**WV Swimming Officials' Certification Policy**

**Stroke and Turn (New):**

1. Prerequisites:
	1. Minimum Age 18
	2. Attend Officials’ Clinic
	3. Pass on-line certification test with 90% score
	4. Registered as non-athlete member of USA Swimming
2. Apprentice at least 5 sessions at two meets
	1. may include 2 sessions worked at YMCA Invitational or Championship meets, provided that the supervising official(s) are duly certified by WV Swimming
3. Approval of Officials Chair, in consultation with supervising officials
4. Apprentice must complete certification within one year of clinic

**Stroke and Turn (Renewing):**

1. Registered as non-athlete member of USA Swimming
2. Work at least 5 sessions per year in Stroke and Turn capacity
	1. may include 2 sessions worked at YMCA and HS Invitational or Championship meets
3. Attend annual Officials’ meeting once every two years (at SC and LC Championships, or at Fall LSC meeting)
4. Attend Officials’ clinic once every two years, or complete on-line recertification test with 90% score

**Starter (New):**

1. Prerequisites
	1. Minimum Age 21
	2. Stroke and Turn judge in good standing (see above)
	3. At least two full years' experience (not incl. apprenticeship) in Stroke and Turn position
	4. View USA Swimming starter video.
	5. Pass on-line USA Swimming starter certification test (not incl. Stroke and Turn) with 90% score
2. The starter role shall be a transitional role. It is expected that starters will begin the referee certification process within one year after becoming a starter.
3. Apprentice a minimum of 5 sessions at two or more meets, under two separate starters. Two of these 5 sessions may be at YMCA or high school meets as long as the supervising starter is a USA Swimming certified starter.
4. Approval by the officials chair with positive endorsement of the supervising officials.

**Referee (New);**

1)Prerequisites

* 1. Minimum Age 21
	2. Starter in good standing with WV Swimming.
	3. Pass all required USA swimming referee tests with a minimum score of 90%.
	4. View the appropriate USA Swimming referee training videos.

2) Apprentice in the referee role for a minimum of 4 sessions under two different USS certified deck referees.

3)A approval by the officials chair with positive endorsement of the supervising officials

**Referee/Starter (Renewing):**

1. Registered as non-athlete member of USA Swimming
2. Work at least 6 sessions per year in Referee/Starter capacity
	1. may include 2 sessions worked at YMCA and HS Invitational or Championship meets
3. Attend one annual Officials’ meeting (at SC and LC Championships, or at Fall LSC meeting)
4. Attend/Teach Officials’ clinic once every two years, or complete on-line recertification tests with 90% score.

Note: the Officials’ chair may waive the requirement to attend one annual Official’s meeting

Clinic/Meeting attendance and sessions worked will be entered in the USA Swimming Officials’ Tracking System.

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**“Fast-Track” Certifications for YMCA Officials**

**YMCA Level 1 to USA Swimming Stroke and Turn:**

1) Candidate is registered as a non-athlete member of USA Swimming

2) Apprenticeship requirements:

 a. Candidates with less than 1 year’s service will complete the apprenticeship listed for “Stroke and Turn (new)”

 b. Candidates with more than 1 year’s service, including at least two sessions worked at YMCA Invitational or

 Championship meets, will apprentice at least 3 sessions.

4) Approval of Officials Chair, in consultation with supervising officials

**YMCA Level 2 to USA Swimming Stroke and Turn:**

1) Candidate is registered as a non-athlete member of USA Swimming

2) Work at least one session under observation by a USA Swimming-certified official

3) Approval of Officials Chair, in consultation with observer(s)

**YMCA Level 2 to USA Swimming Referee/Starter:**

*Policy to be developed*