

REFEREE CERTIFICATION - CO LSC Version				
OFFICIAL'S NAME & TEAM:				
CO ZONE REP'S NAME:				
DEFINITIONS				
Certifier: An official designated by the LSC OC to certify training is complete.				
Clinic: Formal in person or online training clinic, recorded in Officials Tracking System (OTS).				
Certification: Stroke & Turn able to officiate at all LSC meets.				
Satisfactory Performance: Able to demonstrate Performance Requirements. Deficiencies must be provided by LSC OC or designee in writing to the affected official with an Action Plan to success.				
Sessions: At USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets, recorded in OTS.				
Trainer: Designated by the Referee at a meet or LSC OC, an official who has been USA Swimming certified in the position for 1+ year. If a 1+ year experienced official is not on deck, the Referee may select the most experienced certified official(s) to be a trainer(s).				
Training Sessions: Meet sessions that include strokes and/or relays. Time Trials and Freestyle Only sessions may not count toward training session requirements. Sessions shall be recorded in OTS.				
USA Swimming Member: Completed all USAS member associated requirements before on deck apprenticeship.				
Apprenticeship Requirements				
	USA Swimming Member			
	Certified Stroke & Turn Judge			
	Certified Starter			
	Certified Administrative Official			
	Attend Referee clinic training			
	Apprentice as a Referee for at least 4 training sessions total, over 2 meets with 2 trainers.			
	Pass the USA Swimming Referee certification test with a score of 80% or more.			
Session #1 Date:	Session #2 Date:	Session #3 Date:	Session #4 Date:	Certification Performance Requirements for Certification Have Trainer Use Checklist at Left for each session and have Trainer and Meet Ref (MR) print name below Y-Yes, N-No, ND - Not Demonstrated
				Familiar with positions of Admin Official, Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke and Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge, and Meet Marshall.
				Understands the importance of an accurate Meet Announcement.
				Understands the importance of heat intervals and meet cadence.
				Demonstrates respectful communication with coaches, athletes, and officials.
				Effectively troubleshoots problems as they arise.
				Mentors other officials.
				Understands the responsibilities of the Deck Referee and the Meet Referee.
				Always gives the swimmer of the benefit of the doubt.
				Understands performance criteria as outlined in Referee Professional Document
				Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules.
Apprentice Session #1 - Meet Name, Session and Date:				
Comments (if needed)				
Print name of Trainer and MR (session 1):				
Apprentice Session #2 - Meet Name, Session and Date:				
Comments (if needed)				
Print name of Trainer and MR (session 2):				
Apprentice Session #3 - Meet Name, Session and Date:				
Comments (if needed)				
Print name of Trainer and MR (session 3):				
Apprentice Session #4 - Meet Name, Session and Date:				
Comments (if needed)				
Print name of Trainer and MR (session 4):				
	Recommend Certification as Referee	Signature of CO Zone Rep		
Certification must be complete within one year of the Referee clinic.				
Understands need to return completed evaluation form to the official's LSC Officials Chair or designee.				
REFEREE RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS				
Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.				
Work at least 16 sessions, within a 3 year period, with at least 8 sessions in any Referee position				
Attend clinic (referee recommended)				
Pass USA Swimming Referee recertification test with 80% or more every 3 years				
Satisfactory performance				