



**MIDWESTERN
SWIMMING**

Officials
Certification and Recertification
Process

New Stroke and Turn Officials

1. Must become a non-athlete member of USA Swimming prior to beginning your apprenticeship
2. Must attend a Midwestern Swimming (MWS) Stroke & Turn training clinic
3. Must take and pass* all necessary on-line certification tests within 60 days of attending the clinic and prior to beginning your apprenticeship (see Test Matrix)
4. Must apprentice four (4) sessions of at least two (2) non-championship MWS meets within six (6) months of attending the clinic
5. Cannot make unsupervised disqualifications during the apprentice sessions
6. Submit the completed Application for Certification

Advancement [*from Stroke and Turn to Starter*]

1. Must have worked as a certified Stroke & Turn judge for a minimum of fifteen (15) sessions in the past year, or two (2) years with a minimum of four (4) sessions per year
2. Must be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming
3. Must attend a Midwestern Swimming (MWS) Starter training clinic
4. Must take and pass* all necessary on-line certification tests within 60 days of attending the clinic (see Test Matrix)
5. Must apprentice five (5) sessions of at least two (2) non-championship MWS meets with at least two (2) different starters within six (6) months of attending the clinic
6. Submit the completed Application for Certification

Advancement [*from Starter to Referee*]

1. Must have been a Starter for at least one (1) year and worked at least four (4) sessions in that position
2. Must be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming
3. Must attend a Midwestern Swimming (MWS) Referee training clinic
4. Must take and pass* all necessary on-line certification tests within 60 days of attending the clinic (see Test Matrix)
5. Must apprentice at a minimum of six (6) sessions of at least three (3) non-championship MWS meets with at least two (2) different Referees within six (6) months of attending the clinic
6. Submit the completed Application for Certification

Stroke & Turn Judge Recertification [*required every two (2) years*]

1. Previously certified by MWS or another LSC as a Stroke & Turn Judge
2. If from another LSC, fulfill all relevant requirements of the MWS Officials Transfer Policy
3. Must be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming
4. Must work a minimum of four (4) sessions from at least two (2) different USA Swimming meets in S&T or higher capacity during each year period
5. Must attend a Midwestern Swimming (MWS) Stroke & Turn training clinic **AND** take and pass* all necessary on-line recertification tests within the same calendar year (see Test Matrix)
6. Submit the completed Application for Recertification

Starter Recertification *[required every two (2) years]*

1. Previously certified by MWS or another LSC as a Stroke & Turn Judge
2. If from another LSC, fulfill all relevant requirements of the MWS Officials Transfer Policy
3. Must be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming
4. Must work a minimum of four (4) sessions from at least two (2) different USA Swimming meets in Starter or higher capacity during each year period
5. Must attend a Midwestern Swimming (MWS) Starter training clinic **AND** take and pass* all necessary on-line recertification tests within the same calendar year (see Test Matrix)
6. Submit the completed Application for Recertification

Referee Recertification *[required every two (2) years]*

1. Previously certified by MWS or another LSC as a Stroke & Turn Judge
2. If from another LSC, fulfill all relevant requirements of the MWS Officials Transfer Policy
3. Must be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming
4. Must work a minimum of six (6) sessions from at least two (2) different USA Swimming meets as a Chief Judge, Starter or higher capacity with at least one (1) session as Referee during each year period
5. Must attend a Midwestern Swimming (MWS) Referee training clinic **AND** take and pass* all necessary on-line recertification tests within the same calendar year (see Test Matrix)
6. Submit the completed Application for Recertification

Relay Take-Off Judge

1. There is no separate certification requirement for this position
2. The duties will be included in the training, certification, and recertification requirements for Stroke & Turn Judge
3. Duties should be performed only by individuals certified as a Stroke & Turn Judge

Chief Judge

1. There is no separate certification requirement for this position
2. Training regarding the duties of Chief Judge shall be provided by a designated representative of the Officials Committee as necessary

3. Duties should be performed only by individuals who have a minimum on one (1) year's experience as a Stroke & Turn Judge

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

Any exceptions to the above must be approved by the Official's Committee

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