

**** Steps for becoming a certified YMCA Swim Officials ****

YMCA Level I - YMCA Stroke & Turn Officials & YMCA Chief Judges	
Education & Training	* YMCA Level I clinic * Pass Y Level I test * New Official - apprenticing 4 sessions is recommended.
Recertification	* Repeat clinic after 3 years * Work 12 sessions over 3 years. * Pass Y Level I recertification test
Comment	* May advance earlier but must have worked 8 sessions.

YMCA Level II – YMCA Starters & YMCA Referees	
Education & Training	* YMCA Level II clinic * Pass Y Level II test * New Y Level II official - apprenticing 4 sessions is recommended (2) as a Starter & (2) as a Referee
Recertification	* Repeat clinic after 3 years * Work 12 sessions over 3 years. * Pass Y Level II recertification test
Comment	

YMCA A/O – YMCA Administrative Officials	
Education & Training	* YMCA Level A/O clinic * Pass Y Level A/O test * New Official - apprenticing 4 sessions is recommended.
Recertification	* Repeat clinic after 3 years * Work 12 sessions over 3 years. * Pass Y Level A/O test
Comment	

YMCA Level II Clinics can recertify YMCA officials for their USA Chief Judge, Starters,
and Referees but not their initial certification.

YMCA Clinics will no longer accept USA only officials. Only YMCA officials seeking dual certification.

**** YMCA Officials seeking dual certification with USA Swimming ****

YMCA Level I officials seeking dual USA Stroke & Turn certification	
Education & Training	* YMCA Level I clinic * Pass Y Level I test * New USA Official - Register with NJ Swimming as a USA Official * Complete Athlete Protection Training (APT) , * Background Check (BGC) * Concussion Protocol Training (CPT), * USA Foundations of Officiating clinic * Complete 4 apprentice sessions shadowing experienced USA S/T Judge over at least 2 USA-sanctioned or approved meets. * Apprentice session must be documented by NJS stroke & turn apprentice evaluation form, including signature by the meet referee * Official has 1 year from this clinic to complete the apprenticeship. * After completing the 4 apprentice sessions, Official must send in their 4 evaluations forms to the (Evaluations Committee) to receive their full USA Certification. This should be done with 2 weeks from last evaluation * If you are a recertifying Y Level I seeking USA Stroke & Turn for the first time Only 2 apprentice sessions are required.
Recertification	* Register WITH USA SWIMMING annually. Repeat YMCA Level I clinic after 3 years * Work 8 SESSIONS at USA SANCTIONED MEETS AND/OR USA-APPROVED Y MEETS over 3 years * Pass Y Level I recertification test
Comment	* Athlete Protection Training must be taken annually * Background Check must be COMPLETED every other year

YMCA Level II officials seeking dual USA certification	
Education & Training (USA FIRST TIMERS) For initial USA Starter and Referee you must take a USA Course	* YMCA Level II clinic * Pass Y Level II test * New USA Official (Stroke & Turn only) - Register with NJ Swimming as a USA Official * First time USA Officials must also take virtual USA Stroke & Turn clinic & test * Complete Athlete Protection Training (APT) , * Background Check (BGC) * Concussion Protocol Training (CPT), * USA Foundations of Officiating clinic * Complete 2 apprentice sessions shadowing experienced USA S/T Judge * Apprentice session must be documented by NJS stroke & turn apprentice evaluation form, including signature by the meet referee * Official has 1 year from this clinic to complete the apprenticeship. * After completing the 2 apprentice sessions, Official must send in their 2 evaluations forms to the (Evaluations Committee) to receive their full USA Certification. This should be done with 2 weeks from last evaluation
Recertification	* Register WITH USA SWIMMING annually. Repeat Y Level II clinic after 3 years * Work 8 SESSIONS at USA SANCTIONED MEETS AND/OR USA-APPROVED Y MEETS over 3 years - (16) for USA Referees * Pass Y Level II recertification test
Comment	* Athlete Protection Training must be taken annually * Background Check must be COMPLETED every other year