

Stroke and Turn Judges

Level 1

- Attended S&T clinic and completed S&T certification test
- Registered with USA Swimming

Level 2

- Knows the rules but may have problems interpreting the rules
- Able to identify frequent infractions
- May be hesitant at time (need to think about it) when observing unfamiliar stroke infractions
- May only focus on a particular part of the body
- May have problems observing multiple lanes
- Sometimes out of position

Level 3

- Knows the rules very well but may get too technical at time (hung up on words)
- Able to observe the whole body at the same time
- Able to perform Chief Judge or assistant Chief Judge functions at Zone meets
- Has confident making most calls
- Seldom makes mistakes on DQ slips
- Understands the proper positioning for all situations
- Works well with other officials

Level 4

- Knows the rules well and can interpret properly based on the intent of the rules
- Makes calls instinctively on most occasions
- Able to perform Chief Judge functions at Pacific or Zone championship level meets
- Works well with all deck officials
- Have respect from officials and coaches from the zone
- Capable of training junior level officials on deck or at clinics
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly
- Shows leadership capabilities and lead by example

Level 5

- Knows the intent of the rules and always applies them uniformly
- Familiar with all officials positions and their responsibilities
- Work well with all officials and coaches
- Have respect from officials and coaches throughout Pacific
- Always take the initiative to seek opportunities to train junior officials
- Able to perform Chief Judge functions at National Certification meets
- Shows leadership qualities

Referee

Level 1

- Attended Referee clinic and passed Referee certification test with 80% or better
- At least a level 3 Stroke and Turn
- Willing to learn the job of a deck referee

Level 2

- Knows the functions and responsibilities of a deck referee
- May have problem under pressure situation on deck
- Tends to focus on immediate task on hand and may not be able to see the whole deck
- Not quite comfortable in calling false start unless it's fragrant
- May have problem taking charge (sometimes lose control of the deck)

Level 3

- Knows the rules very well
- Well organized while maintaining focus on deck
- Very relax on deck while keeping everything under control
- Can see everything that's going on around the deck
- Familiar with the function of the meet referee and administrative referee
- Able to perform meet referee and admin. Referee functions at low level meets

Level 4

- Knows the rules well and can interpret properly based on the intent of the rules
- Able to anticipate problems and always take appropriate actions
- Always keep the meet running in a smooth fashion
- Able to perform meet referee functions at Zone Championships
- Understand all aspects of running a meet
- Able to work as Admin. Referee at Championship level Pacific meets
- Have respect from officials and coaches from the zone
- Capable of training junior level officials on deck or at clinics
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly
- Shows leadership capabilities and lead by example

Level 5

- Knows the intent of the rules and always applies them uniformly
- Familiar with all officials positions and their responsibilities
- Work well with all officials and coaches
- Have respect from officials and coaches throughout Pacific
- Always take the initiative to seek opportunities to train junior officials
- Able to perform meet referee functions at National Certification meets
- Shows leadership qualities

Starter

Level 1

- Attended Starter clinic and completed Starter certification test
- At least a level 3 Stroke and Turn
- Willing to learn the job of starting

Level 2

- Knows the functions and responsibilities of a starter
- May have problem when facing unexpected events on deck
- Sometimes have problems seeing the whole field
- Not quite comfortable in calling false start unless it's fragrant
- Tends to rush the start at time (swimmers not set)
- Still trying to learn the proper timing as to when to use the "stand" command

Level 3

- Experienced starter who have seen many different situations
- Master the proper voice control
- Very relax on deck while keeping everything under control
- Can see everything that's going on around the deck
- Able to give good starts most of the time
- Able to perform Head Starter functions at low level meets
- Familiar with deck referee's responsibilities and able to assist the deck referee as needed

Level 4

- Experienced starter at senior level meets
- Able to anticipate problems and always take appropriate actions
- Able to perform head starter functions at Zone Championships and T&F meets
- Have respect from officials and coaches from the zone
- Capable of training junior level officials on deck or at clinics
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly
- Shows leadership capabilities and lead by example

Level 5

- Experienced starter at Pacific Championship level meet
- Familiar with all officials positions and their responsibilities
- Have respect from officials and coaches throughout Pacific
- Always take the initiative to seek opportunities to train junior officials
- Able to perform Head Starter functions at National Certification meets
- Shows leadership qualities