



Steps to Become a Stroke and Turn Judge



1. Create an account for the [USA Swimming University](#)
2. Complete the Following:
 - i. *These courses can be found, in the USA Swimming University, by clicking on the Officials Bubble, then click on the Certification Pill.*
 - a. **Foundations of Officiating**
 - b. **Stroke and Turn Certification Course and Assessment**
3. Complete steps for On-Deck Credentials
 - a. *USA Swimming Non-Athlete Apprentice Membership* - ontact your Club Administrator for a membership link. If you are not affiliated with a club (unattached), contact your LSC for the link.
 - i. This is a **FREE** 60 day membership - after the 60 days, to continue your apprenticeship you must have a *Official Membership*.
 - b. *USA Swimming Non-Athlete Official Membership* - Contact your Club Administrator for a membership link. If you are not affiliated with a club (unattached), contact your LSC for the link.
 - i. Completion of the [Athlete Protection Training](#)
 - ii. Completion of the [Concussion Protocol Training](#)
 - iii. Completion of a [Background Check](#)
4. **Link your USA Swimming Account to your USA Swimming Membership Record**
 - Log into your www.usaswimming.org account.
 - In the upper right-hand corner, click the "My Account" tab.
 - Click the "Link My Membership Record" box.
 - Follow the steps to link your membership.

This allows your test records, clinic attendance and, in the future, the meets you officiate to be logged and credited to you. You cannot receive your deck card until this is completed.
5. **Apprentice Training**
 - *Notify the [Officials Chair](#) of Florida Swimming that you are ready to complete your apprentice training. **Gary Sanderson - gary.sanderson@me.com***
 - *Find your USA Swimming Membership card in your online account or in the mobile app before going on deck.*
 - Don't forget your *list of terms or concepts* from the course. Be prepared to ask questions and clarify anything you still need help understanding.
 - Once on deck, you will be *paired with certified Stroke and Turn Judges* in meet situations to provide training. At a minimum, you must apprentice for four (4) training sessions total over two (2) different meets. This must be done within 1 year from the date you finish this online course.



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8. Demonstration of Satisfactory Performance

To complete the certification, you must demonstrate satisfactory performance of the requirements needed on deck. Once successful, your apprenticeship will be signed off by a certifier.

9. Certification

Once all sessions are listed in the Officials Tracking System, or OTS, on the USA Swimming website, notify the LSC Officials Area Representative that your apprenticeship is complete so they can qualify your certification. [See list below.](#)

Congratulations! You made it! At this point, you can officiate as a Stroke and Turn Judge at any LSC meet.

Recertification is required every three (3) years. To recertify, you must:

- Remain a USA Swimming member in good standing.
- Work a minimum of eight (8) sessions over a three (3) year period at two (2) different meets as a Stroke & Turn Judge or higher capacity.
- Complete online coursework every 3 years and pass the USA Swimming certification test every 3 years for the highest certification held.
- Maintain satisfactory performance within your role.

If you have any questions about continuing on this path to becoming a certified Official, please contact your [LSC Officials Chair](#). You can also find more information on the [USA Swimming](#) website. Start on the [Officials homepage](#).

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