

OFFICIAL'S NAME/LSC/MEET(s)/DATE(s) Please fill in a separate form for each meet you worked at	
CERTIFIER'S NAME - OHIO LSC Joe Sobczak, Northwest (sobczakjoe@gmail.com), Mark Johnson, Dayton (mark.johnson256@gmail.com), Craig Schoenlein, Cincinnati (craigschoenlein@gmail.com), Kemal Oz, Central (burcoz@yahoo.com)	
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	
	USA Swimming Member
	Certified Stroke & Turn Judge
	Certified Starter
	Certified Administrative Official
	Attend Referee clinic training
	Apprentice as a Referee for at least 4 sessions total over 2 meets with 2 trainers
	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	
	Familiar with positions of Admin Official, Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke and Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge and Meet Marshal.

	Understands the importance of an accurate Meet Announcement		
	Understands the importance of heat intervals and meet cadence		
	Demonstrates respectful communication with coaches, athletes, and officials		
	Effectively troubleshoots problems as they arise		
	Mentors other officials		
	Understands the responsibilities of the Deck Referee and the Meet Referee		
	Always gives the swimmer the benefit of the doubt		
	Understands the importance of participating in many levels and types of meets as a Referee		
	Understands performance criteria as outlined in Referee Professional Document		
	Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules		
Comments (if needed)			
Signature of Trainer (session 1)		Signature of MR (session 1)	
Signature of Trainer (session 2)		Signature of MR (session 2)	
Signature of Trainer (session 3)		Signature of MR (session 3)	
Signature of Trainer (session 4)		Signature of MR (session 4)	
	Recommend Certification as REFEREE		
<i>Certification must be complete within one year of the Referee clinic.</i>			

Understands need to return completed checklist form to the official's LSC Officials Chair or designee.

REFEREE RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS

	Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.
	Worked at least 16 sessions within a 3 year period with at least 8 sessions in any Referee position
	Attend clinic (referee recommended) training every 3 years
	Pass USA Swimming Referee recertification test with a score of 80% or more every 3 years
	Satisfactory performance