**YMCA Certified Official** *seeking* **Maine USA Official Certification**

\*\*May Not Officiate at a Session in Which They are Competing or Coaching\*\*

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| **YMCA Level 1 (Minimum Age 18)** | |
| Education & Training | ***Must take/pass*** USA Swimming Stroke & Turn/Timer test.  Based on the years/sessions of experience, the YMCA official will be evaluated for a minimum of one (1) session as a Stroke & Turn Judge before receiving certification.  (*cannot make a disqualification during those sessions).* |
| Evaluation & Certification | ***Evaluation by*** mentor and/or Referee to be reported to Maine Officials Chair or their designee.  ***Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection Training*** before officiating as a Stroke & Turn Judge. |
| Renewal | ***Must attend*** a MSI Clinic and take recertification Stroke & Turn test every three (3) years.  ***To maintain*** certification, ***must work*** a minimum of ***four (4) sessions per year*** in Stroke & Turn or higher capacity. One (1) of those sessions must be a meet not hosted by the official’s home club.  Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory performance. |

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| **YMCA Level 2 STARTER (Minimum Age 18)** | |
| Education & Training | ***Must take/pass*** USA Swimming Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, and Starter test.  Based on years/sessions of experience the YMCA official must complete ***on deck*** apprenticeship with at least two (2) different mentors (*who have a minimum of one (1) year certification as Starter*) for a minimum of two (2) sessions.  ***Must have held*** Stroke & Turn Judge certification for one (1) year and ***worked*** a minimum of six (6) sessions. |
| Evaluation & Certification | ***Evaluation by*** mentor and/or Referee to be reported to Maine Officials Chair or their designee.  ***Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection Training***. |
| Renewal | ***Must attend*** a MSI Clinic and take recertification Starter test every three (3) years.  ***To maintain*** certification, ***must work*** a minimum of ***four (4) sessions per year*** in Starter or higher capacity. One (1) of those sessions must be a meet not hosted by the official’s home club.  Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory performance. |

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| **YMCA Level 2 REFEREE (Minimum Age 21)** | |
| Education & Training | ***Attend clinic training.***  ***Must pass*** USA Swimming Officials tests ***(Stroke & Turn/Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of course, Administrative Referee, and Referee)*** within the past 24 months.  Recommend ***being familiar*** with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge, and Meet Marshall.  ***On deck*** apprenticeship with at least two (2) different mentors for a minimum of five (5) sessions over three (3) Maine Swimming sanctioned meets.  ***Must have held*** Stroke & Turn Judge certification for one (1) year and ***worked*** a minimum of six (6) sessions.  ***Must have held*** Starter certification for one (1) year and ***worked*** a minimum of six (6) sessions. |
| Evaluation & Certification | ***Evaluation by*** mentor and/or Referee to be reported to Maine Officials Chair or their designee.  ***Must complete*** certification within one year from date of clinic.  ***Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection Training***. |
| Renewal | ***Must attend*** clinic and take recertification tests every three (3) years.  ***To maintain*** certification, ***must work*** a minimum of ***four (4) sessions per year*** in Starter or higher capacity with at least one session as Referee. One (1) of those sessions must be a meet not hosted by the official’s home club.  Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory performance. |