CJ, Starter or DR certification or recertification will automatically recertify an official as a Stroke and Turn Judge





Requirements for a Recertification
<b>Chief Judge</b>
Must have worked at least 6 sessions per year as an official at a LSC USA-S sanctioned meet.
Must have attended a formal officiating training clinic (online or in-person). Every two years.
A DR certification or recertification will automatically recertify an official as a CJ.



Requirements for a New Certification
<b>Starter</b>
Currently be certified as a Stroke and Turn Judge for at least one year.
Must pass online certification test (80%) for Starter available at the USA-S website.
Must attend a formal Starter training clinic (online or in-person) given by a member of the OKS Officials Committee or designee.
Must complete six apprenticeship sessions under the supervision of a certified OKS starter or referee. Six session requirement may not be satisfied at 1 meet.
Must obtain the endorsement of the apprentice starter's club officials chair. In the event, the apprentice starter is unattached then the application must be endorsed by an OKS certified referee. In the event, the apprentice starter is attached but there is no official serving as club chair then the most senior official from the apprentice starter's club may endorse the advancement to starter. NO FORMAL APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.



<b>Requirements for a Recertification</b>
<b>Starter</b>
Must have passed the online re-certification test (80%) for Starter available at the USA-S website. Every two years.
Must have worked at least 6 sessions per year as a starter at LSC USA-S sanctioned meet.
Must have attended a formal officiating training clinic (online or in-person). Every two years.
A DR certification or recertification will automatically recertify an official as a Starter.





<b>Requirements for a New Certification</b>
<b>Deck Referee</b>
Currently be certified as a Starter for at least one year.
Must pass online certification test (80%) for Referee and Administrative Official (AO) available at the USA-S website.
Must attend a formal Referee training clinic (online or in-person) given by a member of the OKS Officials Committee.
Must complete six apprenticeship sessions under the supervision of at least two different OKS certified referees. Six session requirement may not be satisfied at 1 meet.
Must attend a Timing Error Resolution clinic (online or in-person) given by a member of the OKS Officials Committee or an approved designee.
Must obtain the endorsement of two different OKS referees, one of which must not be a member of the apprentice referee's home club. NO FORMAL APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.



Requirements for a Recertification
<b>Deck Referee</b>
Must have passed the online re-certification test (80%) for Referee available at the USA-S website. Every two years.
Must have worked at least 6 sessions per year as a referee at LSC USA-S sanctioned meet.
Must have attended a formal officiating training clinic (online or in-person). Every two years.



<b>Requirements for a New Certification</b>
<b>Admin Official - A1</b>
Complete all foundation requirements.
Must pass online certification test (80%) for Administrative Official (AO), Timing Judge, and Clerk of Course available at the USA-S website.
Must attend an administrative official and Timing Adjustment clinic (formal clinic required);
Must complete six training sessions at a minimum of two different sanctioned OKS meets, with at least two different mentors who are either certified as an Administrative Referee or Meet Referee;
Complete one training session with the meet director at an OKS sanctioned meet;
Complete one training session with Meet Referee or Administrative Referee performing pre-meet duties i.e., review of entry documents, psych sheet, and performance of organizational and preparatory tasks. Note: for purpose of this requirement a “session” shall consist of all aforementioned activities for one OKS sanctioned meet).
Must demonstrate operational competence in the following areas: (1) clerk of course, (2) timing system operations, and (3) timing judge.



<b>Requirements for a Recertification</b>
<b>Admin Official - A1</b>
Must have passed the online re-certification test (80%) for Administrative Official available at the USA-S website. Every two years.
Must have worked at least 6 sessions per year as a referee at LSC USA-S sanctioned meet.
Must have attended a formal officiating training clinic (online or in-person). Every two years.
Renewal every two years based on (1) continuing USA Swimming membership, (2) satisfactory performance, (3) attendance at one or more administrative or referee level clinics, (4) successful completion of administrative re-certification online test, (5) minimum of four sessions worked as an Administrative Official.





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<b>Admin Official</b>
Renewal every two years based on (1) continuing USA Swimming membership, (2) satisfactory performance, (3) attendance at one or more administrative or referee level clinics, (4) successful completion of administrative re-certification online test, and (5) minimum of four sessions worked as an Administrative Official.
Must have passed the online re-certification test (80%) for Administrative Official available at the USA-S website. Every two years.



<b>Requirements for a New Certification</b>
<b>Admin Referee - AR</b>
Trainee must attend an administrative referee clinic (formal clinic required);
Complete four training sessions at a minimum of two different sanctioned OKS meets, with at least two different mentors who are either certified as an Administrative Referee or Meet Referee;
Complete one training session with the meet director at an OKS sanctioned prelim/final meet;
Complete one training session with Meet Referee or Administrative Referee performing pre-meet duties i.e., review of entry documents, psych sheet, and performance of organizational and preparatory tasks. Note: for purpose of this requirement a “session” shall consist of all aforementioned activities for one OKS sanctioned meet).
Successfully complete all of the educational and training steps for Administrative Official (A1 & A2);
Trainee must successfully pass (=> 80%) the Administrative Referee online test;
Trainee must be an OKS certified Deck Referee;
Trainee must demonstrate operational knowledge of the rules governing meet operations and meet management software;
Trainee must demonstrate general familiarity with the duties and responsibilities of Meet Director.



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<b>Admin Referee - AR</b>
Renewal every two years based on (1) continuing USA Swimming membership, (2) satisfactory performance, (3) attendance at one or more administrative or referee level clinics, (4) successful completion of administrative re-certification online test, and (5) minimum of four sessions worked at the administrative referee or referee level.
Must have passed the online re-certification test (80%) for Administrative Referee available at the USA-S website. Every two years.





Requirements for a New Certification
<b>Meet Referee - MR1</b>
Required for a Timed Finals only meet. <b>Exceptions-- Meets that are: Dual, Intrasquad, B/C level or with &lt;200 swimmers.</b>
Currently be certified as a Deck Referee and an Administrative Official/Referee.
Must attend a formal Meet Referee training clinic (online or in-person) given by a member of the OKS Officials Committee or designee.
Serve in Meet ref capacity at dual/intrasquad or shadow certified MR for 6 sessions at 2 different meets.
Must obtain the endorsement of two different OKS Meet Referees (MR1 or MR2), one of which must not be a member of the apprentice referee's home club. <b>NO FORMAL APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.</b>



Requirements for a Recertification
<b>Meet Referee - MR1</b>
In 2yr period, 10 sessions as a referee and 20 sessions working at USA-S sanctioned swim meets.
Must attend a formal officiating training clinic (online or in-person) given by a member of the OKS Officials Committee or designee. Every two years.





Requirements for a Recertification
<b>Meet Referee - MR2</b>
Same as MR1