



Minimum Standards for Officiating

Position	Education & Training	Evaluation & Certification	Renewal
Timer (Min. Age 11)	None except pre-meet briefing. Performance monitored by Chief Timer and/or Referee during meet.		
Stroke & Turn Judge (Minimum Age 18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend Stroke & Turn (S&T) training clinic Must pass* all necessary online tests within 60 days of clinic and prior to apprenticeship Must become a member of USA Swimming before certification Must apprentice at four (4) session of at least two (2) non-championship MWS meets within six (6) months of attending the clinic (cannot make a disqualification during those sessions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation by trainer and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials Chair or their designee Must complete certification within six (6) months from date of clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current member of USA Swimming and maintain background and APT testing Must either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the annual sponsored Officials Committee clinic OR attend an online training clinic and pass* test within the same calendar year of attending clinic To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions from at least two (2) different USA Swimming meets per year in S&T or higher capacity.
Relay Take-Off Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no separate certification requirement Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge certification 	Same as Stroke & Turn Judge
Chief Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no separate certification requirement (considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge Certification) Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have minimum of one (1) year experience as a certified S&T Judge 	Same as Stroke & Turn Judge
Starter (Minimum Age 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend Starter training clinic Must pass* all necessary online tests within 60 days of clinic and prior to apprenticeship Must be current member of USA Swimming Must apprentice at five (5) session at two (2) non-championship MWS meets with at least two (2) different starters within six (6) months of attending the clinic Must have worked as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of ten (10) sessions under two different mentors and 1 year as S&T or be recommended to the Officials Committee for approval of their advancement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification based on recommendation of the trainer(s) and/or Referee(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current member of USA Swimming and maintain background and APT testing Must either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the annual sponsored Officials Committee clinic OR attend an online training clinic and pass* test within the same calendar year of attending clinic To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity
Referee (Minimum Age 21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend Referee training clinic Must pass* all necessary online test within 60 days of clinic and prior to apprenticeship Must be a current member of USA Swimming Must apprentice at six (6) session at three (3) non-championship MWS meets with at least two (2) different referees within six (6) months of attending the clinic Previous certification as a Starter for a minimum of one (1) year and worked a minimum of four (4) sessions in that position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification based on recommendation of the trainer(s) and/or Referee(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current member of USA Swimming Must either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the annual sponsored Officials Committee clinic OR attend an online training clinic and pass* test within the same calendar year of attending clinic To maintain certification, must work a minimum of six (6) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity with at least one (1) session as Referee
Administrative Official	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend Administrative Official training clinic. Must pass* all necessary online test within 60 days of clinic and prior to apprenticeship Must become a member of USA Swimming before certification Must apprentice at four (4) session of at least two (2) non-championship MWS meets with at least two (2) different referees within six (6) months of attending the clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation by trainer and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials Chair or their designee Must complete certification within six (6) months from date of clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a current member of USA Swimming Must either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the annual sponsored Officials Committee clinic OR attend an online training clinic and pass* test within the same calendar year of attending clinic To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year as an Administrative Official

*A score of 80% or better is necessary in order to pass any of the Officials tests