

USI Guidelines for Swimming Official Certification

The following guidelines have been established by the Officials Committee of Utah Swimming. These guidelines follow the minimum standard guidelines required by USA Swimming.

Stroke and Turn Judge

1. Must be 21 years of age.
2. Attend a stroke and turn clinic approved by the Officials Chair of USI.
3. Be a currently registered member of USA Swimming. (On-deck training cannot begin until the candidate is registered.)
4. Take and pass with 80 percent or better the USA Swimming Stroke and Turn test. This is available online at <http://www.swimmingcoach.org/usasot/>.
5. Complete 40 hours of on deck training with a trainer who has a minimum of 1 year certification as a stroke and turn judge. The candidate cannot make disqualifications during this time. The candidate has one year from the date of the clinic to complete this training.
6. At the end of 40 hours of training, the candidate may ask the referee for a final observation. During this observation, the candidate will work on the deck as a stroke and turn judge, under the supervision of a certified official, signaling any appropriate disqualifications. At the end of the observation, the supervising official will recommend certification or additional training.
7. After the candidate has passed their final observation, they must return their paperwork with the 40 hours of training and the final observation signed off to the Officials Chair of USI.

Renewal

1. Work a minimum of four (4) meets a year.
2. Take a USI stroke and turn clinic every two years or participate in a National Certification Meet and attend all pre-meet briefings. (This is recommended every year.)
3. Take the online recertification test every two years.

Starter

1. Must have worked as an active stroke and turn judge for a minimum of one year.
2. Must be currently registered with USA Swimming.
3. Apply to the Officials Committee to be recommended for starter training.
4. Take and pass with 80 percent or better the online versions of the USA Swimming Starter, Stroke and Turn, Timer, Timing Judge, and Clerk of Course tests.
5. Begin training on deck at intrasquad, dual, and developmental meets. There must be a certified starter and referee present. There is not set number of hours for training. The candidate will be certified as a Level I Starter at the recommendation of the training referee.
6. Starters will be certified as a Level II Starter upon the recommendation of the Officials Committee after they have shown knowledge of all the rules pertaining

to the position of starter, have a good feel for timing, and have control of the tone of their voice.

Renewal

1. Must work a minimum of four (4) meets per year in the position of head starter or deck starter; and maintain continuous registration.
2. Take the online recertification tests pertaining to the position of starter every two years.

Referee

1. Must have worked as an active USI official up to and including head starter for one year, and maintained continuous registration.
2. Apply to the Officials Committee to be recommended for referee training.
3. Must be familiar with the positions of announcer, clerk of course, starter, stroke and turn judge, chief judge, timer, timing judge, and meet marshal.
4. Must be familiar with Hy-tek meet management software.
5. Must be familiar with Colorado and/or Daktronics timing equipment.
6. Take and pass with 80 percent or better the online versions of the USA Swimming Starter, Stroke and Turn, Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, Admin, and Referee tests.
7. All training will be done on deck with referees that have been certified for a minimum of two (2) years. There is no set number of hours for training. It is important that the candidate work with a variety of referees from different parts of the LSC.
8. Final observation must be done by the Officials Chair.
9. The candidate will first be certified at Level I which includes all intrasquads, dual meets, and developmental meets. (This includes invitationals without qualifying times or scoring.)
10. Final advancement to the Level II will be made at the recommendation of the Officials Committee.

Renewal

1. Must work a minimum of four (4) meets per year as a referee/deck referee and maintain continuous registration.
2. Take the online recertification tests pertaining to the position of referee every two years.