

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)	
STARTER 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: Starter 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. (apprentice or non athlete membership)	
Apprenticeship Requirements	
	USA Swimming Member
	Certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of 3 months. Worked at least 4 sessions at a minimum of 2 meets since ST.
	Attend Starter training clinic
	Apprentice as Starter for at least 4 training sessions total, over 2 meets with 2 trainers. Trainer can be the Deck Referee; OR Coach and Athlete Members with 5+ years of USA Swimming experience shall apprentice as a starter for at least 2 training sessions with a trainer.
	Pass the USA Swimming Starter Certification test with an 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	
	Arrives on time, prepared with necessary personal equipment, and properly & professionally attired.
	Knows the rules for starting
	Demonstrate ability to start swimmers across a wide range of age and proficiency

	Understands basic starting protocols and procedures (distance counting, OOF, etc.)		
	Understands how to start swimmers with disabilities		
	Demonstrates the start for a hearing impaired swimmer		
	Demonstrates both forward and backstroke starts		
	Understands how the starting system operates		
	Establishes a comfortable starting position on deck for both forward and back starts		
	Demonstrates ability to communicate and interact with the DR (positioning, inserting swimmers, etc.)		
	Prepared and in position prior to each heat; comfortable holding microphone and securing cord		
	Delivers TYM calmly and with necessary volume		
	Shows PATIENCE before delivering TYM and starting signal		
	Understands the use of other commands		
	Understands and practices the False Start Protocol		
	Always gives the benefit of the doubt to the swimmer		
	Understands performance criteria as outlined in Starter 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 Stroke & Turn Judge			
<i>Certification must be complete within one year of the SR clinic.</i>			
<i>Understands need to return completed checklist form to the official's LSC Officials Chair or designee.</i>			
STARTER RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS			
	Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.		

	Worked at least 8 sessions, within a 3 year period, as a Starter
	Attend clinic (recommend Starter Clinic) every 3 years.
	USA Swimming recertification test every 3 years for the highest certification held.
	Satisfactory performance.