**USA Swimming National Officials Certification Standards**

Effective 2/5/2024

STROKE & TURN

* Member in Good Standing of USA Swimming
  + Registration/APT/Background Check/CANRA/Concussion/AED
* Attend USA Swimming Stroke & Turn Clinic
* Pass USA Swimming Stroke and Turn test
* Apprentice four session at two different meets with two different Trainers
  + May not make a DQ during these sessions

STARTER

* Member in Good Standing of USA Swimming
  + Registration/APT/Background Check/CANRA/Concussion/AED
* Attend USA Swimming Starter Clinic
* Pass USA Swimming Starter test
* Work as certified Stroke & Turn for three months, including four sessions at a minimum of two different meets
* Apprentice four sessions at two meets with two different Trainers

Stroke & Turn JR Official

* 16-17 years old
* May officiate at meets below LSC Championship meets for 12 & Under
* May not officiate at meet/session in which he/she is competing
* All other requirements of standard S&T apply

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL

* Member in good standing of USA Swimming
  + Registration/APT/Background Check/CANRA/Concussion/AED
* Attend USA Swimming AO Clinic
* Pass USA Swimming AO test
* Apprentice four sessions at two different meets with a Trainer
* Once certified, may officiate in any AO role at any level LSC meet
* Certification does not require S&T or Starter Certification

REFEREE/DECK REFEREE

* Member in good standing of USA Swimming
  + Registration/APT/Background Check/CANRA/Concussion/AED
* Certified Stroke & Turn, Certified Administrative Official, Certified Starter
* Attend USA Swimming Referee Clinic
* Pass USA Swimming Referee Test
* Apprentice as a referee for at least four sessions over two meets with two different trainers
* Once certified may officiate in any Referee role at any LSC level meet

**PLEASE NOTE: Per USA Swimming, Time Trials and sessions that DO NOT include all four strokes do not count towards required training/certification sessions**

*For more information regarding Certification Standards, Standards FAQ, and copies of training tracking sheets, go to* [Officials Documents](https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/popular-resources/officials-documents?utm_campaign=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_source=February+Officials+Newsletter&utm_content=HERE)/LSC & General Certification Requirements *on the USA Swimming website*