

Administrative Official (AO)

Prerequisites:	Register as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation:	Satisfactory YA evaluation
	Conduct Athlete Protection Training		When:
	Submit and pass Level 2 Background Check	By Whom:	Any MSI referee with current N2 DR & AR / current N2 AO
	Attend an AO clinic ¹	Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S AO Certification Test ³⁴⁵
Minimum Age:	18		
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of four (4) sessions as an apprentice AO (OTS code YA) ²		

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) AO clinic, taught be an approved MSI official.

²Only apprentice AO sessions worked at MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

³Mimimum passing score is 90%.

⁴Must be the "Certification" version of the test.

⁵Online testing can begin midway through the apprenticeship.

Stroke and Turn Judge (S&T)

Prerequisites:	Register as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation:	Satisfactory XJ evaluation
	Conduct Athlete Protection Training		When:
	Submit and pass Level 2 Background Check	By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁴
	Attend a S&T clinic ¹	Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn/Timer Test ⁵⁶⁷
Minimum Age:	18		
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of six (6) sessions over 3 different meets, with one meet being a B and below or mini-meet as an apprentice S&T (OTS code XJ) ²³	Pass the USA-S Clerk of Course Test ⁵⁶⁷	
		Pass the USA-S Timer Test ⁵⁶⁷	
		Pass the USA-S Timing Judge Test ⁵⁶⁷	

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) S&T clinic, taught be an approved MSI official.

²Only apprentice S&T sessions worked at MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

³Should not make independent disqualifications during apprenticeship.

⁴The one (1) year requirement is determined by the Deck Referee certification date in OTS.

⁵Mimimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁶Must be the "Certification" version of the test.

⁷Online testing can begin midway through the apprenticeship.

YMCA Level 1 to USA-S S&T

Prerequisites:	Register as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation:	Satisfactory XJ evaluation	
	Conduct Athlete Protection Training		When:	3rd or subsequent session
	Submit and pass Level 2 Background Check		By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁴
	Attend a S&T clinic ¹		Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn/Timer Test ⁵⁶⁷
Minimum Age:	18		Pass the USA-S Clerk of Course Test ⁵⁶⁷	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of three (3) sessions as an apprentice S&T (OTS code XJ) ²³		Pass the USA-S Timer Test ⁵⁶⁷	
YMCA Level 1:	Provide of current YMCA Level 1 certification to Tom DeBoissiere (deboissiere@verizon.net)		Pass the USA-S Timing Judge Test ⁵⁶⁷	

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) S&T clinic, taught be an approved MSI official.

²Only apprentice S&T sessions worked at MSI approved Y meets or MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

³Should not make independent disqualifications during apprenticeship.

⁴The one (1) year requirement is determined by the Deck Referee certification date in OTS.

⁵Mimimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁶Must be the "Certification" version of the test.

⁷Online testing can begin midway through the apprenticeship.

YMCA Level 2 to USA-S S&T

Prerequisites:	Register as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation:	Satisfactory XJ evaluation	
	Conduct Athlete Protection Training		When:	3rd or subsequent session
	Submit and pass Level 2 Background Check		By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁴
	Attend a S&T clinic ¹		Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn/Timer Test ⁵⁶⁷
Minimum Age:	18		Pass the USA-S Timing Judge Test ⁵⁶⁷	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of two (2) sessions as an apprentice S&T (OTS code XJ) ²³			
YMCA Level 2:	Provide proof of current YMCA Level 2 certification to Tom DeBoissiere (deboissiere@verizon.net)			

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) S&T clinic, taught be an approved MSI official.

²Only apprentice S&T sessions worked at MSI approved Y meets or MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

³Should not make independent disqualifications during apprenticeship.

⁴The one (1) year requirement is determined by the Deck Referee certification date in OTS.

⁵Mimimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁶Must be the "Certification" version of the test.

⁷Online testing can begin midway through the apprenticeship.

Chief Judge (CJ)

Prerequisites:	Current Registration as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation(2):	Satisfactory initial and final XC evaluations ⁴⁵	
	Current Athlete Protection Training		Initial: When	3rd or subsequent XC session ⁴
	Current Level 2 Background Check		Initial: By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁵
	Attend a CJ clinic ¹		Final: When	5th or subsequent XC session ⁴
	One (1) year as a certified S&T, prior to first apprentice CJ session ²		Final: By Whom:	MSI referee(with one year as a referee) and current N2 CJ
Minimum Age:	19	Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn Recertification Test ⁶⁷	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of five (5) sessions as an apprentice CJ (OTS code XC) ³		Pass the MSI Chief Judge Test ⁶⁷⁸	
	Minimum of three (3) sessions as an apprentice starter (OTS code XS) ²³			

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) CJ clinic, taught by an approved MSI official.

²The one (1) year requirement is determined by the S&T certification date in OTS.

³Only apprentice sessions worked at MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

⁴Initial and Final evaluations cannot occur during the same meet.

⁵Initial and Final evaluations must be conducted by separate MSI referees.

⁶Minimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁷Online testing can begin mid-way through the apprenticeship.

⁸Request the MSI CJ test from Steve Lottes (desertexp13@gmail.com).

