

Certification Rules for JSSC Officials

General Information

1. Any USA Swimming (USS) certified official may work as a JSSC official without further qualification except for required attendance at JSSC sponsored clinics.
2. Any YMCA (NCAA) certified official may work as a JSSC official without further qualification except for required attendance at JSSC sponsored clinics. (Note: JSSC meets are judged using USS stroke and turn rules and YMCA certified officials must be familiar with these rules.)
3. JSSC certification for non-USS or non-YMCA certified officials requires that the following conditions and expectations be met.
4. Certified Stroke and Turn officials must re-certify every other year. Certified Starter/Referees must re-certify every year.
5. *In order to teach a JSSC Official's Clinic, a person must have their US Swimming Referee Level certification.*

Starter and Referee

Expectation

The starter and referee share the responsibility for the proper and timely conduct of any JSSC meet in which they participate. The starter and referee are expected to become familiar with the appropriate JSSC Rules as well as the USS rules book.

Initial Certification and Credentials

1. Each starter and referee must attend *an official's clinic as sponsored by JSSC* at the beginning of the competition year.
2. To become a Starter/Referee you must have been certified Stroke and Turn for one year prior to becoming a Starter/Referee.
3. While deck experience is not a requirement, it is highly recommended. Experience may be gained by working with a host JSSC team during the summer or by working with one of the year-round teams which host local USA meets. Teams that may host USS meets are BSL, HBT and M*C*A*L.

Stroke & Turn Official

Expectation

The stroke and turn official is responsible for fairly officiating JSSC meets in accordance with USS/JSSC rules. **The JSSC official shall always give the swimmer the benefit of the doubt.**

Initial Certification and Credentials

1. Each stroke and turn official must attend a *JSSC sponsored Stroke and Turn Official's clinic* as at the beginning of the competition year.
2. While deck experience is not a requirement, it is highly recommended. Experience may be gained by working with a host JSSC team during the summer or by working with one of year-round teams which host local USS meets. Teams that may host USS meets are, BSL, HBT and M*C*A*L.

Recertification

Stroke and Turn officials must re-certify every other year.
Starter/Referees must recertify every year.