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VI. ISI Swim Officials Certification and Recertification Rules *For Summer Clubs / Federations*

ISI Officials and Apprentices must be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming (see Section C) and maintain current USA Swimming non-athlete membership each year as an ISI Official.

A. Initial ISI Official Certification

1. Timer (Minimum age - 11)
 - a. Education & Training
 - None, except pre-meet briefing. Performance monitored by Chief Timer during meet.
 - b. Evaluation and Certification (Not Required to work as Timer)
 - Certify after passing USA Swimming Timer's test and satisfactory performance at one meet.
2. Stroke & Turn Judge (Minimum age - 18; may not officiate at a meet in which they are competing)
 - a. Education & Training
 - Formal clinic training and must take USA Swimming Stroke & Turn Judge test.
 - On-the-deck apprenticeship with a trainer (who has a minimum one-year certification as a S&T) for a minimum of one session (cannot make a disqualification during those sessions).
 - b. Evaluation & Certification
 - Evaluation by trainer and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials Chairman or his designee. Must complete certification within one year from date of clinic.
 - To maintain certification, must work a minimum of two sessions per year in stroke & turn or higher capacity.
3. Relay Take-Off Judge
 - a. Education & Training
 - Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge.
 - b. Evaluation & Certification
 - Considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge certification.
4. Chief Judge
 - a. Education & Training
 - Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge.
 - b. Evaluation & Certification
 - Must have a minimum of one-year's experience as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge.

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5. Starter (Minimum age - 18)
 - a. Education & Training
 - Must have worked as certified Stroke & Turn Judge for minimum of two sessions. Must attend clinic, take the USA Swimming Starter's test, and serve one session on the deck with trainer(s) approved by the Officials Chairman or his designee.
 - b. Evaluation & Certification
 - Certification based on recommendation of the Trainer(s) and/or the Referee(s).
 - To maintain certification, must work a minimum of two sessions per year in starter or higher capacity.

6. Referee (Minimum age - 21)
 - a. Education & Training
 - Previous certification as a Stroke & Turn Judge or Starter for a minimum of one year. Recommend familiarity with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge, and Meet Marshal. Must pass USA Swimming Officials' test (all sections) with a grade of at least 80%.
 - Attend Referee's clinic and apprentice on-the-deck for minimum of four sessions at two sanctioned meets with at least two different referees.
 - b. Evaluation & Certification
 - Certification based on completion of Education and training requirements and favorable recommendations by Referee Trainers.
 - To maintain certification, must work a minimum of six sessions per year with at least one session as Referee.

B. Recertification

1. Certifications are good for a period of two (2) years with December 31 being the annual expiration date. If recertification is given after September 1 to December 31, the expiration date will go up to two years and three months.
2. Must attend ISI Recertification Clinic. Officiating at a Junior or Senior Nationals or US Open Meet counts as a recertification clinic (Official's Chair must be notified to record recertification).
3. Once a certification has expired, the official may not officiate, under any circumstance, until a new certificate has been issued by the Officials Chair. The following conditions must be met:
 - a. expirations up to 12 months following the expiration of your certification, will require the attendance at a recertification clinic,

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- b. expirations of 12-24 months will require attendance at a full certification clinic,
 - c. and expirations of more than 24 months will require both a full certification clinic and taking the open book test.
- 4. Current USA Swimming non-athlete membership is required.
- 5. A \$3.00 recertification fee is required
- C.
 - a. Officials that have been certified within the restrictions of the Summer Club/ Federation minimum requirements, that have been certified under two (2) years (summer seasons) will be allowed to officiate only at closed competition sanctioned meets (duals, triangulars, etc...) during the summer season, within their Summer Club/Federation.
 - b. Officials that have been certified within the restrictions of the Summer Club/Federation minimum requirements, that have been certified for two (2) or more years, will be allowed to officiate at sanctioned invitationals, *excluding: ISI Regionals, Long Course Championships, and Short Course Championships*, outside of their Summer Club/Federation sanctioned closed competition invitation meets (duals, triangulars, etc...) during the summer season.
 - c. Officials that have been certified within the restrictions of the Summer Club/Federation minimum requirements, that have been certified for five (5) or more years, may officiate at ISI Summer Regionals, and Long Course Championships.
 - d. Certified Summer Club/Federation officials as of April 22, 2001, will be grandfathered under the ISI / USA Swimming minimum standard officials guidelines. These officials will retain their blue ISI officials cards.
 - e. Officials in the Summer Club/Federation minimum requirements will be issued a yellow card.
 - f. Summer Club/Federation officials that will officiate throughout the whole year, must be certified through the ISI / USA Swimming minimum standards.
 - g. Summer Club/Federation officials may petition, after six (6) continuous years of summer officiating, to the ISI Officials Chair, for certification to the ISI / USA Swimming minimum standards certification. The petition must include information and documentation of years of service, reason for certification advancement, and a recommendation from an ISI / USA Swimming official that is "referee" certified.

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- h. Summer Club/Federation minimum requirement certified officials will not be permitted to apply for any form of National Certification until petition is made and granted for advancement to ISI / USA Swimming minimum standard certification.