

OFFICIAL'S NAME/LSC/MEET(s)/DATE(s)	
CERTIFIER'S NAME/LSC	
REFEREE CERTIFICATION	
DEFINITIONS	
Certifier: An official designated by the LSC OC to certify training is complete.	
Clinic: Formal in person or online training clinic, recorded in Officials Tracking System (OTS).	
Certification: Referee able to officiate at all LSC meets.	
Satisfactory Performance: Able to demonstrate Performance Requirements. Deficiencies must be provided by LSC OC or designee in writing to the affected official with an Action Plan to success.	
Sessions: At USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets, recorded in OTS.	
Trainer: Designated by the Referee at a meet or LSC OC, an official who has been USA Swimming certified in the position for 1+ year. If a 1+ year experienced official is not on deck, the Referee may select the most experienced certified official(s) to be a trainer(s).	
Training Sessions: Meet sessions that include strokes and/or relays. Time Trials and Freestyle Only sessions may not count toward training session requirements. Sessions shall be recorded in OTS.	
USA Swimming Member: Completed all USAS member associated requirements before on deck apprenticeship.	
Apprenticeship Requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	USA Swimming Member.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified Stroke & Turn Judge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified Starter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified Administrative Official
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend Referee clinic training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apprentice as a Referee for at least 4 sessions total over 2 meets with 2 trainers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pass USA Swimming Referee certification test with a score of 80% or more.
Certification Performance Requirements for Certification	
May be evaluated during last apprentice session and use MR sign-off for each session. Y-Yes, N-No, ND - Not Demonstrated	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Familiar with positions of Admin Official, Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke and Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge and Meet Marshal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understands the importance of an accurate Meet Announcement.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understands the importance of heat intervals and meet cadence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrates respectful communication with coaches, athletes, and officials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Effectively troubleshoots problems as they arise.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mentors other officials.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understands the responsibilities of the Deck Referee and the Meet Referee.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Always gives the swimmer the benefit of the doubt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understands the importance of participating in many levels and types of meet as a Referee.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understands performance criteria as outlined in Referee Professional Document
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules.
Comments (if needed)	
Signature of MR (session 1)	
Signature of MR (session 2)	
Signature of MR (session 3)	
Signature of MR (session 4)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommend Certification as REFEREE
<i>Certification must be complete within one year of the Referee clinic.</i>	
<i>Understands need to return completed checklist form to the official's LSC Officials Chair or designee.</i>	
REFEREE RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work at least 16 sessions within a 3 year period with at least 8 sessions in any Referee position
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend clinic (referee recommended)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pass USA Swimming Referee recertification test with 80% or more every 3 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Satisfactory performance