

Initial Starter Certification:

- 1) Prerequisites before beginning Starter Training/Certification process:
 - a) Be a non-athlete member of USA Swimming
 - b) Be current on:
 - i) Athlete Protection Training
 - ii) Concussion Protocol training
 - iii) Background check
 - c) Be certified as a stroke and turn official and work a minimum of three (3) months and four (4) sessions over at least two (2) meets in that capacity
 - d) Contact the Snake River Officials' Chair before beginning training
- 2) Complete the on-line Starter officials training
 - a) Training can be found on the USA Swimming website (once you are logged in) under: Education -> Course Catalog -> Officials -> All -> Starter Certification Course
 - b) Complete the on-line starter certification test at the end of the course with a minimum grade of 80% before beginning on-deck training
- 3) Complete a minimum of 4 training sessions on-deck at 2 or more qualified meets under supervision of at least two qualified trainers
 - a) Qualified Training Session:
 - i) The Session must include strokes and/or relays
 - ii) The Session must not be a Time Trial
 - iii) The Session must contain events other than freestyle events
 - iv) The Session must occur at a meet which is either:
 - (1) A Sanctioned USA Swimming meet
 - (2) A YMCA meet for which an LSC has issued an approval
 - (3) An NCAA National or Conference Championship meet (for no more than 25% of any official's total required Qualified Recertification Sessions), an NCAA National or Conference Championship meet
 - b) Qualified Trainer
 - i) May be the deck referee
 - ii) any certified starter that has been certified for more than 1 year
 - c) Starter Trainees are encouraged to train in the following capacities:
 - i) One session as an observer.
 - ii) Two or three sessions as a starter under the supervision of a qualified starter/ trainer
 - iii) Work as the starter with the Officials Chair or meet referee for a final evaluation
- 4) All training must be completed within one year of taking the online course

Starter Recertification:

Recertification is on a 3-year cycle. To maintain certification, stroke and turn officials must:

- 1) Work a minimum of 8 qualified recertification sessions during the 3 year period in a starter or higher capacity
 - a) The Session must include strokes and/or relays
 - b) The Session must not be a Time Trial
 - c) The Session must contain events other than freestyle events
 - d) The Session must occur at a meet which is either:
 - i) A Sanctioned USA Swimming meet
 - ii) A YMCA meet for which an LSC has issued an approval
 - iii) An NCAA National or Conference Championship meet (for no more than 25% of any official's total required Qualified Recertification Sessions), an NCAA National or Conference Championship meet
- 2) Complete the USA Swimming online starter (or higher) training during the three year period
- 3) Pass the swimming recertification test for the highest certification held during the three year period
- 4) At the discretion of the Officials Chair, a person whose certification has lapsed may have it renewed by satisfactorily completing the on-line training and examination.