

THE PROFESSIONAL STROKE AND TURN JUDGE (ST)

N2 and N3 Evaluation, Certification, and Recertification Requirements

N2 EVALUATION AND NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

REQUESTING N2 CERTIFICATION EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a certified LSC Stroke and Turn Judge and participate in LSC meets.
- Prior to requesting N2 ST evaluation, must have worked at least 16 sessions as a certified ST, as recorded in OTS, at USA Swimming **sanctioned** meets.
 - Apprentice sessions, Time Trials, and manually recorded sessions/meets *will not* count towards this requirement.
- Request N2 ST evaluation at an Official's Qualifying Meet (OQM).
- Must work a minimum of 4 sessions at that meet.
- Must be evaluated over at least 3 OQM sessions as a ST at that meet.
- Must work at least 8 ST sessions meeting the requirements above, as recorded in OTS, before requesting a re-evaluation if an unsatisfactory recommendation was received.

APPLYING FOR N2 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates are responsible for applying for advancement online through OTS. Candidates should ensure that all requirements as listed below are fulfilled prior to submitting an application.

- N2 ST evaluation is satisfactory and in OTS.
- **Within 3 years** of satisfactory N2 ST evaluation, apply for advancement to N2 ST online through OTS.
- Process may take up to 2 weeks before credentials reflect changes.

REQUESTING N2 RECERTIFICATION EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must maintain LSC Stroke and Turn Judge Certification and participate in LSC meets.
- Must have worked at 3 LSC Championships, Zones, Sectionals, Futures or OQM, minimum of 4 sessions each (only 1 may be a USA Swimming National Championship meet), **in the prior 3 years**, in any position.
- Recertification evaluation may only be requested **within 18 months** of N2 ST certification expiration.
- Request N2 ST recertification evaluation at an Official's Qualifying Meet (OQM).
- Must work minimum of 4 sessions at that meet.
- Must be evaluated over at least 2 OQM sessions as an ST at that meet.
- May not be conducted by the candidate's most recent evaluator in the position.

APPLYING FOR N2 RECERTIFICATION

Candidates are responsible for applying for recertification online through OTS. Candidates should ensure that all requirements listed below are fulfilled prior to submitting an application.

- N2 ST recertification evaluation is satisfactory and in OTS.
- Meet/session and LSC participation requirements are met.
- N2 ST recertification may only be requested **within 18 months** of N2 ST certification expiration.
- **Within 3 years** of N2 ST recertification evaluation, apply online through OTS for N2 ST recertification.
- Process may take up to 2 weeks before credentials reflect changes.

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REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED N2 CERTIFICATION

- Expired N2 ST certifications of **less than 3 years**: complete the **recertification** requirement for N2 ST.
- Expired N2 ST certifications **exceeding 3 years**: complete the **evaluation and certification** requirements for the expired positions. Start the process by meeting evaluation and certification requirements for N2 ST, with the exception that no pre-evaluation sessions are required.
- Expired N2 ST **with expired LSC certifications exceeding 3 years**: start the **evaluation and certification** process over, with the exception that only half of the pre-evaluation sessions are required for each position evaluation.

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N3 EVALUATION AND NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

REQUESTING N3 CERTIFICATION EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a certified N2 ST.
- N3 ST requires 1 satisfactory evaluation from 1 evaluator at 1 Official's Qualifying Meets (OQMs). Plus, the N3 evaluator cannot be the candidate's most recent evaluator in the position.
- Prior to requesting N3 ST evaluation, must have worked as a certified N2 ST at no fewer than 8 sessions at USA Swimming **sanctioned** meets, as recorded in OTS.
 - Time Trials and manually recorded meets/sessions will not count towards this requirement.
- Request N3 ST evaluation at an Official's Qualifying Meet (OQM).
- Must be evaluated over a minimum 4 OQM sessions as an ST at that meet.
- Prior to requesting re-evaluation for N3 evaluation where an unsatisfactory recommendation was received, must have worked as an ST at no fewer than 8 sessions at USA Swimming **sanctioned** meets, as recorded in OTS.

APPLYING FOR N3 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates are responsible for applying for advancement online through OTS. Candidates should ensure that all requirements listed below are fulfilled prior to submitting an application.

- N3 ST evaluation is satisfactory and in OTS.
- Application for N3 ST cannot be made **until 1 year** after N2 ST certification has been granted.
- Must maintain LSC Stroke and Turn Judge certification and participate in LSC meets.
- Must have worked at 3 LSC Championships, Zones, Sectionals, Futures or OQM, minimum of 4 sessions each (only 1 may be a USA Swimming National Championship meet), **in the prior 3 years**, in any position.
- **Within 3 years of satisfactory N3 ST evaluation**, apply online through OTS for N3 ST certification.
- Process may take up to 2 weeks before credentials reflect changes.

REQUESTING N3 RECERTIFICATION EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must maintain LSC Stroke and Turn judge Certification and participate in LSC meets.
- Must have worked at 3 LSC Championships, Zones, Sectionals, Futures or OQM, minimum of 4 sessions each (only 1 may be a USA Swimming National Championship meet), **in the prior 3 years**, in any position.
- Recertification evaluation may only be requested **within 18 months** of N3 ST certification expiration.
- Request N3 ST recertification evaluation at an Official's Qualifying Meet (OQM).
- Must work minimum of 4 sessions at that meet.
- Must be evaluated as an ST over at least 2 OQM sessions at that meet.
- May not be conducted by the candidate's most recent evaluator in the position.

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APPLYING FOR N3 RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates are responsible for applying for recertification online through OTS. Candidates should ensure that all requirements listed below are fulfilled prior to submitting an application.

- N3 ST recertification evaluation is satisfactory and in OTS.
- N3 ST recertification may only be requested **within 18 months** of N3 ST certification expiration.
- All other meet/session and LSC participation requirements are met.
- **Within 3 years** of receiving satisfactory N3 ST recertification evaluation, apply online through OTS for N3 ST recertification.
- Process may take up to 2 weeks before credentials reflect changes.

REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED N3 CERTIFICATION

- Expired N3 ST certifications of **less than 3 years**: complete the **recertification** requirement for N3 ST.
- Expired N3 ST certifications **exceeding 3 years**: complete the **evaluation and certification** requirements for the expired positions. Start the process by meeting evaluation and certification requirements for N3 ST, with the exception that no pre-evaluation sessions are required.
- Expired N3 ST **with expired LSC certifications** exceeding 3 years: start the **evaluation and certification** process over, with the exception that only half of the pre-evaluation sessions are required for each position evaluation.