

**** 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 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)	* YMCA Level II clinic * Pass Y Level II test * New USA Official (Stroke & Turn only) - Register with NJ Swimming as a USA Official
For initial USA Starter and Referee you must take a USA Course	* 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