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Position	Min. Age	Education & Training	Evaluation & Certification
<b>TIMER</b>	<b>11</b>	None except <b>pre-meet briefing</b> . Performance <b>monitored</b> by Chief Timer during meet..	<b>Certify</b> after passing USA SWIMMING Timer's test and <b>satisfactory performance</b> at one meet..
<b>STROKE &amp; TURN JUDGE</b>	<b>18*</b>	<p>Formal <b>clinic training</b> and <b>must take</b> USA SWIMMING Stroke &amp; Judge <b>test</b>.</p> <p><b>On-the-deck</b> apprenticeship <b>with a trainer</b> (who has minimum 1-year certification as S&amp;T) for a <b>minimum of four</b> (4) sessions (cannot make a disqualification during those session).</p> <p><b>RENEWAL:</b> Recommend clinic, pre- meet briefing and/or test..</p>	<p><b>Evaluation by</b> trainer and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials Chairman or his designee.</p> <p><b>Must complete</b> certification within one year from date of clinic..</p> <p><b>To maintain</b> certification, <b>must work</b> a minimum of <b>four (4) sessions per year</b> in stroke &amp; turn or higher capacity.</p> <p><b>RENEWAL:</b> Based on continuing evaluation.</p>
<b>RELAY TAKE-OFF JUDGE</b>		<b>Must be certified</b> Stroke & Turn Judge.	Considered <b>part of</b> Stroke & Turn Judge certification.
<b>CHIEF JUDGE</b>		<b>Must be certified</b> Stroke & Turn Judge.	Must have a minimum of <b>one</b> (1) year's <b>experience</b> as a <b>certified</b> Stroke & Turn Judge

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<b>STARTER</b>	<b>18</b>	<p><b>Must have worked</b> as certified Stroke &amp; Turn Judge For a <b>minimum of five (5) sessions</b>.</p> <p><b>Must attend</b> Clinic, <b>take</b> the USA SWIMMING <b>Starter's test</b>, and <b>serve</b> five(5) sessions on the deck with trainer(s) <b>approved by</b> the Officials Chairman or his designee.</p> <p><b>RENEWAL:</b> Recommended clinic, pre-meet Briefing and/or test.</p>	<p><b>Certification based on</b> recommendation of the trainer(s) and/or the Referee(s).</p> <p><b>To maintain</b> certification, <b>must</b> work a minimum of <b>four (4) sessions per year</b> in starter or higher capacity.</p> <p><b>RENEWAL:</b> Based on continuing evaluation.</p>
<b>REFEREE</b>	<b>21</b>	<p>Previous certification as a Stroke &amp; Turn Judge Or Starter for a minimum of one (1) year. Recommend <b>be familiar</b> with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of course. Starter, Stroke &amp; Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge, and Meet Marshal. <b>Must pass</b> USA SWIMMING Officials' test (<b>all sections</b>) with a grade of <b>at least 80%</b></p> <p><b>Attend</b> Referee's clinic and <b>apprentice</b> on-the-deck for <b>minimum</b> of six (<b>6</b>) sessions at three (<b>3</b>) sanctioned meets with a least two (<b>2</b>) different Referees.</p> <p><b>RENEWAL: Attend</b> clinic and/or <b>take test</b> every two years.</p>	<p>Certification <b>based on completion</b> of Education And Training Requirements and <b>favorable recommendations</b> of Referee trainers.</p> <p>To <b>maintain</b> certification, must work a minimum of six (<b>6</b>) sessions <b>per year</b> with <b>at least</b> one session as Referee.</p> <p><b>RENEWAL:</b> Based on continuing evaluation by the Officials Chairman or his designee.</p>

**\*may not officiate at a meet in which they are competing**