

Officials Certification Requirements

Stroke & Turn Judge

1. Must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Must attend a formal Stroke & Turn Clinic.
3. Must pass the USA Swimming Stroke & Turn/Timer Test.
4. Must perform on-the-deck apprenticeship with at least two (2) mentors for a minimum of four (4) sessions. (Cannot make a disqualification during those sessions.)
5. Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection Training before officiating as Stroke and Turn Judge.
6. Must complete certification within one year from date of clinic.

Starter

1. Must be at least 18 years of age and have previous certification as a Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of five (5) sessions.
2. Must attend a starter clinic.
3. Must take USA Swimming Starters test and be a current member of USA Swimming with current Level 2 Background Check online Athlete Protection.
4. Must serve a minimum of five (5) sessions on the deck at two (2) different meets with at least two (2) different mentors approved by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

Referee

1. Must be at least 21 years of age and have previous certification as a Stroke & Turn judge or Starter for a minimum of one (1) year.
2. Must attend referee's clinic and apprentice on-the-deck for a minimum of six (6) sessions at three (3) sanctioned meets with at least two (2) different referees.
3. Recommend being familiar with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge and Meet Marshall.
4. Must pass the following USA Swimming Officials tests with a grade of at least 80% within the past 24 months and be a current member of USA Swimming.
 - (1) Stroke & Turn/Timer
 - (2) Timing Judge
 - (3) Clerk of Course
 - (4) Administrative
 - (5) Referee

Administrative Official

1. Must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Must attend a formal Administrative Official Clinic.
3. Must pass the USA Swimming Administrative Official Test.
4. Must perform on-the-deck apprenticeship with at least one (1) mentor (who has a minimum of one (1) year certification as Administrative Official, Administrative Referee, or Referee) for a minimum of two (2) sessions.
5. Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Level 2 Background Check, and complete the online Athlete Protection Training before officiating as Administrative Official.