

USA Swimming Officials Certification Levels

SPECIAL NOTE: ONLY ONE (1) REQUEST FOR A NEW, A RENEW, OR AN UPGRADED POSITION IS ALLOWED IN ANY MEET REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SESSIONS WORKED.

National Championship Certification (approximately 500)

National Championship Officials certification is obtained by working at a National Championship (Senior Nationals, Disabilities, World Cup, U.S. Open and Sectionals with some restrictions). Applications are available several months before the meet and must be submitted to the Officials Committee Chair before the deadlines published with the application. Applicants must be USA Swimming non-athlete or athlete members and must be certified officials within their own Local Swimming Committee (LSC). In order to receive National Championship certification, they must have National Officials certification for at ***least one year***, must attend officials' meetings prior to each session of the meet and must work at least four sessions (prelims and finals count as separate sessions).

National (Regional) Certification (approximately 2,000)

National Officials certification is obtained by working at a regional or local championship meet approved for such certification by the Officials Committee. The competition must meet established criteria that would make it similar to a national championship and application for meet approval must be submitted to the Officials Committee by the LSC hosting the meet. Applicants for certification must be USA Swimming non-athlete or athlete members, must be certified officials for at ***least one year*** within their own LSC and must attend an officials' briefing session at the meet and work at least three sessions.

LSC Certified Officials (approximately 10,000)

Certification as an LSC official is obtained through the LSC's Officials Chair. While each LSC establishes its own criteria for training and certifying its officials, it is expected that certified officials will be consistent in their knowledge of the rules and protocol involved in each position. Such consistency is fostered through USA Swimming and LSC officials workshops and through interaction at regional and national championships.