



How to Become a USA Swimming Certified Stroke and Turn Official

*Note: This is meant to be a guideline. You do not have to be a member in order to start training and testing to become an official, however you will not be “certified” as such until membership requirements are completed.

1) Make an USA Swimming Account

Steps 2 through 6 below will require you sign in to your usaswimming.org website account with your user name and password.

If you have never created an account on usaswimming.org: You must first ***create an account***. If you have completed your Non-Athlete membership with your Local Swimming Committee (LSC), follow the instructions to ***link your Web site account to your USA Swimming membership***. Once you have created the account and linked it to your USA Swimming membership, navigate back to this page to continue the online officials test. If your membership is still pending, you can still come back here and continue the online test. You should link your account after you receive your USA Swimming Membership card from your LSC.

Navigating through USA Swimming Website:

USA Swimming website - <http://www.usaswimming.org/>

- Member Resources
 - Officials
 - Testing Certification
 - Online Officials Test

2) Complete USA Swimming “Non-Athlete” Registration

- Registration fee payment required (your host club may pay this fee; check with them)

3) Stroke and Turn Test

- Must pass with a minimum of 80%
- Open notes test – Use the available Rule Book (online)
- You may print off test, take it at your leisure, return to website later and submit the answers online.

4) Level II Background Check (Required by USA Swimming)

- To initiate background check visit USA Swimming Website

5) Athlete Protection Course – Online :

- If NEW, in order to take this test, must first be registered with USA Swimming
- Prerequisite before you can receive your official’s certification/badge
- Course involves about an hour of your time
- No cost associated with this course
- Short quiz at the end

6) Concussion Protocol Course – Online :

- If NEW, in order to take this test, must first be registered with USA Swimming
- Prerequisite before you can receive your official's certification/badge
- Course involves about an hour of your time
- No cost associated with this course
- Short quiz at the end

7) Shadow 2+ Meets, minimum of 4 sessions

- Have Referee sign Training Log for you
- Hold onto Training Log until training sessions, tests, clinic and deck check are completed

8) Stroke/Turn Clinic

- Offered at different times throughout the year by AZ Swimming instructors
- You may take this clinic before you are finished with your other training
- Have AZ Instructor sign Training Log after the clinic

9) Deck Check

- Officials must pass a Deck Check by an AZ Swimming Instructor (scan and e-mail the training form to AZ Swimming once completed)
- Deck check required every two years or currently hold N2 or N3 certification in the Stroke/Turn position.

10) Send completed paper work to AZ Swimming

- Arizona Swimming Address: 301 E. Bethany Home Road, Suite A227, Phoenix, AZ 85012
- Phone: (602) 264 2443, Email: office@azswimming.org
- Contact AZ Swimming for information on photo for your USA Swimming Id
- Keep a copy of all paperwork for your records

Once all above items are completed and turned into AZ Swimming, the Officials Chair will review and upon approval you will be sent your Stroke/Turn Badge/Credentials.

Recertification Renewals:

- 1) USA Swimming Non-Athlete Registration – annually
- 2) Background check – every two years, renewals
- 3) Athlete Protection Certification – every two years
- 4) Work at least 4 Sessions – annually, attend S/T Clinic / take Recertification Test alternate years.