

YMCA Level I (S&T)

- 1 - Attend one of our new officials clinics for orientation information for USAS - i.e., Reg., BGC, APT, OTS, tests, clinics, work requirements, etc.
- 2 - Become members of USAS - Registration, Background Check Level II (BGC), & complete Athlete Protection Training (APT)
- 3 - Tests (Y tests do not show up in OTS for tracking) therefore we accept a copy of the official's Y test results 80% or better for the current year only (provided they were not taken more than 18 months earlier) but then require USA Swimming tests be taken at the end of that year as a requirement for re-certification. If the tests are older than 18 months, the USAS tests must be taken. NOTE: if you cannot find this or get a copy from the Y you will need to take the USAS S&T test.
- 4 - Contact Officials Chair to make you a S&T trainee once the above are complete and showing in your OTS account
- 5 - Shadow one session as a S&T judge
- 6 - Get the recommendation of a Connecticut Swimming certified meet referee after you shadow for them. After a positive recommendation, we waive further training for S&T certification
- 7 - Once all is complete send an email to officials@ctswim.org with subject line 'Certify Me - Y Reciprocity S&T ' and the Connecticut Officials Chair will review and upon positive result will submit a certification

NOTE: experienced Level I Y officials are waived from the requirement to wait the year after Connecticut S&T certification before starting to become a Starter but they do need to follow usual Starter advancement procedures.

YMCA Level II officials (S&T/Starter, then Deck Referee, then Meet Referee)

- 1 - Attend our NEW officials clinic (S&T) for orientation information for USAS - i.e., Reg., BGC, APT, OTS, tests, clinics, work requirements, etc. If the Y official is already experienced at Level II, we waive the starter clinic attendance.
- 2 - Become members of USAS - Registration, Background Check Level II (BGC), & Athlete Protection Training (APT)
- 3 - Tests (Y tests do not show up in OTS for tracking/recert) therefore we accept a copy of the official's Y test results for the current year only (provided they were not taken more than 18 months earlier) but then require USA Swimming tests be taken at the end of that year as a requirement for re-certification. If the tests are older than 18 months, the USAS tests must be taken prior to certification.
- 4 - Contact Officials Chair to make you a S&T and Starter trainee once the above are complete and showing in your OTS account.
- 5 - Shadow one session as a S&T judge and as a Starter. This can be done in one session if the referee sees enough given the rotations in one session to recommend the official.
- 6 - Get the recommendation of a Connecticut Swimming certified meet referee after you work their session. A starter evaluation form must be filled out by the Meet Referee and reviewed with the trainee and then submitted to the Officials Chair as part of the recommendation. After a positive recommendation, we waive further training for S&T and Starter certification.
- 7 - Once all is complete send an email to officials@ctswim.org with subject line 'Certify Me - Y Reciprocity S&T/Starter' and the Connecticut Officials Chair will review and upon positive result will submit certifications
- 8 - Additional required clinics: If the Y official is already experienced at Level II and has completed all the above...
Deck Referee - May immediately advance to Deck Referee by attending a CT deck referee clinic. After the clinic they must shadow minimum one session and get the recommendation of at least one appointed Connecticut Meet Referee utilizing the deck referee evaluation form. A positive recommendation must be sent to the officials chair for certification advancement.
Meet Referee - Once a deck referee, they may immediately advance to Meet Referee following the same process and requirements as all other USA CT deck referees.
Exception - The CT Officials Chair may, *in consideration of years of Y MR documented experience and training*, certify the individual as a deck referee & meet referee after they attend the Meet Referee clinic and complete one session that they control completely. This session must be observed by an approved CT Swimming Meet Referee, using the MR evaluation form and must receive a positive recommendation sent to the Officials Chair. NOTE: These considerations must be agreed to in advance by the officials chair.