



Southeastern Officials Minimum Standards

All officials must be registered, have a current Background Check
and have completed the Athlete Protection Training.

Position	Min. Age	Education and Training	Evaluation and Certification	Renewal
Timer	11	None except pre-meet briefing.	Must pass USA Timer's test and satisfactorily perform at one meet.	None
Stroke and Turn Judge	18	Must pass the USAS Stroke & Turn test prior to apprenticing. Must attend a stroke and turn clinic. Must apprentice a minimum of six (6) on-deck training sessions in at least two USAS sanctioned meets. We recommend a different colored shirt other than white.	Evaluation by trainer and/or Meet Referee. Certification approved and issued by the Officials Committee. Certification must be completed within one year of taking the USAS Stroke and Turn test.	Renewal requires: Once certified, renewal is based upon completion of these steps: 1 - Attend a Stroke & Turn clinic prior to recertification every three years. 2 - Pass the S & T recertification test after one year and every three years thereafter. 3 - Work a minimum of six sessions per year.
Chief Judge / Relay Takeoff Judge	19	Must be an EXperienced S & T Judge.	Must be a EXperienced S & T Judge.	Renewal is concurrent with recertification as Stroke and Turn Official.
Starter	18	Must have worked a minimum of ten sessions as a S & T Judge, must attend a Starter clinic and must pass the USAS Starters' test. Must apprentice for a minimum of six (6) sessions in at least two (2) USAS sanctioned meets.	Certification is based upon the recommendation of the trainer(s) and/or the Referee(s). The certification is approved and issued by the Officials' Committee.	Once certified, renewal is based upon completion of these steps: 1. Pass the Starter recertification test prior to recertification every three years. 2 - Attend a starter clinic prior to recertification (every three years). 3 - Work a minimum of six sessions per year, four of which are as a Starter or above.
Admin Official	18	Must review an administrative official clinic (AO PowerPoint on web) and must pass the USAS Administrative Official test. Must apprentice a minimum of two sessions under supervision of an EXperienced Referee.	Certification is based upon extensive knowledge of the timing system used, Meet Manager software and corrective actions to be applied to timing system errors.	Once certified, renewal is based upon: 1- Completion of the Timing Judge, Administrative and Clerk of Course test every three years. 2- Work a minimum of six sessions per year, three of which are as an Administrative Official. 3. An Administrative Official can work as an Assistant Admin at a LSC Championship meet, but not as the lead Admin.
Deck Referee	21	Must be an EXperienced S & T Judge and have completed the following. Attend a Starter Clinic. Must pass the Starter Certification test. Must apprentice as a starter for a minimum of three sessions. The Referee apprentice must be familiar with the positions of Clerk of Course, Timer, Timing Judge, Meet Marshal, S & T Judge, Starter, and Admin Official and must pass ALL tests. The apprentice must attend a Referee clinic and apprentice for a minimum of eight (8) sessions at three sanctioned meets with at least two (2) different referees. At least two (2) sessions must be as an Assistant Admin Referee.	Certification is based upon the recommendation of the Referee trainers. The certification is approved and issued by the Officials' Committee.	Once certified, renewal is based upon completion of these steps: 1 - Attend a Referee clinic prior to recertification (every two years). 2 - Pass the Referee recertification test prior to recertification every two years. 3 - Work a minimum of six sessions per year, four of which are as a Referee. Recertification as a Referee is also based upon continued agreement of the Officials' Committee.
Meet Referee	21	Apprentice as a Meet Referee for all sessions of a multiple day meet.	The certification is approved and issued by the Officials' Committee and the Officials' Chair.	Once certified, renewal is concurrent with recertification as a Deck Referee and continued agreement of the Officials' committee.

***Notes: No person may officiate at a meet in which he or she is competing.
An EXperienced official has more than one year experience.**

Once initial training is complete or when recertifying, the official must send an email to their Officials' Committee member, attaching test results from USAS where appropriate, and in the body of the email listing their clinic date and approximate number of sessions worked each year **unless** these are shown in the OTS. They will then be notified when their Certification card is available online through the OTS.