

## Re-certifying as: Stroke & Turn (& AO)

S&T Officials re-certification requires you to do the following to 'Catch the Wave':

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/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2193&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>)
  - **Background Check** done every two years in DECEMBER (*Note: if your background expires before December of the coming year the first years you may need to take this early to 'catch the wave'*) (<https://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2019&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>)
2. **Clinic** – Two (2) year cycle  
Attend a **re-cert S&T clinic** or the Officials Annual Meeting every two years during the re-cert period Oct/Nov/Dec  
(Note: the first years you may need to take your clinic early to 'catch the wave' if your clinic expires before October of the coming year)  
(*note: if the Annual Officials Meeting is before Oct it will still count*)  
If also, an AO, the AO clinic must also be attended every two years
3. **Test** – Two (2) year cycle  
Take the **re-cert S&T test** every two years during the re-cert period Oct/Nov/Dec, passing with 80%+ (*Note: the first years you may need to take your test early to 'catch the wave' if your test expires before October of the coming year*)  
If also, an AO, the AO re-cert test must also be taken every two years
4. **Work** – (Starting 2014) Eight (8) sessions annually;  
1 Championship session (Age Groups, Seniors or Regionals) plus 7 additional sessions of any type of USAS sanctioned meet. **Note:** no OTS credit for Y or high school observations.  
**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.  
**Stroke & Turn** that are also AOs must work 3 AO sessions plus, 1 championship session and plus 4 more sessions.  
**NEW S&T** will be required to work one (1) session for each month certified in their first calendar year up to eight (8) sessions – no Championship requirement is needed the first year.
5. **Send** - 'Re-certify me as S&T' email to the Officials Chair (OC) at [officials@ctswim.org](mailto:officials@ctswim.org) upon completion of the above. If you do not contact the OC it will not be completed. Only do this when EVERYTHING appears correct and done in your OTS account. Be sure to state your name, certification, and team affiliation. (*NOTE: it takes approx. one [1] week for a change in status to be processed & recorded do NOT anticipate it sooner*)
6. **Print** - out your S&T Card from OTS