

Name (print please): _____

Apprentice Checklist - Stroke and Turn Judge

Thank you for taking the time to become a certified Stroke and Turn Officials. This document is intended to give mentors and mentees a few guidelines to ensure that mentees get exposure to as many situations as possible to feel confident in their roles once certified.

Mentees are not allowed to make calls. It is recommended that during the 4th session, the mentee tells their mentor about the calls they would have made. During all sessions: Mentors, please talk your mentees through your calls, i.e. explain what you observed and why you made the call. Mentors, please also show mentees how to fill out a DQ slip, even if CJs are at the meet.

If you are not judging a swimmer with disabilities or watch 15 m mark, please make sure to discuss proper protocol with your mentor.

STOP – IMPORTANT – Mandatory requirements:

1. **APPRENTICES MUST BE USA SWIMMING NON-ATHLETE MEMBER**, either an apprentice member (only good for 60 days) or an annual non-athlete member. Membership is required for entering any sessions into the Official Tracking System (OTS). Meet referees are required to enter official's sessions. No backdating (aka as retrospective entering) of sessions is possible!
2. Only sessions at sanctioned or approved meets count.
3. Only sessions entered into OTS count.
4. Sessions must include technical stroke (backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke or IM) and/or relays. No time trials, no freestyle only sessions
5. **Mentors** should be officials who worked **at least 1 year** as Stroke and Turn official and can only have 1 mentee per session.
6. Apprentices should obtain hands-on mentoring and training right from the first apprentice session.
7. In order to obtain certification, **4 mentoring sessions are required**, At a minimum, mentoring sessions must be completed with a mentor and at 2 different meets.
8. All certification requirements need to be met within 1 year of taking the S/T training.
9. Junior Officials please contact officialstraining@wisconsinswimming.org for more details
10. Once you completed this form, please submit a copy of all sides to:
officialstraining@wisconsinswimming.org

Apprentice Record:

Name of Meet/Location	Duration of session	Date	Certified S/T mentor (should have at least 1 yr S/T certification) Please print name and sign
1.			

-Please turn-

2.			
3.			
4.			
5. (if needed)			
6. (if needed)			

Observed	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5 (if needed)	Session 6 (if needed)
Freestyle						
• Turns						
• Stroke						
• Finishes						
Butterfly						
• Turns						
• Stroke						
• Finishes						
Breaststroke						
• Turns						
• Stroke						
• Finishes						
Backstroke						
• Turns						
• Stroke						
• Finishes						

Observed	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5 (if needed)	Session 6 (if needed)
Individual Medley						
• Fly-Back						
• Back-Breast						
• Breast-Free						
Relay Exchanges						
• On Blocks						
• In Water						
Swimmers w/ disabilities						
15 m mark						
Place judging (picks)						
Completed DQ slip						
Benefit of the doubt						
Jurisdiction						
8 and under						
9-10						
11-12						
13-14						
15 and up/open						
Attended officials briefing						
Knows how to make a call						
Proper position of S/T						
Professional conduct as S&T						
Develop a “mental checklist” for things to do before, during and after duty session						
Is comfortable making calls as appropriate and also understands when a call is not appropriate						
Learn to visualize infraction when explaining it w/o use of hands						
Can correctly communicate a DQ and what was observed using USA Swimming rulebook language						
Gives swimmer benefit of the doubt.						

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