OFFICIAL'S NAME/LSC

MEET(s)/SESSION(s)/DATE(s)

REFEREE CERTIFICATION

DEFINITIONS

Certification: Referee able to officiate at all LSC meets

Satisfactory Performance: Able to demonstrate Performance Requirements. Deficiencies must be provided by LSC OC or designee in writing to the affected official with an Action Plan to success.

Sessions: At USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets, recorded in OTS

Trainer: Designated by the Referee at a meet as the Referee Mentor

Training Sessions: Meet sessions that include strokes and/or relays. Time Trials and Freestyle Only sessions do not count toward training session requirements. Sessions shall be recorded in OTS.

USA Swimming Member: Completed all USAS member associated requirements before on deck apprenticeship

Apprenticeship Requirements	
	USA Swimming Member
	Certified Stroke & Turn Judge
	Certified Starter
	Certified Administrative Official
	Attend a Referee Training clinic
	Apprentice as a Referee for at least 4 training sessions, at a minimum of 2 meets, with at least 2 trainers
	Pass the USA Swimming SR Certification test with an 80% or higher

Certification Performance Requirements for Certification May be evaluated during last apprentice session and use MR sign-off for each session. Y-Yes, N-No, ND - Not Demonstrated	
	Arrives on time, prepared with necessary personal equipment, in proper and professional uniform
	Familiar with positions of Admin Official, Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke and Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge and Meet Marshal
	Understands the importance of an accurate Meet Announcement
	Understands the importance of heat intervals and meet cadence
	Demonstrates respectful communication with coaches, athletes, and officials
	Effectively troubleshoots problems as they arise
	Mentors other officials
	Understands the responsibilities of the Deck Referee and the Meet Referee.
	Listens to and establishes a comfortable position on deck for both forward and back starts with starter
	Demonstrates ability to communicate and interact with the SR (positioning, inserting swimmers, etc.)
	Prepared and in position prior to each heat; comfortable holding microphone and securing cord
	Understands the importance of participating in many levels and types of meet as a Referee.
	Understands and practices the False Start Protocol
	Always gives the benefit of the doubt to the swimmer
	Understands performance criteria as outlined in Referee Professional Document
	Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules

Comments (if needed)

Signature of MR (session 1)
Signature of MR (session 2)
Signature of MR (session 3)
Signature of MR (session 4)

	Recommend Certification as REFEREE

CERTIFIER'S NAME/LSC

Certification must be completed within one year of the Referee clinic.

*Understands need to return completed checklist to **AND** receive Certification Notification from: FGC Officials Chair - officials@fgcswim.org*

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REFEREE RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS

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Recertification Requirements	
	Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing
	Work at least 16 sessions within a 3 year period, at a minimum of 2 different meets, with at least 8 sessions in any Referee position
	Attend clinic (recommended Referee clinic) every 3 years
	Pass USA Swimming Referee recertification test with 80% or higher every 3 years
	Satisfactory Perfomance

CERTIFIER'S NAME/LSC

Understands need to notify **AND** *receive Recertification Notification from: FGC Officials Chair - officials@fgcswim.org*