**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 |
| 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) |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |