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USA SWIMMING PROVISIONAL S&T OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Training recommendations provided below are to prepare stroke and turn provisional officials for intra-squad, dual, virtual dual and virtual invitational meets during a period of time established by USA Swimming. Provisional Official requirements are a temporary exception to LSC Certification requirements and allow these officials to work only applicable* meets during the period set by USA Swimming, state and local entities. Provisional officials would fulfill perceived needs for additional officials to staff local meets as pools reopen.

| | Provisional Officials and Training | Provisional Certification Notes | LSC Officials and Training |
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| Targeted group and Minimum Age Requirement | Coaches and 18&O athlete members or those swimmers who recently left the sport | Assistant coaches who may not be allowed on deck where total numbers are restricted | 18 years |
| Active Officiating Time frame | Determined by Natl Officials Committee | Determined by Natl Officials Committee | Determined by LSC Officials Committee |
| *Applicable Meets | Restricted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intra-squad • Dual Meets • Virtual Dual Meets • Virtual Invitationals | Provisional Officials may not serve at any meets other than those listed nor beyond the Apprentice membership timeframe (see below). | No restrictions |
| USAS Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership would fall within the scope of APPRENTICE Registered coaches who become Provisional Officials will have an additional member category added. | Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Fee • 60 days from FIRST DAY on deck as an official May only be offered 1 time per official (no renewal option) | May elect to register for 2021 after June 1 and pay full registration fee if intent is to move to certified official. No renewal option in the same calendar year for Provisional official. | Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by LSC • Full fee annually • For 2021 may start registration June 1, 2020 2021 registration valid June, 1 2020 thru December 31, 2021 |
| Background Check | No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership | No requirement under 60-day Apprentice membership | Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 • \$38 Valid for 2 years |
| Concussion Training | As above | As above | Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFHS or CDC course |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee <p>Approx. 30 minutes</p> |
| Athlete Protection Training (APT) – including Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) | As above | As above | <p>Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full course and testing No fee Approx. 1 hour |
| Officials’ Clinic | <p>Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Provided by LSC Focus on Stroke and Turn and expectations Time varies | <p>Based on attendees 60-90 minutes of instruction focused on Stroke and Turn and expectations. Stroke and Turn videos may be included or required separately.</p> <p>A follow-up clinic for Q&A and review of test questions is optional.</p> | <p>Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies |
| Stroke & Turn Videos | Required | Videos may be viewed in advance of clinic or included with clinic. | Varies |
| Testing (5 events) | <p>Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbreviated Test Focused only on Stroke and Turn 25 questions Approx. 30-40 min | To be completed online. | <p>Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stroke and Turn/Timing Test 60 questions Approx. 1-1.5 hours |
| On Deck Instruction (Apprenticing) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 hours of mentored deck activity May occur during practices or during meet Upon completion, mentor must sign off indicating official is ready for deck or additional mentoring required | <p>Deck mentoring to further educate these officials and ensure competent and qualified staff who consistently apply the rules of USA Swimming fairly and equitably at all competition levels.</p> <p>Sign-off should indicate a basic understanding of duties and competence.</p> | Varies |
| Annual Session requirements | None | | Varies |
| Time to fulfill LSC requirements to become a Certified Official | Optional | Once beyond the provisional period, provisional officials may not officiate until LSC requirements are fulfilled | Varies |

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| Transitional requirements to become a Certified Official | Optional | LSC will determine requirements for transition where Provisional and LSC training requirements differ | Varies |
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