

SECTION 5
CERTIFICATION

5.1 New Officials - Stroke and Turn

.1 Requirements

- A Qualifications – An official-in-training (OIT) must be at least 18 years of age and a member of LESI.
- B Testing - An OIT must complete and pass the USA Swimming test for the following positions with a minimum score of 85%, corrected to 100%: timer, stroke and turn.
- C OIT must attend officials' orientation clinic or stroke and turn clinic.
- D Apprenticeship - After successful completion of A above, on-deck apprenticeship will be required in accordance with the following:
 - (1) OIT must work at no fewer than two (2) different meets;
 - (2) OIT must work at no fewer than eight (8) sessions at meets that are not limited to swimmers who are equal to or faster than B time standards. At least five of these sessions must be at the sessions scheduled for the younger swimmers; and
 - (3) OIT must work at a minimum of two (2) sessions of a developmental meet.
 - (4) Ongoing evaluations will be provided by the TC and the meet referees with input from on-deck officials.
 - (5) With the concurrence of the TC, the Chairman may waive any or all of the required sessions for an OIT with previous officiating experience.

.2 Certification - After successful completion of all requirements, an OIT may request observation for certification.

- A The OIT apprenticeship and certification shall be completed within one year from date of completing and passing the required test.
- B Observation - At least three (3) members of the Certification Subcommittee (CS) will observe the OIT at the same session (s) for a minimum of one (1) full session or the number necessary to observe all strokes. No more than two (2) of the observers may be working at that session in any on-deck capacity.
- C Evaluation - The CS will prepare a written evaluation of the OIT, with one copy sent to the TC and one to the OIT.
- D Vote
 - (1) Affirmative - Upon a majority vote of the observing members of the CS, the OIT will be certified in stroke and turn.
 - (2) Negative - If the majority of observing members of the CS vote to deny certification, the OIT must work at the recommended number of sessions before again requesting observation for certification.
- E Certification Period - Certification shall expire December 31 of the registration year in which it is issued.