**LSC Credential Changes 2020**

1. **LSC CJ Certification:**
   1. **Optional** Certification, not required in order to work as CJ at LSC level meets.
   2. **Pre-requisite**: Must have a minimum of one year of experience as certified S&T and be a current USA Swimming member.
   3. **Certification**:
      1. Attend CJ clinic (virtual or in person).
      2. 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.
      3. Request certification from Officials’ Chair after meeting requirements.
   4. **Renewal**: Same as S&T
   5. **Current N2 or N3 CJ:**
      1. Individuals holding a current N2 or N2 level CJ certification as of July 1, 2020, were automatically granted the LSC CJ designation.
2. **LSC Starter:**
   1. **Pre-Requisite**: Must have worked a minimum of five sessions as Stroke and Turn Judge and be a current USA Swimming member.
   2. **Certification**:
      1. Attend a starter clinic (online or in person)
      2. Take the USA Swimming Starter test.
      3. 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).
   3. **Renewal (starting Jan 1, 2021)**:
      1. Every year, work a minimum of 6 sessions, with a minimum of 4 of those as starter.
      2. Recertification activity every even year.
3. **LSC Referee:**
   1. **Pre-Requisite:**
      1. Previous certification as Stroke and Turn Judge or Starter for a minimum of one year.
      2. Be a current member of USA Swimming.
   2. **Certification:**
      1. Attend a referee clinic (online or in person).
      2. Must pass USA Swimming Officials tests (Stroke and Turn/Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, Administrative 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.
      3. Apprentice for a minimum of six sessions at three sanctioned meets with at least two different referees.
   3. **Referee only:**
      1. After being certified as Referee for at least 1 full year after completing the apprentice requirement, officials can drop the Starter certification and continue as Referee only
   4. **Renewal (starting Jan 1, 2021):** 
      1. For Referee only: Minimum of 6 sessions as referee, administrative referee and/or meet referee.
      2. If Starter AND Referee certified: Minimum of 8 sessions, of those 6 session have to be as starter or higher, with at least 2 as starter and 2 as referee, administrative referee and/or meet referee.
      3. Recertification activity every even year.
4. **Transition:**
   1. Changes went into effect July 1, 2020.
   2. All certified officials in good standing who held a Starter/Referee certification on July 1, 2020, were grandfathered in as Starters and Referees.
   3. For the 2020 renewal and recertification cycle the “old” requirements apply.
   4. Those individuals who were S/R apprentice officials on July 1, 2020, have the option until December 31, 2020 to either complete the dual certification or move to the new system. Starting Jan 1, 2021, only separate certification is possible. In special circumstances caused by the current COVID 19 pandemic, please contact the officials chair at [officialschair@wisconsinswimming.org](mailto:officialschair@wisconsinswimming.org) if you started with apprentice sessions prior to March 12, 2020.