

# Stroke & Turn Judge Certification

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## Stroke & Turn Certification Requirements

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

- Age - 18 years or older
- Register as a USA Swimming member as an official (not parent) via USA Swimming website ([AMS Officials Registration Instructions](#))

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

- Complete USA Swimming requirements to be in good standing.
  - Complete Background Check
  - Complete Athlete Protection Training
  - Complete Concussion Protocol Training
- Complete Stroke and Turn Clinic. NOTE that USA Swimming will be rolling out a [Stroke and Turn Clinic/Test](#) on or about April 1, 2024
- Pass the [USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Certification Test](#) with a USA Swimming passing grade (prior to evaluation)
- Minimum 4 apprentice sessions (not including observed meets) completed within one year from date of Stroke and Turn Judge Clinic (note that apprentices cannot make unsupervised disqualification calls). Freestyle only sessions do not count.
  - At least two different meets
  - Completion of [AMS Training Form](#) after each session affirming satisfactory performance
  - Evaluation Session may be done any time after the 3rd apprentice session.
  - 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.
- [Evaluation Readiness Request form](#) 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.
- After successful completion of evaluation, submit [Certification Request Form](#).

- Certification: good until the Dec 31, 2026.

## Stroke & Turn Recertification Requirements

- Continue to be a USA Swimming Official in good standing (current registration, athlete protection training, background check)
- Session requirement: Eight sessions over three years at a minimum of 2 different meets in Stroke & Turn or higher position.
- Clinic requirement: USA Swimming's Stroke and Turn Judge Clinic at least once every three years.
- Pass the [USA Swimming Stroke & Turn Recertification Test](#)
- Submit the online [Officials Recertification Request Form](#)
- Recertifying extends your certification until Dec 31, 2026.