

Arizona Swimming, Inc.

Minimum Certification Requirements for Arizona Swimming Officials

TIMER (Minimum Age 11)	
Education and Training	None, except pre-meet briefing. Performance monitored by Chief Timer during meet.
Evaluation and Certification	Certify after passing USA Swimming Timer's test and satisfactory performance at one sanctioned meet.

STROKE AND TURN – RELAY TAKE OFF (Minimum Age 18)	
Education and Training	Shall attend Stroke and Turn training clinic. Shall take and pass USA Timer and Stroke and Turn tests. On deck apprenticeship with trainer for four (4) sessions (not freestyle only).
Evaluation and Certification	Evaluation by Instructor and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials' Chair or his/her designee. Shall complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. Satisfactory Deck Check by Instructor.
Renewal	Shall attend Stroke and Turn clinic every other year; shall take and pass all required USA Swimming tests in alternate year. Shall work a minimum of four (4) sessions annually. Satisfactory deck check every two (2) years or maintain N2/N3 certification at this position.

CHIEF JUDGE (Minimum Age 19)	
Education and Training	Shall attend Chief Judge training clinic. Shall work four (4) sessions as a Chief Judge. Shall take and pass USA Swimming Stroke and Turn and Timer tests.
Evaluation and Certification	Shall have a minimum of one (1) year as a Stroke and Turn Judge. Evaluation by Instructor and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials' Chair or his/her designee. Shall complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. Satisfactory Deck Check by Instructor.
Renewal	Shall attend Chief Judge clinic every other year; shall take and pass all required USA Swimming tests in alternate year. Shall work a minimum of four (4) sessions as a CJ and four (4) as ST annually. Satisfactory deck check every two (2) years or maintain N2/N3 certification at this position.

STARTER (Minimum Age 19)	
Education and Training	Shall attend Starter training clinic. Shall take and pass USA Swimming Starter test. Shall serve a minimum of five (5) sessions with a minimum of ten (10) starts each sessions at two (2) different meets under two (2) different Meet Referees.
Evaluation and Certification	Shall have worked as a certified Stroke and Turn Judge for a minimum of one (1) year. Evaluation by Instructor and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials' Chair or his/her designee. Shall complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. Satisfactory Deck Check by Instructor.
Renewal	Shall attend Starter clinic every other year; shall take and pass all required USA Swimming tests in alternate year. Shall work a minimum of four (4) sessions under two (2) different Meet Referees as a Starter and four (4) sessions as a ST annually. Satisfactory deck check every two (2) years or maintain N2/N3 certification at this position.

DECK REFEREE (Minimum Age 21)	
Education and Training	Shall attend Referee and Administrative training clinic. Shall take and pass USA Swimming Referee, Administrative, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke and Turn, Timer and Timing Judge tests. Shall work a minimum of six
Evaluation and Certification	Shall have worked as a certified Stroke and Turn Judge and Starter for a minimum of one (1) year each. Evaluation by Instructor and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials' Chair or his/her designee. Shall complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. Satisfactory Deck Check by Instructor.
Renewal	Shall attend Referee/Admin clinic every other year; shall take and pass all required USA Swimming tests in alternate year. Shall work a minimum of six (6) sessions as Deck Referee and four (4) sessions as a ST annually. Satisfactory deck check every two (2) years or maintain N2/N3 certification at this position.

MEET REFEREE – Prelim/Finals Meets (Minimum Age 21)	
Education and Training	Shall work a minimum of six (6) sessions at two (2) Prelim/Finals Meets under two (2) Meet Referees. Shall work one (1) session on Colorado Timing System (C5/C6) and one (1) session of HyTek operator
Evaluation and Certification	Shall be Deck Referee certified for a minimum of one (1) year. Evaluation by Instructor and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials' Chair or his/her designee. Shall complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. Satisfactory Deck Check by Instructor.
Renewal	Shall attend Referee/Admin clinic every other year; shall take and pass all required USA Swimming tests in alternate year. Shall work a minimum of six (6) sessions as Deck Referee, two (2) of which shall be at a Prelims/Finals Meet. Satisfactory deck check every two (2) years or maintain N2/N3 certification at this position.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL (Minimum Age 18)	
Education and Training	Shall attend Administrative clinic. Shall work a minimum of four (4) sessions at two (2) different meets under two (2) Administrative Officials. Shall take and pass USA Swimming tests for Timer, Timing Judge, Administrative Official and Clerk of Course.
Evaluation and Certification	Evaluation by Instructor and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials' Chair or his/her designee. Shall complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. Satisfactory Deck Check by Instructor.
Renewal	Shall attend Administrative clinic every other year; shall take and pass all required USA Swimming tests in alternate year. Or, shall attend Administrative clinic annually. Shall work a minimum of four (4) at two (2) meets annually. Satisfactory deck check every two (2) years or maintain N2/N3 certification at this position.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFEREE (Minimum Age 21)	
Education and Training	Shall attend Administrative Referee clinic. Shall work a minimum of six (6) sessions (four (4) sessions of which shall be at a Prelim/Final Meet) at two (2) different meets under two (2) Administrative Referees. Shall take and pass USA Swimming Administrative Referee test.
Evaluation and Certification	Shall be a certified Referee. Evaluation by Instructor and/or Meet Referee to be reported to Officials' Chair or his/her designee. Shall complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. Satisfactory Deck Check by Instructor.
Renewal	Shall attend clinic every other year; shall take and pass all required USA Swimming tests in alternate year. Or, shall attend Administrative Referee clinic annually. Shall work a minimum of six (6) sessions as a Referee of which two (2) shall be as Administrative Referee at a Prelims/Final Meet. Satisfactory deck check every two (2) years or maintain N2/N3 certification at this position.

Note:

Official on deck training/apprenticeship is available at all meets EXCEPT State Championships.