Stroke and Turn Official Training Requirements

Stroke & Turn Judge: minimum age – 18

Certification

* 1. Complete the general requirements to be a certified official including USA Swimming membership, background check, athlete protection training and concussion training.
  2. Read and study the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations – Article 101
  3. View the USA Swimming Officiating Swimming DVD.
  4. Attend a stroke and turn official’s clinic. Contact the MT Swimming Officials Chair or your local club referee for assistance.
  5. Train on deck at meets with the following requirements:
* Attend and sign in at the daily officials meeting prior to the start of the meet
* Train with a minimum of five (5) different certified officials over the course of the training.
* Only certified officials with a minimum of 1 year of certification and deck experience may sign the trainees training record.
* Train for a minimum of six (6) sessions
* Train at a minimum of two (2) meets with the following minimum time for each stroke:

a. Freestyle 1 Hour d. Butterfly 3 Hours

b. Backstroke 3 Hours e. IM 3 Hours

c. Breaststroke 3 Hours f. Relay Take Offs 1 Hour

(Only certified officials may disqualify swimmers; however trainees should gain experience observing stroke and turns, maintaining position, filling out forms and talking to swimmers under the supervision of a trainer.)

* 1. Complete and pass the USA Swimming on line stroke and turn and timers test (one combined test) with 80% correct.
  2. Be evaluated and approved by a deck referee on meet report in the OTS with a copy going to the Officials Chair.
  3. Complete certification within one year.
  4. May not officiate at a meet in which they are competing.
  5. Return a completed application and include verification of training hours (including sessions and meets you trained at) and clinic attendance to the Montana Swimming Officials Chair.