

Stroke & Turn Advancement Criteria

Advancement from Trainee to Level One

- Attend stroke and turn clinic.
- Minimum of four days working under direct supervision within the first year.
- Complete and pass certification test.
- Register with USA Swimming.
- Pass background check.
- Complete athlete protection.
- Evaluated and recommend by two chief judges or meet referees within the first year.

Level One – Minimum Criteria

- Knows the rules but may have problems interpreting them.
- Able to identify flagrant violations.
- May be hesitant at times (needs to think) when observing unfamiliar stroke violations.
- May only focus on a particular part of the body.
- May have problems observing multiple lanes.
- Sometimes out of position.

Recertification requirement for level one are as follows;

- Attend a zone clinic once a year..
- Take and pass the USAS recertification test every two years.
- Must work a minimum of eight days per year.

Advancement from Level One to Level Two

- Level one stroke and turn for a minimum of one year.
- Worked a minimum of eight days the previous year.
- Recommended by two meet referees (or their designee) and approved by the zone officials chair.

Level Two – Minimum Criteria

- Knows the rules but may get too technical at times (hung up on words).
- Able to observe the whole body most of the time.
- Able to perform the chief judge or assistant chief judge duties at zone level meets.
- Has confidence making most calls.
- Seldom makes mistakes on disqualification slips.
- Understands the proper positioning for most situations.
- Works well with others.
- Participates in LSC meets.
- Participates in the mentoring/training of junior officials.

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Recertification requirement for level two are as follows;

- Attend a zone clinic once a year and attend a LSC official's clinic once every two years.
- Take and pass the USAS recertification test every two years.
- Must work a minimum of eight days per year.

Advancement from Level Two to Level Three

- Level two for two years.
- Worked a minimum of eight days at zone level meets and eight days at LSC level meets.
- Has satisfactorily performed the assistant chief judge duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet".
- Recommended by at least three different meet referees, approved by the zone and LSC officials chair.
- Attend a zone official's clinic once a year and a LSC official's clinic once every two years.

Level Three – Minimum Criteria

- Knows the intent of the rule and applies them uniformly.
- Makes calls instinctively on most occasions.
- Able to perform the chief judge duties at a Pacific "Officials Qualifying Meet".
- Works well with all officials and coaches.
- Has the respect of officials and coaches within their zone.
- Always takes the initiative to seek opportunities to train junior officials.
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly.
- Shows leadership capabilities at the zone level and leads by example.
- Familiar with all officials positions and their responsibilities.

Recertification requirement for level three are as follows;

- Attend a zone clinic once a year and attend a LSC official's clinic once every two years.
- Take and pass the USAS recertification test every two years.
- Must work a minimum of four days at two zone meets.
- Work a minimum of eight days at LSC level meets.