



How to Become an Official

Stroke and Turn Official

1. Submit USA Swimming Non-Athlete Member Registration Form (membership fee will be reimbursed by the team, please see below)
 - a. An USA Swimming team link will be provided to be able to register as a Non-Athlete Member upon request.
 - b. Anyone interested in officiating will need to be registered prior to stepping on deck to work apprentice sessions.
 - c. All reimbursement requests will need a receipt.
2. Submit a background check on USAswimming.com (background check fees will be reimbursed by the team, please see below.)
 - a. All reimbursement requests will need a receipt.
3. Complete the Athlete Protection Training Module (APT) once your background check is completed as well as the Concussion Protocol Training (CPT) available through USA Swimming University.
4. Complete the Foundations of Officiating Course available through USA Swimming University
5. Review Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy
6. Complete the Stroke and Turn Certification Course
7. Complete 4 apprentice sessions over 2 different meets with a Trainer
8. Take and Pass the USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Judge certification test.

Steps 1-4 must be completed prior to starting any apprentice sessions. Taking the Stroke and Turn Certification Course will be useful but not necessary prior to starting your apprentice sessions.

You must complete your certification within one year from the month of the clinic. Once certified, you may officiate in any meet. To stay current, you must work a minimum of 8 qualified recertification sessions within a 3 year period, at a minimum of 2 different meets in this position.

For Registration and Background Reimbursement

1. Keep a copy of your receipts for both the membership fee and background check.
2. Send an email to Bill Well and attach receipts.

Chief Judge

1. Must be a certified Stroke and Turn Judge
2. Must have worked 16 or more sessions as a certified S&T
3. Attend a CJ clinic
4. Read the CJ Professional documents
5. Apprentice as CJ for 4 sessions over a minimum of 2 meets with a Trainer.
6. Receive a Satisfactory Performance.

You must complete your certification within one year from the month of the clinic. Once certified, you may officiate in any LSC meet. To stay current, you must work a minimum of 16 qualified recertification sessions within a 3 year period, at a minimum of 2 different meets in this position. Attend a clinic every 3 years. Pass the USA Swimming recertification test every 3 years for the highest certification held.

Starter

1. Must be a certified Stroke and Turn Judge.
2. Must attend a Starter Clinic
3. Must be a Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of 3 months, worked at least 4 sessions at a minimum of 2 meets since achieving Stroke & Turn certification.
4. Pass the USA Swimming Starter Certification test
5. Apprentice as a Starter for at least 4 apprentice sessions, over 2 meets with 2 Trainers.
6. Receive a Satisfactory Performance.

You must complete your certification within one year from the month of the clinic. Once certified, you may officiate in any LSC meet. To stay current, you must work a minimum of 8 qualified recertification

sessions within a 3 year period, at a minimum of 2 different meets in this position. Attend a clinic every 3 years. Pass the USA Swimming recertification test every 3 years for the highest certification held.

Administrative Official

1. Previous steps 1-5 listed for Stroke and Turn Officials must be met.
2. Must attend AO Clinic
3. Pass USA Swimming Administrative Official certification test
4. Apprentice as an AO for at least 4 sessions over 2 meets with a Trainer
5. Receive a Satisfactory Performance.

You must complete your certification within one year from the month of the clinic. Once certified, you may officiate in any LSC meet. To stay current, you must work a minimum of 8 qualified recertification sessions within a 3 year period, at a minimum of 2 different meets in this position. Attend a Clinic every 3 years. Pass the USA Swimming Administrative Official recertification test every 3 years.

Referee

1. Must be a certified Stroke & Turn
2. Must be a certified Administrative Official
3. Must be a certified Starter
4. Attend a Referee Clinic
5. Pass the USA Swimming Referee certification test
6. Apprentice as a Referee for at least 4 sessions over 2 meets with 2 Trainers
7. Receive a Satisfactory Performance.

You must complete your certification within one year from the month of the clinic. May officiate in any Referee role at any meet, except that in meets classified as USA Swimming Championships, this certification may not meet the requirements of serving as the required Administrative Referee. Once certified, you may officiate in any LSC meet. To stay current, you must work a minimum of 16 qualified recertification sessions within a 3 year period, at a minimum of 8 different meets in any Referee position. Pass the USA Swimming Referee recertification test every 3 years. Attend a clinic every 3 years.