

## Middle Atlantic Swimming Stroke & Turn Certification Procedure

1. Attend a Stroke & Turn clinic for new officials given by a member of the Middle Atlantic Officials Committee.
2. Complete the USA Swimming (USA-S) Officials tests for both Timer and Stroke & Turn Judge. The tests are true/false or multiple choice and can be taken either online or in hardcopy form. You must answer both the Question and provide the Reference section from the current USA-S Rulebook. To take the online tests, go to the USA Swimming website: [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org) , and click the Volunteers/Officials/Officials Test Online tabs. You do not need to be a member of USA-S to take the tests, but will need to 'create an account'. You can *stop* and *re-start* the tests at any time; the results of your completed tests will be sent to the MA Officials Chair.

If you choose to take the hardcopy tests (copy provided at the clinic), you need return only the answer form to:

MAS Officials Comm  
c/o Fred Killian  
1138 Elderon Drive  
Wilmington, DE            19808

All participants will be notified of the results of their Tests. Questions about the tests can be directed to: [Officials@maswim.org](mailto:Officials@maswim.org) , or to the Officials Chair at 302-994-3389.

3. New officials must work as an 'apprentice' Stroke & Turn Judge at six (6) sessions of USA-S swim meets. The training sessions may include no more than two (2) dual meet and/or Mini-meet sessions. You must be a non-Athlete member of USA-S in order to work as an apprentice official; when your USA-S membership is confirmed, you will be sent a card to be signed by the Referee at each session. All training sessions must be with a Middle Atlantic (MA) certified Referee. Return the completed card to the Officials Chair. You do not need to complete the tests before beginning the apprentice sessions.

If you are not a current member of USA Swimming, please send your Non-Athlete application form and registration fee to the Officials Committee. Your membership card and training card will be returned to you by MA. (Note: If your application is sent to the MA office, contact the Officials Chair and let him know that your application has been submitted.) A Rulebook will be sent by USA-S when it is issued.

4. Applicants who join USA Swimming after September 1 will have membership status through the following calendar year; applicants who join before September 1 will have membership through the end of the current year. You must maintain your membership in USA Swimming in order to remain a certified Official. An application to renew your membership will be sent by the MA office in subsequent years. Membership in USA Swimming provides insurance liability protection in addition to other benefits. All Officials, Coaches, Meet Directors and certain other workers at Sanctioned Meets must be members of USA Swimming.
5. Remember that proper attire for officials, including apprentice officials, at all USA Swimming meets is a white collared shirt with dark (Navy) blue slacks, skirt or shorts. Jeans, sweatshirts, sweat pants or T-shirts are NOT appropriate. White sneakers or deck shoes are required. Please try to report to the Referee at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of any session at which you intend to work.