

INDIANA OFFICIAL STANDARDS

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All officials (except Timers) MUST be USA swimming members and re-new USA swimming membership each year.

Upon becoming a certain level official you are then eligible to work any of the other positions of a higher number level.

Examples: Technical / Administrative-Level 3 may work as such or a Timer-Level 4
Starter-Level 2 may work as such or as Technical / Administrative-Level 3 or a Timer-Level 4
Referee-Level 1 may work as such or as Starter-Level 2, Technical / Administrative-Level 3, or even Timer-Level 4

Level 4: TIMER Age limitation - 11 years old
Attend the pre-meet briefing held by the Chief Timer

Level 3: TECHNICAL and/or ADMINISTRATIVE *Administrative – (Clerk of Course, Timing System Operator, Meet Director, Scoring/Recorder, Head Timer)*
Minimum age of 18
Must attend a formal clinic given by a Referee
Must pass the Timer, Timing Judge and Clerk of Course Test with 80% (Completed within 45 days of clinic)
Must serve as an apprentice for 4 sessions
Technical - Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge
Minimum age of 18
Must attend a formal clinic given by a Referee
Must pass the Timer and Stroke & Turn with 80% (Completed within 45 days of clinic)
Must serve as an apprentice for 4 sessions for technical only or administrative only and minimum 3 sessions at technical and 1 at administrative for technical/administrative after passing appropriate tests.

To renew: Must work a minimum of 6 sessions per year for Technical or 4 sessions for Admin only. If renewing for Technical/Admin, must work a minimum of 6 sessions with at least one being admin. (after the 4 apprentice session if new Level 3)
MUST work 1 session for meet not hosted by home club.
Must attend official's briefings at all meets worked.

Level 2: STARTER Must hold at least Technical certification or Technical/Admin for 1 year from the date of certification before applying for upgrade.
Must take Starter Test no more than 45 days prior to serving one full year as technical or Tech/Admin official and pass with 85%
Must apprentice and be approved during this apprenticeship at least 5 sessions (*use first line of table on card for apprentice session #5*) after passing appropriate test.

To renew: Must work a minimum of 6 sessions per year, minimum 4 sessions as starter.
MUST work 1 session for meet not hosted by home club.
Must attend official's briefings at all meets worked

Level 1: REFEREE Minimum requirement: Minimum age 21
Must have completed one year as Technical or Tech/Admin and one year as Starter before applying for Referee.
Must pass the Timing Judge with 80%, Clerk of Course with 80%, Administrative with 90% and Referee Test with 90% AND essay questions provided by a member of the Official's Committee no more than 45 days prior to serving one full year with Starter Certification.
Must obtain evaluation/recommendations from 2 different Referees and 1 Coach, all must be from teams other than official's home team.
Must apprentice 6 sessions with at least 2 different Referees.

To renew: Must work a minimum of 8 sessions (after the 6 apprentice session if new Level 1)
At least 3 sessions as Referee
At least 1 session must be at State Level Meet or higher
(*This includes Divisionals, Age Group State, Senior State, Zone, Sectionals or Nationals*)
Must attend 1 Referee Clinic per year
(*Offered 6-7 times a year - both long & short course Age Group State & Senior State meets and usually all Divisional sites*)
* Conducting a Stroke & Turn/Administrative Clinic for new officials may be substituted as a session worked.

It is the responsibility of the Referees to conduct the Officials Briefings at all meets and review all USA swimming stroke rules.