

Official Certification

Certification Pathway for Officials

Terms:

<i>Successful Evaluation</i>	means a signed assessment/card for a specific position
<i>Certified</i>	means that the official has taken the clinic and worked a minimum of two sessions in that position - excluding Referee - during a sanctioned competition and has received approval of the Referee for successfully working the position.
<i>Session</i>	means a specific time frame in a swim meet, represented as a timed final session, preliminary session, or finals session
<i>Mentor Assessment</i>	refers to a formal documented process whereby the Level III or IV official receives mentoring and feedback as a Referee, while working toward Level IV or V certification.

Level I - Red Pin

Officials must complete:

1. Introduction to Swimming Officiating clinic
2. Safety Marshal clinic
3. Fully registered in the REMS

Level II - White Pin

Officials must complete:

1. Two successful deck evaluations in the role of Timekeeper
2. Inspector of Turns clinic
3. Judge of Stroke clinic
4. Two successful deck evaluations in the role of Turn Official
5. One successful deck evaluation in the role of Stroke Official
6. One of the following Level II clinics:
 - o Chief Timekeeper
 - o Administration Desk
 - o Chief Judge Electronics (CJE)
 - o Meet Manager
 - o Starter
7. Two successful deck evaluations in role of the clinic above

Level III - Orange Pin

Officials must complete:

1. All remaining clinics listed under Level II (Chief Timer, Administration Desk, Chief Judge Electronics, Meet Manager and Starter).
2. Chief Recorder clinic.
3. Para Swimming eModule (through the LMS).
4. Two successful deck evaluations in 3 different positions.
5. Encouraged to conduct the Introduction to Swimming Officiating clinic under the supervision of a Level IV or V official.

Level IV - Green Pin

Officials must complete:

1. Any outstanding deck evaluations for remaining Level II positions.
2. Referee Clinic (please review note below regarding this clinic).
3. A minimum of 5 sessions as a Referee.
 - o It is recommended that these 5 sessions take place at different competitions in different pools and pool configurations.
4. Conduct at least 2 different Level II officials' clinics under the supervision of a Level V official (official must be certified in the position for the clinic they are presenting).
5. Complete one year of active service as a Level III official working a variety of positions, which shall include a minimum of two sessions as a Stroke Judge and/or Inspector of Turns.

Note: An official may act in the position of Session Referee upon completion of the Referee clinic and who has completed the meet manager and CJE clinics but has not yet been certified in these positions. Certification will be required to achieve level IV certification as per A i) above.

Completing the requirements for Level IV (A&B), except for the above note on completing certifications and acting in the capacity of Referee, may happen simultaneously or in any order. The one year of active service begins following the achievement of Level III.

Level V - Blue Pin

Officials
must:

1. Complete a minimum of one year of active service as a Level IV official.
2. Organize, conduct and/or supervise a minimum of 2 different Level II clinics within the year of application.
3. Work a minimum of 2 sessions at a Swimming Canada national competition in any position, after becoming a Level III official.
4. Obtain the approval from the Officials Committee to be evaluated and have 2 successful evaluations as a Referee, or once as Referee and once as Starter, by a Level V official.