

Chief Judge Certification

Chief Judge Certification Requirements

Prerequisites (need to be completed before you can begin on deck training):

- Age - 18 years or older
- USA Swimming member in good standing (current registration, APT and BC)
- Previous certification as Stroke & Turn Judge
- Session requirements: Minimum 16 sessions as S&T Judge

Certification Requirements (preferably completed within one year of clinic attendance):

- Complete a Chief Judge Clinic
- Have read the [Chief Judge Professional Documents](#).
- Minimum of four apprentice sessions at sanctioned or approved meets
 - At least two different meets
 - Completion of [Chief Judge Certification Template](#) after each session affirming satisfactory performance
 - Evaluation Session may be done any time after the 3rd apprentice session

Note that the evaluation session must use radios.

 - Note that if evaluation is not successful, the evaluator must submit to the apprentice a written action plan within two weeks and copy the Officials Chair.
- [Chief Judge Certification Template](#) may be submitted any time after the 3rd apprentice session. If approved, you will become certified immediately upon successful completion of any outstanding requirements and evaluation.
- Complete certification within one year of clinic.
- Certification: good until the Dec 31, 2026.

Chief Judge Recertification Requirements

- Continue to be a USA Swimming Official in good standing (current registration, APT and BC)

- Session requirement: eight sessions per year with at least four as a CJ or Referee.
- USA Swimming recertification test every 3 years for the highest certification held (note that there is no USA Swimming Chief Judge test)
- Submit the online [Officials Recertification Request Form](#)
- Recertification extends your certification for three years and recertifies S&T Judge.

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