**Certification Standards for Officials – Mississippi Swimming Inc. (MSI)**

**Prior to officiating, all positions require:**

USA Swimming membership – non athlete

USA Swimming level 2 background check

USA Swimming online athlete protection training

\***session** – sufficient time to observe a significant number of swimmers and to observe all strokes

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| **Position** | **Certification Requirements** | **Renewal Requirements** |
| Stroke and Turn | * Stroke and Turn Clinic
* USA Swimming on-line Timer/Stroke and Turn test - minimum score of 80%
* Train 4 **sessions**\* (2 trainers with minimum 1 year exp.)
* Evaluation by member of the Officials Committee (any referee)
 | * Every two years pass on-line Stroke and Turn re-certification test
* Work 4 sessions each calendar year
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| Starter | * Current Stroke and Turn Certification
* Starter Clinic
* USA Swimming on-line Starter test - minimum score of 80%
* Train 6 sessions (2 trainers with minimum 1 year exp.)
* Evaluation by member of the MSI Officials Committee (any referee)
 | * Maintain Stroke and Turn Certification
* Every 2 years pass on-line Starter re-certification test
* Work 4 sessions each calendar year (sessions count for Stroke and Turn renewal)
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| Administrative Official(Stroke and Turn Cert. ***not*** required) | * USA Swimming on-line test: Administrative Official test, – minimum score 80%
* Administrative Official clinic, or review clinic materials online
* Train as Administrative Referee. 4 sessions (2 trainers with minimum 1 yr. experience)
* Train as Administrative Official 2 sessions (2 trainers with minimum 1 yr. experience)
* Evaluation by member of MSI Officials Committee (any referee)
 | * Every 2 years pass on-line Administrative re-certification test
* Work 4 sessions each calendar year
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| Administrative Referee | * Current Stroke and Turn Certification
* USA Swimming on-line tests: Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, and Administrative - minimum scores of 80%
* Set-up and run one entire meet with Meet Manager
* Train as Administrative Referee 6 sessions (2 trainers with minimum 1 yr. experience)
* Work with Certified Administrative Referee at MSI LSC Championship Meet
* Evaluation by a member of the MSI Officials Committee (any referee)
 | * Every 2 years pass on-line Administrative re-certification test
* Work 4 sessions each calendar year
* Recertification as Administrative Referee satisfies all currently held positions except (Deck) Referee
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| Referee(Deck) | * Current Stroke and Turn and Starter Certification
* Administrative Referee Certification\*
* Referee clinic
* USA Swimming on-line Referee test - minimum score of 80%
* Work as Referee 6 sessions (2 trainers with minimum 1 year experience)
* Successful evaluation by ***chairperson*** of the MSI Officials Committee
 | * Every 2 years pass on-line Referee re-certification test
* Work 6 sessions each calendar year
* Re-certification as Referee satisfies re-certification for all other positions

\*May concurrently pursue certification for Referee ***and*** Administrative Referee – 12 total sessions |