WISCONSIN SWIMMING CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

This does not list the USA Swimming the following requirements, which all Wisconsin Officials (excluding timers) have to comply with:

* USA Swimming registration, every year
* Athlete Protection Training, every year (valid for 365 days)
* Background check level II, every 2 years,
* Concussion training (one-time)
* Any other requirement that my be prescribed by USA Swimming (none at this time).

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| Certification | Initial Certification | Annual recertification (starting Jan 1, 2021) | Every two years – in the even year |
| Administrative Official  (minimum age 18) | * Attend AO Clinic (appr. 2 hour online training) * USA Swimming Administrative Official Test * Level 1 – two apprentice sessions, with at least one (1) mentor at two different meets * Level 2 – after achieving level 1, three apprentice sessions in prelim sessions of prelim/finals meet, at two or more meets * Mentor has to be AO or AR who has been certified for at least one year in the position | * AO only certified officials must officiate a minimum of four sessions, at two or more different meets **each** year * AO/Stroke & Turn certified officials – 4 sessions as stroke and turn official and 1 session as AO **each** year * AO/Starter and/or Referee certified officials – see below plus at least 1 session as AO, Administrative Referee or Meet Referee **each** year | Annual recertification requirement plus:   * Attend a Wisconsin Swimming Recertification Clinic, or * Take the USA Swimming on-line Recertification Tests, or * Officiate at certain OQM meets(at least 75% of the sessions at a Zone, Speedo or above meet (such as a TYR meet or a National meet) or * Received a favorable evaluation FOR ANY POSITION at ANY OQM meet |
| Stroke and turn official (minimum age 18) | * Attend S/T training clinic * USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Judge Tests * 4 Apprentice sessions at 2 or more meets * Mentor has to have a minimum of one (1) year certification as Stroke & Turn Judge) * Must complete certification within one year from date of clinic | Must officiate a minimum of four sessions, at two or more different meets each year (YMCA meets and NLAC meets count: NLAC is a league of small clubs in Northern Wisconsin who run approved meets, follow USA-Swimming technical rules, and officials are USA and/or YMCA certified) | Annual recertification requirement plus:   * Attend a Wisconsin Swimming Recertification Clinic, or * Take the USA Swimming on-line Recertification Tests, or * Officiate at certain OQM meets(at least 75% of the sessions at a Zone, Speedo or above meet (such as a TYR meet or a National meet) or * Received a favorable evaluation FOR ANY POSITION at ANY OQM meet |
| Relay Take-Off judge  (no separate certification) | Must be certified as Stroke and Turn judge, as it is considered part of Stroke and Turn certification, no additional requirements |  |  |
| Chief Judge (optional; not required to work position at LSC meets)  (minimum age 18) | **Prerequisites**:  Must have a minimum of one year of experience as certified S&T and be a current USA Swimming member.  **Certification Requirements:**   * + - Attend CJ clinic (virtual or in person).     - Participate with mentoring during 2 sessions at any OQM or any 12 and under or 13 and over State meet that uses radios, also requires setting a deck.     - Request certification from Officials’ Chair after meeting requirements | Same as S&T | Same as S&T |
| Starter  (minimum age 18) | **Prerequisites**:  Must have worked a minimum of five sessions as Stroke and Turn Judge and be a current USA Swimming member.  **Certification Requirements:**   * + - Attend a starter clinic (online or in person)     - Take the USA Swimming Starter test. * Serve 5 sessions on deck at a minimum of two different meets with at least two different mentors. At least one apprentice session for starters has to include a session with distance events (500 yards, 800 m, 1000 y, 1500 m, and/or 1650 y | Every year, a minimum of 6 sessions, with a minimum of 4 of those as starter. | Annual recertification requirement plus:   * Options for Recertification: Attend a Wisconsin Swimming Recertification Clinic, or * Take the USA Swimming on-line Recertification Tests, or * Officiate at certain OQM meets(at least 75% of the sessions at a Zone, Speedo or above meet (such as a TYR meet or a National meet) or * Received a favorable evaluation FOR ANY POSITION at ANY OQM meet |
| Referee  (minimum age 21) | **Prerequisites**:   * + - Previous certification as Stroke and Turn Judge or Starter for a minimum of one year. * Be a current member of USA Swimming.   **Certification Requirements:**   * + - Attend a referee clinic (online or in person.     - Must pass USA Swimming Officials tests (Stroke and Turn/Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, Administrative Referee and Referee) with a grade of at least 80 % within the past 24 months. If S/T judge moves to Referee within 24 months, Stroke and Turn/Timer test does not need to be repeated, same holds true if moving from starter to referee within 24 months, no repeat of starter test needed. * Apprentice for a minimum of six sessions at three sanctioned meets with at least two different referees. | * + - For Referee only: Minimum of 6 sessions as referee, administrative referee and/or meet referee.     - If Starter AND Referee certified: Minimum of 8 sessions, of those 6 session as starter or higher, with at least 2 as starter and 2 as referee, administrative referee and/or meet referee. | Annual recertification requirement plus:  Options for Recertification:   * Attend a Wisconsin Swimming Recertification Clinic, or * Take the USA Swimming on-line Recertification Tests, or * Officiate at certain OQM meets(at least 75% of the sessions at a Zone, Speedo or above meet (such as a TYR meet or a National meet) or * Received a favorable evaluation FOR ANY POSITION at ANY OQM meet |
| Timer  (minimum age 11) | **No requirements except pre-meet briefing** | N/A | N/A |