YMCA Level 2 to USA-S Chief Judge (CJ)

Prerequisites:	Current Registration as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation(2):	Satisfactory initial and final XC evaluations ³⁴	
	Current Athlete Protection Training		Initial: When	3rd or subsequent XC session ³
	Current Level 2 Background Check		Initial: By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁴
	Attend a CJ clinic ¹		Final: When	6th or subsequent XC session ³
	Current certification as a MSI S&T		Final: By Whom:	MSI referee(with one year as a referee) and current N2 CJ
Minimum Age:	19	Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn Recertification Test ⁵⁶	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of six (6) sessions as an apprentice CJ (OTS code XC) ²		Pass the MSI Chief Judge Test ⁵⁶⁷	
YMCA Level 2:	Provide proof of YMCA Level 2 certification to Tom DeBoissiere (deboissiere@verizon.net)			

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) CJ clinic, taught by an approved MSI official.

²Only apprentice S&T sessions worked at MSI approved Y meets or MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

³Initial and Final evaluations cannot occur during the same meet.

⁴Initial and Final evaluations must be conducted by separate MSI referees.

⁵Minimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁶Online testing can begin mid-way through the apprenticeship.

⁷Request the MSI CJ test from Steve Lottes (desertexp13@gmail.com).

Starter

Prerequisites:	Current Registration as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation(2):	Satisfactory initial and final XS evaluations ⁴⁵	
	Current Athlete Protection Training		Initial: When	3rd or subsequent XS session ⁴
	Current Level 2 Background Check		Initial: By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁵
	Attend a starter clinic ¹		Final: When	5th or subsequent XS session ⁴
	One (1) year as a certified S&T, prior to first apprentice starter session ²		Final: By Whom:	MSI referee(with one year as a referee) and current N2 SR
Minimum Age:	19	Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn Recertification Test ⁶⁷	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of five (5) sessions as an apprentice Starter (OTS code XS) ²³		Pass the USA-S Starter Test ⁶⁷	
	Minimum of three (3) sessions as an apprentice CJ (OTS code XC) ³			

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) starter clinic, taught by an approved MSI official.

²The one (1) year requirement is determined by the S&T certification date in OTS.

³Only apprentice sessions worked at MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

⁴Initial and Final evaluations cannot occur during the same meet.

⁵Initial and Final evaluations must be conducted by separate MSI referee evaluators.

⁶Minimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁷Online testing can begin mid-way through the apprenticeship.

YMCA Level 2 to USA-S Starter

Prerequisites:	Current Registration as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation(2):	Satisfactory initial and final XS evaluations ³⁴⁵	
	Current Athlete Protection Training		Initial: When	3rd or subsequent XS session ³
	Current Level 2 Background Check		Initial: By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁴
	Attend a CJ clinic ¹		Final: When	6th or subsequent XS session ³
	Current certification as a MSI S&T		Final: By Whom:	MSI referee(with one year as a referee) and current N2 SR
Minimum Age:	19	Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn Recertification Test ⁵⁶	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of six (6) sessions as an apprentice starter (OTS code XS) ²		Pass the USA-S Starter Test ⁵⁶	
YMCA Level 2:	Provide proof of YMCA Level 2 certification to Tom DeBoissiere (deboissiere@verizon.net)			

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) starter clinic, taught by an approved MSI official.

²Only apprentice S&T sessions worked at MSI approved Y meets or MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

³Initial and Final evaluations cannot occur during the same meet.

⁴Initial and Final evaluations must be conducted by separate MSI referees.

⁵Minimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁶Online testing can begin mid-way through the apprenticeship.

Referee

Prerequisites:	Current Registration as non-athlete member of USA-S	Evaluation(2):	Satisfactory initial and final XR evaluations ⁴⁵	
	Current Athlete Protection Training		Initial: When	5th or subsequent XR session ⁴
	Current Level 2 Background Check		Initial: By Whom:	MSI referee (with one year as a referee) ⁵
	Attend a referee clinic ¹		Final: When	6th or subsequent XR session ⁴
	One (1) year as a certified starter or CJ, prior to first apprentice referee session ²		Final: By Whom:	Any MSI referee with current N2 DR & AR ⁴⁵
Minimum Age:	21	Online Testing:	Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn/Timer Test ⁶⁷	
Apprenticeship:	Minimum of six (6) sessions as an apprentice Deck Referee (OTS code XR) ²³		Pass the USA-S Stroke and Turn Recertification Test ⁶⁷	
	Minimum of two (2) sessions as an apprentice Admin Referee (OTS code XA) ²³		Pass the USA-S Starter Recertification Test ⁶⁷	
	Minimum of one (1) session as a Timing Console Operator (OTS code TO) ³		Pass the USA-S Referee Test ⁶⁷	
	Minimum of one (1) session as a Hytek Computer Operator (OTS code CO) ³		Pass the USA-S Administrative Referee Test ⁶⁷	

¹Must be a Maryland Swimming Inc (MSI) referee clinic, taught by an approved MSI official.

²The one (1) year requirement is determined by the CJ or starter certification date(s) in OTS.

³Only apprentice sessions worked at MSI sanctioned meets will count towards the minimum required sessions.

⁴Initial and Final evaluations cannot occur during the same meet.

⁵Initial and Final evaluations must be conducted by separate MSI referee evaluators.

⁶Minimum passing score is a 90% average for the battery of tests.

⁷Online testing can begin mid-way through the apprenticeship.