

Steps to USA-S Stroke & Turn Certification

1. **Pre-requisites (attend ST clinic, USA-S online acct, APT, CPT, BGC)**
2. **Apprenticeships (min 6 sessions over 3 different meets)**
3. **Evaluation (can request evaluation with 6 or subseq session)**
4. **Online-testing (open book, multiple choice):**
 - a) **S&T /Timer test**
 - b) **Clerk of course test**
 - c) **Timer test**
 - d) **Timing Judge test**

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/md/page/officials/certification-process--standards>

Stroke and Turn Judge (S&T)

Prerequisites: Register as non-athlete member of USA Swimming Complete Athlete Protection Training (APT) Submit and pass Level 2 Background Check (BGC) Complete Concussion Protocol Training (CPT) Attend a S&T clinic ¹	Evaluation:	Satisfactory evaluation
	When:	6th or subsequent apprentice session ^{2,3}
	By Whom:	MDSI Referee (with 1 year as a Referee) ⁴ / Current N2 CJ / Current N3 S&T
	Online Testing:	Pass the USA Swimming Stroke and Turn/Timer Test ^{5,6,7} Pass the USA Swimming Clerk of Course Test ^{5,6,7} Pass the USA Swimming Timer Test ^{5,6,7} Pass the USA Swimming Timing Judge Test ^{5,6,7}
Minimum Age:	18	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of 6 sessions over 3 different meets, with 1 meet being a B and slower or mini-meet, as an apprentice S&T (OTS code XJ) ^{2,3}	

¹Must be an MDSI S&T clinic, taught by an approved MDSI official.

²Only apprentice S&T sessions worked at MDSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

³Shall not make independent disqualifications during apprenticeship.

⁴The 1 year requirement is determined by the certification date in OTS.

⁵Minimum passing score is a 90% on each of the tests.

⁶Must be the "Certification" version of the tests.

⁷Online testing can begin midway through the apprenticeship.

From Certification Matrix of the Maryland Swimming Website

How do I get started?

1. **Attend a MDSI Stroke & Turn clinic (Sorry, today is NOT your clinic)**
2. **Create a new online account at www.usaswimming.org and become a non-athlete member (\$68 per year of membership paid by you directly and Coach Adam said he will figure a way to reimburse you)**
3. **In your USA Swimming account, you will take online APT (free), CPT (free), and pay for a BGC (a nominal fee paid by you with reimbursement(?) – BGC is every 2 years) – must be done before apprentice sessions.**
4. **Sign up to work a meet and request for S&T apprentice as your position.**
5. **Work 6 apprentice sessions over 3 different meets and request for evaluation with the 6th or subsequent session (sessions only at MD USA-S count).**
6. **Since there is ongoing work with the computer databases at USA-S, the LSC has discretion on how to perform “online testing” – more to come...**

Upcoming Virtual Stroke & Turn Clinic

What: Stroke & Turn Clinic -- Maryland Swimming (virtual LIVE via Zoom)

When: Sunday, September 25, 2022 @ 7:30 PM (est. 1.5 hrs)

Where: Clinic will be conducted via Zoom online

Target audience: New and Re-certifying Officials

Instructor: Robert Kwong

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Sign up for the virtual clinic using Google form (copy & paste the link below into browser)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrb_VjvBjexVmaMFsqN5JqXe0sJy4m5cqGzTjHoH4o8pgFQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link

Upcoming MD Swimming Swim Meets

****OCTOBER 1 – 2, 2022 ASC ALL FREESTYLE MEET – Annapolis**

OCTOBER 8 - 9, 2022 EST CLOSED SR (13&O) INVITATIONAL – Owings Mills

OCTOBER 22 – 23, 2022 NBAC Fall FASTival -- Towson

NOVEMBER 19 – 20, 2022 ACA Harvest Festival – Towson

GBSA Thanksgiving Swimfest – Catonsville

NBAC Thanksgiving meet – Towson

DECEMBER 3 – 4, 2022 NAAC Holiday Blast “BB” & UNDER MEET -- Annapolis

More questions ???

Reach out to me at districtchamps.official@gmail.com

Look at the Maryland Swimming Website (feel free to look at the Officials and Meets sections):

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/md/page/home>

Thank you for your interest and attending the Q&A zoom today.