

## OFFICIALS RECERTIFICATION

- a. All officials shall be recertified by the **Arizona Swimming LSC Officials Chair** on a three-year cycle, beginning with 2026, after meeting the recertification requirements.
- b. At the time of recertification/renewal, all officials shall be current non-athlete members of **USA Swimming** and affiliated with **Arizona Swimming** LSC. At the time of recertification, all officials should be in good standing with the required **background screening(s)**, **Athlete Protection Training** and **Concussion Protocol Training**, as required and administered by **USA Swimming**.
- c. The following categories of officials are recognized for recertification by **Arizona Swimming**:
  1. Referee
  2. Starter
  3. Stroke & Turn Judge
  4. Administrative Official
- d. Recertification requirements:
  1. Beginning with 2026, officials shall successfully complete the USA Swimming **Certification or Recertification Test/Clinic** (online) for the highest level of certification, **every three years** (2026, 2029, etc.).
  2. **Referee** – Must work a **minimum of six (6) qualified sessions** per year, with at least **three (3) of the sessions as a Referee**, in **two or more swim meets** each year
  3. **Starter**– Must work a **minimum of three (3) qualified sessions per year** as a Starter, in **two or more swim meets** each year.
  4. **Stroke & Turn judge** – Must work a **minimum of three (3) qualified sessions per year** as a Stroke & Turn judge, in **two or more swim meets** each year
  5. **Admin Official** - Must work a **minimum of three (3) qualified sessions per year** as an Admin Official, or in a role identified under **102.14.1A-D.**, in **two or more swim meets** each year.

### **Qualified Sessions**

Qualified Sessions are sessions officiated by certified officials which count towards the recertification requirements listed in this document. In order for a session to count as a Qualified Session, it must meet the following criteria: 1) the session must include strokes and/or relays, 2) the session must not be a Time Trial session, 3) the session must not contain only freestyle events, even if including both individual freestyle events and freestyle relays, 4) the session must occur at a meet which is either a Sanctioned USA Swimming meet, a YMCA meet for which an LSC has issued an approval (as defined in *USA Swimming Rule 202.6*), or, for no more than 25% of any official's total required Qualified Recertification Sessions, an NCAA National or Conference Championship meet.