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Florida SWIMMING

Stroke and Turn Judge Certification

1st Step

- Create a login on USASwimming.org,
If you do not already have one.
- This is where your training and Official activity will be recorded.
- Download the USA Swimming App onto your smart-phone. This will be used to show your membership status to be allowed on deck.

Complete the following On-Line Courses

1. **Foundations of Officiating**
2. **Stroke and Turn Certification Course and Assessment**

- You can find these courses by logging onto USASwimming.org

Click on Education in the upper right then Course Catalog

Click on the Officials bubble

Click on the Certification Pill

- Select the course you wish to take

Certification

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Complete Membership for On-Deck Credentials


Become a **Non-Athlete Apprentice Member**

- Contact your Swim Club Administrator for a membership link, or
- If not associated with a Swim Club, contact Florida Swimming LSC and ask for the link to become an unattached Apprentice Member
admin@floridaswimming.org
- Make sure to use login you set up to take the classes when you set up your membership.
- This is a **FREE** 60 day membership -
 - If your apprenticeship last longer than 60 days you must become a Non-Athlete Official Member to continue apprenticeship.

Non-Athlete Official Membership

- Before certification or after the 60th day of Apprenticeship membership
 - There is a **fee** for this membership
 - You will need to contact your Club Administrator or LSC for the link.
- Before you can be on deck with this membership you **MUST** complete:
 - Athlete Protection Training (APT)
 - Concussion Protocol Training (CPT)
 - Background Check (BGC) - **fee**
 - These all are under the Education Tab on your account on USASwimming.org
- Send a copy of your certificate of completion(s) to admin@floridaswimming.org

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You have now completed the following

- Created an account on USASwimming.org
- Completed
 - Foundations of Officiating Course
 - Stroke and Turn Certificate Course and Assessment
 - Set up your USA Swimming Non-Athlete Apprentice Membership

Now WHAT?

- Contact the Florida Swimming Officials Chair and notify him that you have completed the above.
Gary Sanderson - gary.sanderson@me.com

You will be given:

- Stroke and Turn Judge Apprentice Certification (In your USASwimming.org Official account)
- Your training record and supplemental documents (via email)

- Start working on your Apprenticeship by working meets.

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Apprenticeship

- You need to apprentice four (4) session on deck over two (2) different meets.
 - Sessions must include each of the 4 strokes.
- This must be completed within 1 year from the date you finished your online course
- Freestyle only sessions cannot count as one of the four sessions

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Apprenticing on-deck

- Try to communicate with the Meet Referee prior to the meet to let them know you are coming, if possible.
- Arrive about 1 hour prior to the start of the session you wish to apprentice
 - Have your USA Swimming App available to show your membership card
 - Have your Apprentice Training forms with you to record your efforts
 - Attend the Official Briefing (**required**)
 - On-deck, you will be paired with a certified Stroke and Turn Judge who will be your mentor.

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Completion of Apprenticeship session

- Following your last session and you feel that you are ready for certification
 - Meet with your Meet Referee
 - Together you will review the performance requirements of a Stroke and Turn Judge (which you have a copy of)
 - If you have shown you have met the required performance requirements, the Meet Referee will sign off your Apprenticeship training paperwork
 - If it is determined by your and/or your Meet Referee, that more time is needed, an Action Plan will be developed to help you succeed in gaining certification.
 - If successfully sign off by the Meet Referee
 - Your Apprenticeship training paperwork must be submitted to your Area Official Representative (*list on next slide*)
 - Area Official Representative will review the documents and submit them for certification with the Officials Chair

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Florida Swimming Officials Area Representatives -

Area 1 Rep	John Dupee	johndupee@bellsouth.net
Area 2 Rep	Bart Smith	bls9714@yahoo.com
Area 3 Rep	Deanna Kaufman	deanna.kaufman@outlook.com
Area 4 Rep	Carl Moore Jr	camoorej@yaho.com
Area 5 Rep	Jen Seluk	tribeseluk@comcast.net
Area 6 Rep	Dave Nesper	dnesper68@gmail.com

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Congratulations!

You made it!

**At this point you can officiate as a Stroke and Turn Judge
at any LSC Meet.**



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Recertification

- Certifications are good for three (3) years
- To recertify, you must:
 - Worked 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.

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