



PROVISIONAL OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS



Training recommendations provided below are to prepare Stroke and Turn Provisional Officials (PO) for intra-squad, dual, virtual dual and virtual invitational meets during a period of time established by USA Swimming. Provisional Official requirements are a temporary exception to LSC Certification requirements and allow these officials to work only applicable* meets during the period set by USA Swimming, state and local entities. Provisional officials would fulfill perceived needs for additional officials to staff local meets as pools reopen.

	Provisional Officials and Training	Provisional Certification Notes	LSC Officials and Training
Targeted group and Minimum Age Requirement	Coaches and 18&O athlete members or those swimmers who recently left the sport	Assistant coaches who may not be allowed on deck where total numbers are restricted	18 years
Active Officiating Time frame	Determined by National Officials Committee	Determined by Natl Officials Committee	Determined by LSC Officials Committee
*Applicable Meets	Restricted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intra-squad • Dual Meet • Virtual Dual Meet • Virtual Invitational 	Provisional Officials may not serve at any meets other than those listed nor beyond the Apprentice membership timeframe (see below).	No restrictions
USAS Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership would fall within the scope of APPRENTICE • Registered coaches who become Provisional Officials will have an additional member category added. 	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Fee • 60 days from FIRST DAY on deck as an official • May only be offered 1 time per official (no renewal option) 	May elect to register for 2021 after June 1 and pay full registration fee if intent is to move to certified official. No renewal option in the same calendar year for Provisional official.	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by LSC • Full fee annually • For 2021 may start registration June 1, 2020 • 2021 registration valid June, 1 2020 thru December 31, 2021
Background Check	No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership	No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 • \$38 Valid for 2 years
Concussion Training	As above	As above	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFHS or CDC course • No fee • Approx. 30 minutes

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Athlete Protection Training (APT) – including Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)	As above	As above	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full course and testing • No fee Approx. 1 hour
Officials’ Clinic	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online or in-person • Provided by LSC • Focus on Stroke and Turn and expectations • Time varies 	Based on attendees 60-90 minutes of instruction focused on Stroke and Turn and expectations. Stroke and Turn videos may be included or required separately. A follow-up clinic for Q&A and review of test questions is optional.	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies
Stroke & Turn Videos	Required	Videos may be viewed in advance of clinic or included with clinic.	Varies
Testing (5 events)	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbreviated S&T Test • 25 questions • Approx. 30-40 min Prior to on deck officiating	Online testing (S&T Test) with results submitted by PO to LSC Officials’ Chair who will then coordinate mentoring as needed. Results must also be provided to each Meet Referee by PO.	Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stroke and Turn/Timing Test (USA Swimming website) All other LSC certification requirements
On Deck Instruction (Apprenticing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 hours of mentored deck activity • May occur during practices or during meet Upon completion, mentor must “sign off” indicating official is ready for deck or additional mentoring required	Deck mentoring to further educate these officials and ensure competent and qualified staff who consistently apply the rules of USA Swimming fairly and equitably at all competition levels. Sign-off should indicate a basic understanding of duties and competence.	Varies
Annual Session requirements	None		Varies

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Time to fulfill LSC requirements to become a Certified Official	Optional	Once beyond the provisional period, provisional officials may not officiate until LSC requirements are fulfilled	Varies
Transitional requirements to become a Certified Official	Optional	LSC will determine requirements for transition where Provisional and LSC training requirements differ	Varies