

Referee (Minimum Age 21)		
Initial Education & Training	On-the-Job Training & Initial Certification	Recertification
<p><i>USA-S Membership:</i> Required.</p> <p><i>Previous Certifications:</i> Certified as a Chief Judge. Certified as a Starter for a minimum of one year, with satisfactory performance during that time. <i>Other:</i> Training for Referee is only by invitation of the Officials Committee Chairperson.</p> <p><i>Clinic:</i> By arrangement with the Officials Committee Chairperson</p> <p><i>Test:</i> Must pass Referee test with a minimal passing grade of 90% or better. Must take and pass with a minimal grade of 80%, all other tests for which the candidate does not have current certification. These tests include Admin. Referee, Timing Judge and Clerk of Course.</p>	<p>Complete a minimum of eight sessions of training at VSI-sanctioned meets with positive recommendations from the Meet Referee. Sessions must include a variety of meet classifications and age groups. A minimum of one session must be worked at a B/C meet.</p> <p>The Referee apprentice should be given and assume increasing levels of responsibility over the course of his/her training, such that by the last non-administrative session worked, the apprentice is working as the primary Referee, under the observation of a certified Referee. Receive positive recommendations from at least two different Referees.</p> <p>Four administrative sessions must be completed. Two sessions as an Administrative Official at a Timed Final meet. At least two sessions must be worked as an Administrative Referee at the trials session of a VSI Championship meet or an equivalent trials/finals meet approved by the Officials Committee Chair.</p> <p>The Officials Committee Chairperson is the sole certifying authority for Referees. Based on the reports of the Referee Trainers as well as personal observation(s), he/she will decide when and if an individual is ready to be certified as a Referee and will indicate that status in OTS.</p>	<p>Work a minimum of eight sessions per year, at least two of which must be at Referee.</p> <p>Attend Swimposium or Referee Clinic every two years, or pass recertification tests at the end of even numbered years.</p> <p>Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory evaluation by the Officials Committee Chair or his/her designee.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Obtain AO or TEO certifications if not already certified; alternatively work a refresher session at AO or TEO.</p>

Notes:

- Once training is completed, provide copy to the LSC Officials Chair
- Certification is valid based on calendar year and the Officials Chair will recertify in December

Recertification Requirements

- If the above have expired contact the LSC Officials chair and they will advise on the applicable steps to recertify accordingly.