

# **ISI SUMMER CLUB OFFICIAL** **CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION RULES**

**NOTE:** The following information is a summary from the Iowa Swimming, Inc. Code Book, Section GA, paragraph VI. These requirements apply to swim officials attached to Summer Clubs/Federations who do not wish to meet the certification and recertification requirements for full certification.

**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.

## **SUMMER LEAGUE OFFICIAL** **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

- Attend a formal certification clinic (scheduled as requested)
- Take the open-book USA Swimming Stroke & Turn Judge test and obtain at least an 80% score
- Pay the \$5.00 initial certification fee
- Perform on-the-deck apprenticeship a minimum of one session with a certified official with at least one-year Stroke & Turn certification (cannot make disqualifications during this session)
- Complete certification process within one year from the date of the certification clinic
- Work a minimum of two 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 USA Swimming Starter test and pass with a minimum 80% score
- Perform on-the-deck apprenticeship with an approved certified Starter a minimum of one sessions
- Work a minimum of two 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 four sessions at two 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