

Advancing to Starter

Before you begin the advancement process to Starter, you must complete at least one full year as a qualified Stroke & Turn Judge. Advancing to Starter requires you do the following, in order:

1. Maintain USA/CT requirements and 'Catch the Wave':
 - (a) Registration for membership annually
 - (b) APT every two years
 - (c) Background check every two years in Dec
2. Attend a Connecticut Swimming clinic for New Starters (*for re-certs attend clinic or officials annual meeting every two years during re-cert period Oct-Dec*)
3. Take the online Starters *certification* test at usaswimming.org. 80% is required to pass; you can retake the test, if necessary (*for re-certs take re-cert test every two years during re-cert period Oct-Dec*)
4. Send '*certify me as Trainee*' email upon completion of the above to start on-deck training (*NOTE: it takes approximately one [1] week for the change in status to be processed & recorded do NOT anticipate it sooner*)
5. Print out your Official Starter Trainee card from USA Swimming, OTS, 'My Certification Card'
6. Train at the Starter position for a minimum of five sessions under the supervision of at least two USA/Connecticut Swimming meet referees at a minimum of three meets. Starters can train only at USA/Connecticut Swimming sanctioned meets and CANNOT train at freestyle only or championship meets. (*for re-certs work 8 sessions annually - 1 S&T, 1 Championship plus 6 additional*)
7. Send '*certify me as Starter*' email to the officials chair upon completion of all of the above for training (*NOTE: it takes approximately one [1] week for the final certification to be processed & recorded do NOT anticipate it sooner*)
8. Print out your Official Certification card from USA Swimming, OTS, 'My Certification Card'