

**MARYLAND SWIMMING INC.
MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LSC OFFICIALS**

POSITION	MIN. AGE	EDUCATION & TRAINING	EVALUATION & CERTIFICATION
TIMER	11	None except pre-meet briefing. Performance monitored by Chief Timer during meet.	<i>Evaluation</i> by Chief Timer during meet. <i>Certification</i> after passing USA Swimming Timer's test and satisfactory performance at one meet.
STROKE & TURN JUDGE	18* * may not officiate in a meet in which they are competing	Must attend clinic, review and become knowledgeable of USS Stroke & Turn and Timer rules. On-the-deck apprenticeship with a trainer (who has minimum 1-year certification as S&T) for a minimum of five (5) sessions. The 5th or final session MUST be with a Referee as approved by the officials committee. Apprentices cannot make disqualifications during training sessions.	<i>Evaluation</i> by trainer(s) and/or Referee(s) to be reported to Officials Chairman or his designee. Must complete certification within one (1) year from date of clinic. <i>Certification</i> based on completion of Education & Training requirements, written recommendation by final Referee and after passing USS Stroke & Turn test. Must pass USA Swimming Officials' test (Timer and Stroke & Turn sections) with a grade of at least 90%. <i>Recertification and Renewal:</i> Must attend annual clinic and work a minimum of six (6) sessions per year as Stroke & Turn. All must be USA Swimming meets in Maryland unless approved by Officials Chairman. YMCA, high school and summer meets do not qualify towards minimum sessions. Is also based on continuing education and evaluation of skills which may include periodic testing. Only four (4) sessions per year are required for Stroke & Turns certified before 8/31/97.
RELAY TAKE-OFF JUDGE	18	Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge. Not a separate certification.	Considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge certification.
CHIEF JUDGE	18	Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge. Not a separate certification.	Must have a minimum of one (1) year's experience as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge.

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STARTER	18	<p>Must have worked as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of one (1) year and worked a minimum of ten (10) sessions. Must attend Starter's clinic, review and become knowledgeable of USS Starter, Stroke & Turn, Administrative Referee, Timer, Clerk of Course and Timing Judge rules.</p> <p>On-the-deck apprenticeship with a trainer(s) approved by Officials Chairman or his designee for a minimum of five (5) sessions.</p>	<p><i>Evaluation</i> by trainer(s) and/or Referee(s) to be reported to Officials Chairman or his designee.</p> <p><i>Certification</i> based on completion of Education & Training requirements, recommendation of the trainer(s) and/or Referee(s) and after passing USA Swimming Starter's test. Must pass USA Swimming Officials' test (all sections recommended) with a grade of at least 90%.</p> <p><i>Recertification and Renewal:</i> Must attend annual clinic and work a minimum of six (6) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity. All must be USA Swimming meets in Maryland unless approved by Officials Chairman. YMCA, high school or summer meets do not qualify towards minimum sessions. Is also based on continuing education and evaluation of skills which may include periodic testing.</p>
REFEREE	21	<p>Must have worked as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge and Starter for a minimum of one (1) year and worked a minimum of ten (10) sessions. Recommend be familiar with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge, and Meet Marshal. Must attend Referee's clinic, review and become knowledgeable of all sections of USS Rules.</p> <p>On-the-deck apprenticeship with at least two (2) different Referees for a minimum of six (6) sessions at three (3) Maryland Swimming sanctioned meets. At least one (1) session at an A & above meet and another at a BB & below or mini meet.</p>	<p><i>Evaluation</i> by Referee trainers and Officials Chairman or his designee.</p> <p><i>Certification</i> based on completion of Education & Training requirements, recommendations of the Referee trainers and after passing USA Swimming Referee's test. Must pass USA Swimming Officials' test (all sections) with a grade of at least 90%.</p> <p><i>Recertification and Renewal:</i> Must attend annual clinic and work a minimum of six (6) sessions per year with at least three (3) sessions as Referee. All must be USA Swimming meets in Maryland unless approved by Officials Chairman. YMCA, high school or summer meets do not qualify towards minimum sessions. Is also based on continuing education and evaluation of skills which may include periodic testing.</p>