

Stroke & Turn Advancement Criteria

Level 1

- Attend S&T clinic.
- Complete and pass certification test.
- Register with USA Swimming.

Advancement from Level 1 to Level 2

- Minimum of 4 sessions working under direct supervision at 2 meets within the first year.
- Evaluated and recommended by two Chief Judges or meet referees within the first year.

Level 2

- Knows the rules but may have problems interpreting the rules.
- Able to identify flagrant infractions.
- May be hesitant at times (needs to think) when observing unfamiliar stroke violations.
- May only focus on a particular part of the body.
- May have problems observing multiple lanes.
- Sometimes out of position

Advancement from Level 2 to Level 3

- Level 2 S&T for 1 year.
- Worked a minimum of 6 sessions the previous year.
- Recommended by 2 different meet referees and approved by the Zone Officials Chair.*

Level 3

- Knows the rules very well but may get too technical at times (hung up on words).
- Able to observe the whole body at times.
- Able to perform Chief Judge or assistant Chief Judge duties at Zone meets.
- Has confidence making most calls.
- Seldom makes mistakes on DQ slips.
- Understands the proper positioning for all situations.
- Works well with others.
- Participates in LSC meets.
- Participates in the Mentoring/Training of Junior Officials.

Advancement from Level 3 to Level 4

- Level 3 S&T for 1 year.
- Worked a minimum of 8 sessions the previous year.

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- Has satisfactorily performed the Assistant CJ duties at a Pacific “Officials Qualifying Meet.”
- Recommended by 3 different Meet Referees and approved by the LSC Officials Chair.

Level 4

- Knows the rules well and can interpret properly based on intent of the rules.
- Makes calls instinctively on most occasions.
- Able to perform the Assistant Chief Judge functions at “Officials Qualifying Meets”.
- Works well with all deck officials.
- Has respect from officials and coaches within their zone.
- Capable and involved in the training of junior level officials on deck or at clinics.
- Able to work under pressure and handle unexpected events properly.
- Shows leadership capabilities at the zone level and leads by example.
- Has begun the training process to become a Deck Referee.

Advancement from Level 4 to Level 5

- Level 4 S&T for at least 1 year.
- Worked a minimum of 8 sessions the previous year.
- Has Satisfactory performed the Chief Judge duties at a Pacific “Officials Qualifying Meet”.
- Recommended by the Zone Officials chair and approved by the LSC Officials Committee.
- Level 2 Referee

Level 5

- Knows the intent of the rules and always applies them uniformly.
- Level 2 Referee.
- Familiar with all officials’ positions and their responsibilities.
- Works well with all officials and coaches.
- Has the respect from officials and coaches throughout Pacific Swimming.
- Always takes the initiative to seek opportunities to train junior officials.
- Able to perform the Chief Judge functions at “Officials Qualifying Meets”.
- Shows leadership qualities at the LSC level.

Recertification requirements for Level 2 are as follows

- Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years
- Must work a minimum of 6 sessions every year.

Recertification requirements for Level 3 are as follows.

- Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years
- Must work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.

Recertification requirements for Level 4 & 5 are as follows.

- Attend a clinic and take the USAS S&T test once every two years
- Must work a minimum of 8 sessions every year.