

2021 Certification and Recertification Requirements for CSL Meet Officials (2/4/21)

Note: A "grace" year for existing officials is reflected in these requirements.

A. OFFICIALS SEEKING CSL CERTIFICATION AT A LEVEL FOR THE FIRST TIME:

1. You must attend a CSL approved training session. This includes CSL-hosted sessions and PVS-approved sessions (with proof of attendance. Applies to stroke and turn (S&T) only).
2. You must spend three meets shadowing a certified official at the level of certification you are seeking and obtain the signature of the referee from that meet on the shadow form. For those seeking certification as a Referee for the first time, you must obtain the endorsement of your Team Rep by obtaining their signature in the Team Rep Referee Endorsement box on the shadow form.
3. You must take a test, and score at least 80 % on each section you take. To certify as a starter you must pass the Starter and S&T test sections. To certify as a referee you must pass the Referee, Starter, and S&T test sections.
4. The training schedule, test, and shadow form will be posted on the CSL Website under Documents/Officials/2021. Please make sure you take the 2021 test.
5. You must spend at least one season as a Starter before becoming certified as a Referee.
6. You must spend at least one season as S&T Judge before being certified as a Starter.

B. OFFICIALS SEEKING CSL RECERTIFICATION AT THEIR CURRENT LEVEL:

Meet officials can check their current status on the CSL Website. To recertify for 2021:

1. If you were last certified by CSL in 2017 or earlier, you are no longer certified and must attend an official's training course this year and pass the test in order to be recertified. Recertification at the same level does not require any shadow sessions.
2. If you were last certified by CSL in 2018, your certification will lapse at the end of the 2021 regular season, so you will not be eligible to work the Divisional or All Star meets during 2021 unless you recertify this season.
3. If you were last certified by CSL in 2019, your certification will be good throughout the entire 2021 season. If you are able to attend a course and take the test this year, you are encouraged to do so in order to refresh your memory and safeguard against having a schedule conflict next year causing a lapse in your certification.
4. If you wish to obtain certification for the next higher level see Section A, above. This applies if you are presently a certified S&T official and are seeking a starter certification, or if you are currently a starter and are seeking to become a certified Referee.

C. NEW AND RETURNING OFFICIALS

To be CSL-certified, you must take the training class, complete the shadow sessions, and pass the test in the same season. If you took the training in 2019, but did not complete the certification process, you will need to take the training this year to be certified.

D. PVS OFFICIALS

If you are certified with a USA Swimming organization, like Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS), CSL accepts your certification at the equivalent level (Stroke and Turn, Starter, or Referee) over the period of time specified by PVS. You or your team rep must let the POC below know, in order to verify your certification and place your name on the roster of CSL Meet Officials.

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