

Certification methods for MHSL Officials

USA Swimming reciprocity

1. Officials holding a current USA Swimming (USAS) certification are recognized in the role, which they hold through USAS.
2. Proof of certification must be sent to the Officials Chair
3. Upon providing proof of certification, the official will be asked to read, acknowledge, sign and return the "Rules Differences" document to the Officials Chair

Recertification of prior year recognized MHSL officials

1. Stroke and Turn officials must watch the Stroke and Turn training videos including butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, individual medley and relay USA Swimming videos found on the MHSL website (Officials Directory).
2. Starter and Referee must watch the videos listed in 1.1.1.2.1 and the Starter videos found on the MHSL website (Officials Directory).
3. Take the respective league certification course and return the results to the Officials Chair.

Stroke and Turn

1. New Stroke and Turn certification is achieved after successfully completing one of the following:
 - a. Attend and successfully complete a MHSL sponsored Stroke and Turn Clinic.
 - b. Attend a team provided Clinic and take the league Stroke and Turn certification test.
 - i. Perform the requisite mentoring as determined by the Team Instructor.
 - c. Successfully complete the certification course at www.strokeanturn.com.
 - i. Upon completion of that training, the official shall provide a copy of the certificate of completion to the Officials Chair, who will then provide to that official a document summarizing rule differences between MHSL and USA Swimming.
 - ii. Use of this service may require a fee payment, and the League is not responsible for the cost of certification through this method.
2. Team provided Clinics may only be performed by officially recognized trainers in the MHSL.
3. MHSL recognizes Stroke and Turn officials who are between the age of 15-18 and have satisfied the following conditions:
 - a. Have attended the training outlined above
 - b. Have been mentored for at least one complete set of meet events

- c. Verification submitted, by the team trainer in writing, to the Officials Chair.

Starter

1. Officials must have at least one year of experience as a Stroke and Turn Officials, with either the MHSL or USA Swimming to be eligible for certification as a Starter.
2. New Starter certification is achieved after successfully completing one of the following:
 - a. Attend and successfully complete a MHSL sponsored Starter Clinic.
 - b. Attend a team provided Clinic and take the league Starter certification test.
 - i. Perform the requisite mentoring as determined by the Team Instructor.
3. Team provided Clinics may only be performed by officially recognized trainers in the MHSL.

Meet/Deck Referee

1. Officials must have at least one year of experience as a Stroke and Turn Officials, with either the MHSL or USA Swimming to be eligible for certification as a Meet/Deck Referee.
2. New Referee certification is achieved after attending and successfully completing a MHSL sponsored New Meet Referee Clinic.