



Southeastern Swimming Referee Certification

APPRENTICE'S NAME/LSC/TEAM		
REFEREE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS		
	USA Swimming Non-Athlete Official Member	These Six requirements to be fulfilled prior to On-Deck Training
	Athlete Protection Training (APT) required annually	
	Background Check (BGC) required every two years	
	Certified Stroke and Turn Judge	
	Certified Starter	
	Certified Administrative Official	
	Pass USA Swimming Referee Certification Course.	
	Apprentice as Referee for at least 4 training sessions total, over 2 meets with 2 trainers.	
	Certification must be complete within 1 year of the Referee Certification Course.	
	Return completed Apprentice Certification Form to your Area Representative	
REFEREE RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS		
	Be a current Official member of USA Swimming in good standing.	
	Work a minimum of 16 sessions, within a 3-year period, at a least 8 sessions in any Referee position.	
	Pass USA Swimming Referee Certification Course.	
	Satisfactory performance.	
DEFINITIONS		
Certifier: An official designated by the LSC OC to certify training is complete (Area Representative)		
Certification: Referee able to officiate at all LSC meets.		
Clinic: Formal training in person or online training recorded in Officials Tracking System (OTS).		
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 or LSC OC, and official who has been USA Swimming certified in the position for 1+ year. If a 1+ year experienced official is not on deck, the Referee may select the most experienced certified official(s) to be a trainer(s).		
Training Sessions: Meet sessions that include stroke and/or relays. Sessions shall be recorded in OTS. (No Observed Meets, Time Trials, or and Freestyle only sessions)		
USA Swimming Member: Completed all USAS member associated requirements before on deck apprenticeship. (Non-athlete official membership)		
TRAINING MEET INFORMATION		
Session 1	Meet Name/Date	
	Signature of MR	
Session 2	Meet Name/Date	
	Signature of MR	
Session 3	Meet Name/Date	
	Signature of MR	
Session 4	Meet Name/Date	
	Signature of MR	

Sessions				Apprenticeship Performance Requirements for Certification		
1	2	3	4	Y = Yes	N = No	ND= Not Determined
				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.		
				Always gives the swimmer the benefit of the doubt.		
				Understands the importance of participating in many levels and types of meet as a Referee.		
				Understands performance criteria as outlined in Referee Professional Document		
				Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules.		
Trainer Information and Comments						
Session 1: Trainer Name/Email:						
Comments (Optional)						
Session 2: Trainer Name/Email:						
Comments (Optional)						
Session 3: Trainer Name/Email:						
Comments (Optional)						
Session 4: Trainer Name/Email:						
Comments (Optional)						