

Becoming a Stroke & Turn Judge

As you begin the process to become an official, Stroke & Turn Judge, you must complete the following requirements within one year of becoming a trainee. Note you will need to register prior to doing the test, APT & background check but the order of the events is somewhat flexible. Be sure to contact the Officials Chair after the first 5 items are complete for approval to train on deck.

To Do: (check off as completed)

- Attend a Connecticut Swimming **Clinic** for New Stroke & Turn Judges
(for re-certification take a clinic or attend the Annual Officials Meeting every 2 years)
- Apply for **Registration (Reg)** for USA/CT membership
(on the ctswim website officials page, Becoming a New Official – membership with application is an annual requirement) (<https://www.ctswim.org/CTNet/CFPaintForm.aspx?f=93>)
- Take **Athlete Protection Training (APT)** every two years online, 1hr
(<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/safe-sport/apt>)
- Apply for **level 2 Background Check (B/C)** now (for re-certification get onto an every two year renewal in Dec.)
(<https://www.usaswimming.org/background-checks> or
<https://usaswimming.membersenrollment.net/Disclosure.aspx>)
- Take the online **Stroke & Turn certification test** at <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing>
80% is required to pass; you can retake the test, if necessary.
(for re-certification take a re-cert test every two years during the re-cert period Oct – Dec)
- Send email '**certify me as Trainee**' email to officials@ctswim.org upon completion of the above 5 requirements 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 and you cannot train on deck for credit without this clearance)
- Print out your Official Trainee card** from USA Swimming, OTS, 'My Certification Card'
- Train** at the Stroke & Turn position for a minimum of four (4) sessions under the supervision of at least two (2) USA/Connecticut Swimming meet referees at a minimum of two (2) meets. Stroke & Turn train at USA/Connecticut Swimming sanctioned meets and CANNOT train at primarily freestyle only, distance, dual or championship (regionals, age group or seniors) meets. Only one of the trainee sessions may be at a non-sanctioned meet (i.e. Y meet) provided a USA Referee is presiding over the session and sends a note of recommendation to the officials chair. This session must be entered in the trainees activity section by that referee. You may choose to train at additional sessions if you feel you would like more sessions. (for re-cert you must work at 8 USA sanctioned sessions annually; 1 of them must be a championship meet). You must complete the 4 sessions within one (1) year or restart the process.
- Send email '**certify me as S&T**' to the officials chair (officials@ctswim.org) 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)
- Print out your Official Certification card** from USA Swimming, OTS, 'My Certification Card'

