Becoming a Stroke & Turn Official

1. Getting registered

Complete these membership steps before working on deck.

- ☐ Create or log into your USA Swimming account at hub.usaswimming.org.
- ☐ Register as an Official using your club's registration link. If you are unattached, contact the NES Registrar.

> Alternatively, register as an Apprentice Official for up to **60 days**, then upgrade to full Official membership.

- ☐ Complete your Background Check, Athlete Protection Training, and an accepted concussion course if needed.

2. Training

The courses teach the rules, and your apprentice sessions teach you how to apply them on deck.

- ☐ Complete Foundations of Officiating and the Stroke & Turn Certification Course in USA Swimming University.
- ☐ Work at least 4 apprentice Stroke & Turn sessions across at least 2 meets.
- ☐ Complete the coursework and apprentice sessions within 1 year.
- ☐ After your sessions are entered in OTS, email neswimofficials@gmail.com to request certification.

A note about apprenticing

A few simple steps will make your first day much easier.

Download the USA Swimming app, log in, and confirm that your member card is available so you can get on deck.

Contact the Meet Referee (MR) before the meet to let them know you are apprenticing and confirm where and when officials should report.

Arrive about 1 hour before the session starts for the officials briefing.

The standard NES officials uniform is a white top with blue bottoms.

You are not expected to know everything. You will spend your apprentice sessions learning beside an experienced official who will guide you, answer questions, and help you build confidence.

Your certification is valid for 3 years.
Log into your account at usaswimming.org to view your sessions, registration status, and other official records.