



OPEN WATER REFEREE

Education & Training/Clinic:

- Must be currently certified as a Stroke and Turn official and as an Open Water Judge.
- Apprentice Open Water Referee must work a minimum of 3 meets under the supervision of the Open Water Meet Referee before being considered for certification
- You can request to be an Apprentice Open Water Referee 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 as an Open Water Referee-AP, you will receive an email notification of your certification as an "OR-AP". Please allow USA Swimming 7-10 days to process this certification.

OPEN WATER REFEREE - QUALIFIED (Q)

Evaluation & Certification:

- Apprentice Open Water Referee must work a minimum of 3 meets under the supervision of the Open Water Meet Referee or their designee before being considered for certification.
- Please refer to the Open Water Referee-AP Training log as a guideline for requirements
- After working a minimum of 3 meets, the Open Water Referee-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 Referee.
- Must pass the USA Swimming Open Water Referee 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 Referee.
- When the above criteria have been met, the Open Water Referee-AP will receive an email notification of your certification as "OR-Q". Please allow 7-10 days to process this certification.

Renewal:

- Must pass the USA Swimming Open Water Referee 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.