**Re-certifying as   
Deck Referee/AO**

Deck Referee re-certification requires you to do the following to:

1. Maintain USA/CT requirements:
   * **Registration** for USA/CT membership with application is done annually – do this between Sept -Dec each year –it is good for the following full year find it on the ctswim website officials page, Becoming a New Official (<https://www.ctswim.org/CTNet/CFPaintForm.aspx?f=93>)
   * **Athlete Protection Training** (APT) is done every two years

https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/safe-sport/apt

* + **Background Check** done every two years in DECEMBER *https://www.usaswimming.org/background-checks*

1. **Clinic** – Two (2) year cycle  
   Attend a **re-cert Deck Referee** **clinic, Admin Official clinic** or the Officials Annual Meeting every 2 years during the re-cert period Oct-Dec (*note: if the Annual Officials Meeting is before   
   Oct it will still count)*
2. **Test** – Two (2) year cycle  
   Take the **re-cert Referee test** every two years during the re-cert period Oct/Nov/Dec,   
   passing with 80%+
3. **Work** - eight (8) sessions annually;

1 Championship (Age Groups, Seniors or Regionals) plus 7 additional   
 sessions of any type of USAS sanctioned meet. **Note: *Coaches*** *that are officials do not   
 have to work the one championship session since they must attend as a coach but they do*

*need to complete the 8 sessions.* ***NOTE****: no OTS credit for Y or high school observations*

1. **Send -** ‘*Re*-*certify me as Deck Referee/AO’* email to the Officials Chair (OC) at [officials@ctswim.org](mailto:officials@ctswim.org) upon completion of the above. Please only do this when EVERYTHING appears correct and done in your OTS account
2. **Print** - out your Referee Card from OTS