

# ISI SWIM OFFICIAL FULL CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION RULES

**NOTE:** The following information is a summary from the Iowa Swimming, Inc. Code Book, Section G, paragraph VI.

**IMPORTANT:** All ISI Swim Officials must be current non-athlete members of USA Swimming before working on deck; and must maintain current USA Swimming non-athlete membership each year. Stroke and Turn Apprentices are not required to be current non-athlete members of USA Swimming until the apprenticeship is complete. A certification application (plus fee) is required prior to apprenticing.

## CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Stroke and Turn Judge (Minimum age – 18)

- Attend a formal certification clinic (scheduled as requested)
- Take the open-book on-line USA Swimming Stroke & Turn Judge test
- Pay the \$5.00 initial certification fee
- Perform on-the-deck apprenticeship for a minimum of four sessions with a certified official with at least one-year Stroke & Turn certification (cannot make disqualifications during these sessions)
- Complete certification process within one year from the date of the certification clinic
- Work a minimum of four sessions per year as Stroke & Turn Judge or higher

### Starter (Minimum age – 18)

- Worked as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge a minimum of two sessions
- Take the open-book on-line USA Swimming Starter test
- Perform on-the-deck apprenticeship with an approved certified Starter a minimum of five sessions
- Work a minimum of four sessions per year in the Starter position or higher to maintain certification

### Referee (Minimum age – 21)

- Previous certification as Stroke & Turn Judge or Starter for a minimum of one year
- Attend Referee's clinic and pass all sections of the USA Swimming Officials' test with a grade of at least 80%
- Perform on-the-deck apprenticeship a minimum of six sessions at three sanctioned meets with at least two different referees
- Work a minimum of six sessions per year with at least one session as Referee

## RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Certifications are good for two (2) years with December 31 the annual expiration date
- Recertification between September 1 and December 31 will extend certification expiration date for the remainder that year and the following two years
- Attend a Recertification Clinic
- Pay the \$3.00 recertification fee
- Upon certification expiration, an official may not officiate under any circumstances until a new certificate is issued. A new certificate can only be issued under the following conditions:
  - Certification expirations up to 12 months long – attend a recertification clinic
  - Certification expirations 12-24 months long – attend a full certification clinic
  - Certification expirations over 24 months long – attend a full certification clinic and take the USA Swimming open-book Officials Test