

OFFICIAL'S NAME/LSC/MEET(s)/DATE(s)	
CERTIFIER'S NAME/LSC	
STROKE AND TURN JUDGE CERTIFICATION	
DEFINITIONS	
Certifier: An official designated by the LSC Officials Chair to certify training is complete.	
Clinic: Formal in person or online mentoring clinic, recorded in Officials Tracking System (OTS).	
Certification: Stroke & Turn able to officiate at all LSC meets.	
Satisfactory Performance: Able to demonstrate Performance Requirements. Deficiencies must be provided by LSC Officials Chair 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.	
Mentor: Designated by the Referee at a meet or LSC Officials Chair, 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 mentor.	
Mentoring 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
	Attend a Stroke and Turn clinic - please provide date of clinic attended.
	Apprentice as a Stroke and Turn Judge for at least four (4) training sessions at a minimum of two (2) meets with a mentor. A Coach or Athlete members with 5+ years USA Swimming experience shall apprentice as a Stroke and Turn Judge for at least two (2) mentoring sessions with a mentor.
	Pass the USA Swimming ST Certification test with an 80%
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, in proper and designated LSC attire.
	Is respectful of other officials, coaches, meet volunteers, spectators, and athletes.
	Has demonstrated confidence when raising arm for a potential disqualification.
	Understands and applies proper positioning on deck.
	Understands and applies communicated jurisdictions and protocols.
	Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for butterfly.
	Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for backstroke.
	Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for breaststroke.
	Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kicks, turn, and finish for freestyle.
	Understands and applies the rules for relays.
	Understands and applies the rules for individual medley.
	Has worked in the position of Turn Judge at both the Start and Turn end of the pool.
	Has worked in the position of Stroke Judge
	Has demonstrated the protocol for Relay Take Off judging
	Is comfortable making calls as appropriate and understands when a call is not appropriate.
	Handles possible disqualifications that are not accepted in a professional manner
	Understands the rules apply to all swimmers of all ages and levels.
	Understands the importance of impartiality when making a call for a potential disqualification.
	Correctly, with verbal communication, explains a disqualification and what was observed using USA Swimming rulebook language.
	Always gives the swimmer the benefit of the doubt.
	Demonstrates ability to record detailed description of the potential disqualification on their heat sheet, with correct heat and lane.
	Understands performance criteria as outlined in Stroke & Turn Judge Professional Document.
	Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules.
Comments (if needed)	

Signature of Referee (session 1)	
Signature of Referee (session 2)	
Signature of Referee (session 3)	
Signature of Referee (session 4)	
Recommend Certification as Stroke & Turn Judge	
<i>Certification must be complete within one year of the S&T clinic.</i>	
<i>Understands need to return completed checklist form to the official's LSC Officials Chair or designee.</i>	
STROKE AND TURN JUDGE RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS	
	Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.
	Worked a minimum of eight (8) sessions, within a 3-year period, at a minimum of two (2) different meets in Stroke & Turn or higher capacity.
	Attend clinic every 3 years.
	USA Swimming recertification test every 3 years for the highest certification held.
	Satisfactory performance.