



### **OPEN WATER JUDGE – APPRENTICE (AP)**

#### **Education & Training/Clinic:**

- Must be currently certified in the Gulf Swimming LSC as a Stroke and Turn Judge
- Apprentice Open Water Judge must work a minimum of 2 meets under the supervision of the Open Water Meet Referee before being considered for certification.
- You can request to be an Apprentice Open Water Judge at a Gulf LSC Open Water Event by emailing the Gulf Open Water Meet Referee on the meet announcement.
- After working 1 Open Water meet, you will receive an email notification of your certification as an “OJ-AP”. Please allow USA Swimming 7-10 days to process this certification.

### **OPEN WATER JUDGE - QUALIFIED (Q)**

#### **Evaluation & Certification:**

- Apprentice Open Water Judges must work a minimum of 2 meets under the supervision of the Open Water Meet Referee or their designee before being considered for certification.
- Please refer to the Open Water Judge-AP Training log as a guideline for requirements
- After working a minimum of 2 meets, the Open Water Judge-AP can request a recommendation for certifications from the Open Water Meet Referee.
- One (1) Meet Referee recommendation is required to be certified as an Open Water Judge.
- Must pass the USA Swimming Open Water Judge test with a minimum 80% passing grade.
- As soon as all data has been verified by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee, the applicant will be certified as an Open Water Judge.
- When the above criteria have been met, the Open Water Judge (AP) will receive an email notification of your certification as “OJ-Q”. Please allow 7-10 days to process this certification.

#### **Renewal:**

- Must pass the USA Swimming Open Water Judge Recertification test with a score of 80% or better every two (2) years.
- To maintain certification, must work a minimum of one (1) Open Water Events every three (3) years in any of the Open Water Judge positions
- Must be currently certified in the Gulf Swimming LSC as a Stroke and Turn Judge