

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, Inc. OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

	ADMIN OFFICIAL	STROKE & TURN	STARTER	REFEREE
1. Candidates				
A. Eligibility	anyone	anyone	at least 1 year OR 10 sessions at 6 meets as S&T	at least 1 year OR 10 sessions at 6 meets as Starter, or Committee recommendation
B. Minimum Age	21	18	21	21
C. Prior Certification	none	none	Stroke & Turn	Starter
D. Clinic attendance	Required	Required	Required	Required
E. USA Swimming Membership ^(C)	Non-athlete member	Non-athlete member	Non-athlete member	Non-athlete member
2. Trainee				
A. USA Swimming tests ^(A)	Admin Official	Stroke & Turn/Timer	Starter, plus S&T re-cert	Ref, Admin Ref, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course
B. Training record	Evaluation forms (by AO or Ref with AO cert for >1 yr)	Card - signed by MA Certified Referee	Starter Evaluation Form	Referee Evaluation Form
C. Sessions reqd. Mini / Dual meet sessions	4, including 1 as CO and 2 as TJ (1 as TSO recommended) not recommended	6 (max 2 per Meet) ⁽¹⁾ max - 2	at least 6 (max 2/Meet); Final session with MA Evaluator max - 2	As required; 6 minimum max - 2
D. Meet type	MA Sanctioned	MA Sanctioned/Approved meet under a MA Certified Ref	MA Sanctioned/Approved meet under a MA Certified Ref	MA Sanctioned/Approved meet under a MA Certified Ref
E. MA Champ meet requirement	not required	not required	Two sessions within first year after certified.	At least two sessions at MA Champ meet
F. Complete Training within	1 year	1 year	1 year	Until approval by Official's Committee
G. Meet status	Work with certified AO or Referee with AO cert	Work with certified Official; may make calls at last two sessions.	Work with a certified Starter and Referee	As assigned
3. Certification Period^(B)				
	2 years	2 years	2 years	2 years
4. Renewal - Certified Official				
A. Sessions / 2 yrs (expected)	Minimum 4 per year with at least one as AO (remaining sessions may be in any position which AO supervises)	12 sessions, incl 4/yr; at least 10 as S&T	12 sessions, incl 4/yr; at least 10 as Starter	16 sessions, incl 6/yr; at least 12 as Deck Ref
B. Type of Meet	Sanctioned	Sanctioned or Approved (YMCA)	Sanctioned or Approved (YMCA)	Sanctioned or Approved (YMCA)
C. Required Re-certification test	Admin Official	Stroke & Turn	Starter	Referee
D. MA Champ Meets	Recommended	Recommended	Recommend 1 session/year	Recommend 2 sessions/year
E. Addtl Requirement	None	Recommended to (a) attend clinic for new officials, or (b) attend stroke briefings at an OQM, or (c) obtain/renew N2/N3 Certification	Attend Starter bi-annual Re-certification Clinic	Attend Referee bi-annual Re-certification Clinic
5. MA Certification for YMCA Certified Officials				
A. Pre-requisite		YMCA Level I or II	YMCA Level II, cert MA S&T	YMCA Level II, and cert as MA Starter
B. Clinic		Y Clinic within prev year	MA Starter clinic	MA Referee clinic
C. Tests		YMCA Level I Test or USA Swim Stroke&Turn/Timer	YMCA Level II, or USA Swim Starter test	same as Referee (above)
D. Other		Recommd by Y Trainer	Eval by appointed ⁽³⁾ MA Starter or Referee	None
E. Meet Sessions		6 sessions at Sanctioned meets ⁽²⁾	4 sessions at Sanctioned meets	As required; 6 minimum; Until approved by Official's Committee
		(1) Non-athlete member and BGC reqd prior to deck training (2) experienced Level II YMCA officials need only 4 sessions	(3) Appointed by Officials Chair, Advancement coordinator or Officials Committee	

(A) Minimum score of 85%

(B) Certifications end Dec 31.

(C) Requires BackGround Check (BGC) & Athlete Protection Program (APT)

Note: These requirements are minimum guidelines; the Officials Committee reserves final certification responsibility and may use alternative criteria to certify Officials.