

OHIO LSC OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

NEW CERTIFICATION – LEVEL 5

- Must be a member of USA Swimming
- Must attend one certification clinic (Spring or Fall)
- Must pay the annual clinic fee
- Must complete the current open book test on USA Swimming's website with a score of 80% on the sections covering: TIMER, STROKE & TURN JUDGE, CLERK OF COURSE, AND TIMING JUDGE

Upon satisfactory completion of the tests and payment of dues, an apprentice certification will be issued for LEVEL 5. The LEVEL 5 apprentice must work six sessions at two separate sanctioned meets in the capacity of STROKE & TURN while under the direct supervision of a LEVEL 1 REFEREE (or designee). The first four sessions will be observation only (with no authority to disqualify). The fifth and sixth sessions will be under the direct supervision of a LEVEL 1 REFEREE (or designee). The apprentice, during the fifth and sixth sessions, will have the authority to disqualify with the REFEREE'S (or designee's) concurrence. The REFEREE (or designee) will only be able to confirm or nullify what the apprentice is calling. The REFEREE (or designee) will not be able to disqualify if the apprentice has not first indicated a disqualification. After completion of the apprentice requirements, full certification will be granted. The newly certified LEVEL 5 must then work six sessions at two separate sanctioned meets in order to qualify for recertification within one year after certification is granted.

RECERTIFICATION – LEVEL 5

- Must renew the USA Swimming membership annually
- Must pay the annual clinic fee
- Must attend a mandatory rules interpretation clinic annually
- Must provide proof (on the official's certification card) of working the six sessions at two separate meets as a LEVEL 5

NEW CERTIFICATION LEVEL 3 (STARTER)

- Must be a member of USA Swimming
- Must pay all necessary fees
- Must be certified as a LEVEL 5 for a minimum of one year
- Must attend a mandatory rules interpretation clinic annually
- Must complete the current open book test on USA Swimming's website with a score of 80% on the section covering: STARTER

Upon satisfactory completion of the STARTER test, an apprentice certificate will be issued for LEVEL 3. The LEVEL 3 apprentice must work six (6) sessions at two separate sanctioned meets in the capacity of STARTER while under the direct supervision of a LEVEL 1 REFEREE (or designee – which must be a currently certified LEVEL 3). The REFEREE must provide a written evaluation for each observation and submit the evaluation to the appropriate Commission Chairperson. After completion of the apprentice requirements and favorable written evaluations, full certification will be granted. The newly certified LEVEL 3 must then work six (6) sessions as a STARTER at two separate sanctioned meets in order to qualify for recertification within one year after certification is granted. The LEVEL 3 official will then be certified in all positions covered by LEVEL 3 AND LEVEL 5.

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RECERTIFICATION – LEVEL 3

- Must renew the USA Swimming membership annually
- Must pay the annual clinic fee
- Must attend a mandatory rules interpretation clinic annually
- Must provide proof (on the official's certification card) of working six sessions at two separate meets as a LEVEL 3

NEW CERTIFICATION – LEVEL 1 (REFEREE)

- Must be a member of USA Swimming
- Must pay all necessary fees
- Must be certified as a LEVEL 5 for a minimum of two years
- Must attend a mandatory rules interpretation clinic annually
- Must complete the current open book test on USA Swimming's website with a score of 80% on the sections covering: REFEREE, ADMINISTRATION, AND STARTER (unless already a Level 3)

Upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate tests, an apprentice certificate will be issued for LEVEL 1. The LEVEL 1 apprentice must work six (6) sessions at two separate sanctioned meets in the capacity of REFEREE (one session in the capacity of administrative referee) and six sessions at two separate meets in the capacity of STARTER (unless already a Level 3) while under the direct supervision of a LEVEL 1 REFEREE. The Referee must submit a written evaluation to the appropriate Commission Chairperson. After completion of the apprentice requirements and favorable observations, full certification will be granted. The newly certified LEVEL 1 must work six (6) sessions (three sessions as a starter) at two separate sanctioned meets in order to qualify for recertification within one year after certification is granted. The LEVEL 1 official will then be certified in all positions covered by LEVELS 1, 3 and 5.

RECERTIFICATION – LEVEL 1

- Must renew the USA Swimming membership annually
- Must pay the annual clinic fee
- Must attend a mandatory rules interpretation clinic annually
- Must provide proof (on the official's certification card) of working six (6) sessions (three as a STARTER) at two separate meets as a LEVEL 1

RECERTIFICATION FOR A USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL THAT HAS ALLOWED THEIR CREDENTIALS TO LAPSE

NEW CERTIFICATION

- Must be a member of USA Swimming
- Must attend one certification clinic (Spring or Fall)
- Must pay the annual clinic fee
- Must complete the current open book recertification test on USA Swimming's website with a score of 80% at the level desired. For stroke & turn, complete recertification tests for TIMER, STROKE & TURN JUDGE, CLERK OF COURSE, AND TIMING JUDGE. For starter, complete recertification test for STARTER. For referee, complete recertification test for REFEREE.

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Upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate tests, an apprentice certificate will be issued for the desired certification. The apprentice must work two (2) sessions in that capacity while under the direct supervision of a certified official approved by the session referee. For stroke & turn judge, the apprentice will have the authority to disqualify with the REFEREE'S (or designee's) concurrence. The REFEREE (or designee) will only be able to confirm or nullify what the apprentice is calling. The REFEREE (or designee) will not be able to disqualify if the apprentice has not first indicated a disqualification. The observer must submit a written evaluation to the appropriate Commission Chairperson. After completion of the apprentice requirements and favorable observations, full certification will be granted. The newly certified official must work six (6) sessions at two separate sanctioned meets in order to qualify for recertification within one year after certification is granted.

RECERTIFICATION – ANY LEVEL

Must complete the recertification requirements for the level for which they are certified.

YMCA, HS, FINA, COLLEGIATE OFFICIAL WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE AT THEIR POSITION

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- Must attend one certification clinic (Spring or Fall)
- Must pay the annual clinic fee
- Must complete the current open book recertification test on USA Swimming's website with a score of 80% at the level desired. For stroke & turn, complete recertification tests for TIMER, STROKE & TURN JUDGE, CLERK OF COURSE, AND TIMING JUDGE. For starter, complete recertification test for STARTER. For referee, complete recertification test for REFEREE.

Upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate tests, an apprentice certificate will be issued for the desired certification. The apprentice must work two (2) sessions in that capacity while under the direct supervision of a certified official approved by the session referee. For stroke & turn judge, the apprentice will have the authority to disqualify with the REFEREE'S (or designee's) concurrence. The REFEREE (or designee) will only be able to confirm or nullify what the apprentice is calling. The REFEREE (or designee) will not be able to disqualify if the apprentice has not first indicated a disqualification. The observer must submit a written evaluation to the appropriate Commission Chairperson. After completion of the apprentice requirements and favorable observations, full certification will be granted. The newly certified official must work six (6) sessions at two separate sanctioned meets in order to qualify for recertification within one year after certification is granted.