

OFFICIALS – OPEN WATER OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Purpose:

This policy lays out the requirements and procedure for maintaining the North Carolina Swimming Open Water official certification program. This policy and the requirements are maintained by the North Carolina Swimming Official's Committee.

Prerequisites:

Current LSC (minimum) certification as:

- Open Water Judge – Currently certified as a NCS Stroke & Turn Judge
- Open Water Referee – Currently certified as a NCS Referee

Apprenticeship Process:

1. Attend an Open Water Clinic.
2. Participate in one session each of a USA Swimming sanctioned open water event in the role as an observed apprentice for Open Water Judge / Referee (as applicable).
3. Pass on-line USA Swimming Open Water Tests for Open Water Judge/Referee (as applicable).
4. Submit results to the Officiating Chair for certification.
5. Upon granting certification, the Officials Chair or their designee will notify the candidate, update the LSC certification in OTS

Certification Period:

Three year term coincided with NC Swimming official certification.

Recertification Requirements:

To recertify as a North Carolina Open Water official, the official must do the following:

- Participate in at least 1 open water meet as an official
- Maintain certification as an USA Swimming official at the appropriate level.
- Pass the appropriate on-line USA Swimming Open Water Test

References:

USA Swimming Handbook, Part 7 "Open Water"

NC Swimming Open Water Clinic Presentation