Training recommendations provided below are to prepare Stroke and Turn Provisional Officials (PO) for intra-squad, dual, virtual dual and virtual invitational meets during a period of time established by USA Swimming. Provisional Official requirements are a temporary exception to LSC Certification requirements and allow these officials to work only applicable\* meets during the period set by USA Swimming, state and local entities. Provisional officials would fulfill perceived needs for additional officials to staff local meets as pools reopen.

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|  | **Provisional Officials and Training** | **Provisional Certification Notes** | **LSC Officials and**  **Training** |
| **Targeted group and Minimum Age Requirement** | Coaches and 18&O athlete members or those swimmers who recently left the sport | Assistant coaches who may not be allowed on deck where total numbers are restricted | 18 years |
| **Active Officiating Time frame** | Determined by National Officials Committee | Determined by Natl Officials Committee | Determined by LSC Officials Committee |
| **\*Applicable Meets** | Restricted   * Intra-squad * Dual Meet * Virtual Dual Meet * Virtual Invitational | Provisional Officials may not serve at any meets other than those listed nor beyond the Apprentice membership timeframe (see below). | No restrictions |
| **USAS Registration**   * Membership would fall within the scope of APPRENTICE * Registered coaches who become Provisional Officials will have an additional member category added. | Required   * No Fee * 60 days from FIRST DAY on deck as an official * May only be offered 1 time per official (no renewal option) | May elect to register for 2021 after June 1 and pay full registration fee if intent is to move to certified official.  No renewal option in the same calendar year for Provisional official. | Required   * Varies by LSC * Full fee annually * For 2021 may start registration June 1, 2020 * 2021 registration valid June, 1 2020 thru December 31, 2021 |
| **Background Check** | No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership | No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership | Required   * Level 2 * $38   Valid for 2 years |
| **Concussion Training** | As above | As above | Required   * NFHS or CDC course * No fee * Approx. 30 minutes |
| **Athlete Protection Training (APT) – including Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)** | As above | As above | Required   * Full course and testing * No fee * Approx. 1 hour |

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|  | **Provisional Officials and Training** | **Provisional Certification Notes** | **LSC Officials and**  **Training** |
| **Officials’ Clinic** | Required   * Online or in-person * Provided by LSC * Focus on Stroke and Turn and expectations * Time varies | Based on attendees 60-90 minutes of instruction focused on Stroke and Turn and expectations. Stroke and Turn videos may be included or required separately.  A follow-up clinic for Q&A and review of test questions is optional. | Required   * Varies |
| **Stroke & Turn Videos** | Required | Videos may be viewed in advance of clinic or included with clinic. | Varies |
| **Testing (5 events)** | Required   * Abbreviated [S&T Test](https://forms.gle/76rMJSv5ihgWUXVK9) * 25 questions * Approx. 30-40 min * Prior to on deck officiating | Online testing ([S&T Test](https://forms.gle/76rMJSv5ihgWUXVK9)) with results submitted by PO to LSC Officials’ Chair who will then coordinate mentoring as needed. Results must also be provided to each Meet Referee by PO. | Required   * Stroke and Turn/Timing Test (USA Swimming website) * All other LSC certification requirements |
| **On Deck Instruction (Apprenticing)** | * 2-3 hours of mentored deck activity * May occur during practices or during meet * Upon completion, mentor must sign off indicating official is ready for deck or additional mentoring required | Deck mentoring to further educate these officials and ensure competent and qualified staff who consistently apply the rules of USA Swimming fairly and equitably at all competition levels.  Sign-off should indicate a basic understanding of duties and competence. | Varies |
| **Annual Session requirements** | None |  | Varies |
| **Time to fulfill LSC requirements to become a Certified Official** | Optional | Once beyond the provisional period, provisional officials may not officiate until LSC requirements are fulfilled | Varies |
| **Transitional requirements to become a Certified Official** | Optional | LSC will determine requirements for transition where Provisional and LSC training requirements differ | Varies |