

Requirements to become an official and/or recertify

1. If you are a new official, you need to fill out and mail your non-athlete form with payment, check made payable to Ozark Swimming, to the address on the bottom of the form. For renewals, if you are affiliated with a team that automatically renews your registration, you can verify with them that they are taking care of that requirement. However, if you are responsible for renewing your own registration, please complete the application at this link (include payment and mail to address at bottom of form):

https://www.teamunify.com/czoslsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/2022-application---non-athlete-fillable-2_091229.pdf

2. Clinics: Must attend the clinic of their certification/recertification level. New officials will attend the stroke and turn clinic.

3. Certification/Recertification exams are at this link:

<https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/popular-resources/online-testing>

4. Background Checks: either new or expiring/expired. You need to renew it (every 2 years):

<https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport/complete-a-background-check>

5. Athlete Protection Training: new, expiring/expired. You need to renew that annually:

<https://www.usaswimming.org/resource-center/athlete-protection-training>

6. Concussion Protocol Training: you can find the link at (one-time requirement - either the CDC or the NFHS class):

<https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/concussion-protocol-training>

Once you complete the Concussion Protocol Training, you need to forward a copy of your certificate to Trish Grant (ozarklsc.treasurer@hotmail.com). There is not an automated update into the USA database.

7. Apprentice Forms: After all the above has been completed, an apprentice form will be sent. The Requirements for stroke and turn officials is 4 sessions: 3 where the majority is 12 and under and 1 session 13 and over. Once the 4 sessions are completed, 2 referees must recommend the apprentice is ready for advancement. The apprentice schedules their observation during a 12 and under session.