

New Jersey Swimming APPRENTICE STROKE AND TURN OBSERVATION

Official's Name:

	Meet/Date/Session #	Mentor (print name)
Session 1		
Session 2		
Session 3		
Session 4		
Apprenticeship Requirements		
	USA Swimming Member	
	Attend a Stroke and Turn clinic	
	Apprentice as a Stroke and Turn Judge for at least 4 training sessions at a minimum of 2 meets with a trainer. OR Coach or Athlete members with 5+ years USA Swimming experience shall apprentice as a Stroke and Turn Judge for at least 2 training sessions with a trainer.	
	Pass the USA Swimming ST Certification test with an 80%	
Performance Requirements for Certification		
Evaluated during each apprentice session and use MR sign-off for each session. 1-At level of certified ST Judge, 2- On track for certification (successful performance), 3 - In need of additional work, N/A - Not demonstrated		
S1	S2	S3
S4		
		Arrives on time, prepared with necessary personal equipment, in proper and professional uniform.
		Is respectful of other officials, coaches, meet volunteers, spectators, and athletes.
		Understands and applies proper positioning on deck.
		Understands and applies communicated jurisdictions and protocols.
		Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for butterfly.
		Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for backstroke.
		Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kick, turn, and finish for breaststroke.
		Understands and applies the rules for the start, stroke, kicks, turn, and finish for freestyle.
		Understands and applies the rules for individual medley.
		Understands and applies the rules for relays.
		Is comfortable making calls as appropriate and also understands when a call is not appropriate.
		Can correctly communicate a disqualification and what was observed using USA Swimming rulebook language.
S1	S2	S3
S4	Other Items	
		Always gives the swimmer the benefit of the doubt.
		Understands performance criteria as outlined in Stroke and Turn Professional Document
		Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules.

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Signature of MR (session 1)
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Comments Session 4
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STROKE AND TURN CERTIFICATION
DEFINITIONS
Certifier: An official designated by the LSC OC to certify training is complete.
Clinic: Formal in person or online training clinic, recorded in Officials Tracking System (OTS).
Certification: Stroke & Turn able to officiate at all LSC meets.
Satisfactory Performance: Able to demonstrate Performance Requirements. Deficiencies must be provided by LSC OC or designee in writing to the affected official with an Action Plan to success.
Sessions: At USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets, recorded in OTS.
Trainer: Designated by the Referee at a meet or LSC OC, an official who has been USA Swimming certified in the position for 1+ year. If a 1+ year experienced official is not on deck, the Referee may select the most experienced certified official(s) to be a trainer(s).
Training Sessions: Meet sessions that include strokes and/or relays. Time Trials and Freestyle Only sessions may not count toward training session requirements. Sessions shall be recorded in OTS.

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USA Swimming Member: Completed all USAS member associated requirements before on deck apprenticeship.	
	Recommend Certification as STROKE AND TURN
<i>Certification must be complete within one year of the Stroke and Turn clinic.</i>	
<i>Understands need to return completed checklist form to the official's LSC Officials Chair or designee.</i>	
STROKE AND TURN RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS	
	Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.
	Worked a minimum of 8 sessions, within a 3-year period, at a minimum of 2 different meets in Stroke & Turn or higher capacity.
	Attend clinic every 3 years.
	USA Swimming recertification test every 3 years for the highest certification held.
	Satisfactory performance