

Illinois Swimming, Inc. Training and Certification Standards for Officials

Position	Min Age	*Education & Training	*Evaluation & Certification	*Annual Renewal
Timer	11	None, except attend pre-meet briefing. Performance monitored by head meet official	N/A	
Stroke & Turn Judge	18	<p>Join USA Swimming as a Non-Athlete member</p> <p>Attend an ISI Officials clinic and pass the Stroke & Turn Judge, USA Swimming certification test with a grade of 80% or better.</p> <p>Relay Take-Off and Chief Judge Positions are also covered in this clinic.</p>	<p>On deck written evaluation by a trainer for a total of 4 sessions at no less than 3 sanctioned meets with at least 2 different trainers. Evaluations must be signed by a trainer and meet referee. Signed evaluations sent with meet sanction report to ISI office.</p> <p>ISI certification/session card will be issued by Official's Chairman after notification by Director of Training that on-deck requirements have been met. The temporary "buff" ISI certification/session card should be used as proof of clinic attendance for training.</p> <p>Cannot make disqualifications as a trainee.</p>	<p>To renew yearly as a Stroke & Turn Judge, one must have worked at least 10 sessions during the most recent 12-month, January to December, period prior to re-certification and must pass the Stroke & Turn Judge, USA Swimming re-certification test on odd calendar years with a grade of 80% or better.</p>
Administrative Judge	18	<p>Join USA Swimming as a Non-Athlete member</p> <p>Attend an ISI Officials clinic and pass the Timer, Clerk of Course, and Timing Judge USA Swimming certification tests with a composite grade of 80% or better.</p>	<p>On deck written evaluation by a trainer for a total of 2 sessions. Evaluations must be signed by a trainer and meet referee. Signed evaluations sent with meet sanction report to ISI office.</p> <p>ISI certification/session card will be issued by Official's Chairman after notification by Director of Training that on-deck requirements have been met. The temporary "buff" ISI certification/session card should be used as proof of clinic attendance for training sessions.</p>	<p>To renew yearly as an Administrative Judge, one must have worked at least 4 sessions during the most recent 12-month, January to December, period prior to re-certification and must pass the Timer, Clerk of Course, and Timing Judge USA Swimming re-certification tests on odd calendar years with a composite grade of 80% or better.</p> <p>Must pass the Timer, Clerk of Course and Timing Judge USA Swimming certification tests on odd calendar years with a composite grade of 80% or better.</p>
Starter	18	<p>Join USA Swimming as a Non-Athlete member.</p> <p>Must have worked as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge for at least 20 sessions prior to attending Starter Clinic.</p> <p>Attend an ISI Officials clinic and pass the Starter USA Swimming certification test with a grade of 80% or better.</p>	<p>On deck written evaluation by a trainer for a total of 5 sessions at no less than 3 meets with at least 2 different trainers. Evaluations must be signed by the trainer and meet referee. Signed evaluations sent with meet sanction report to ISI office.</p> <p>ISI certification/session card will be issued by Official's Chairman after notification by Director of Training that on-deck requirements have been met. The temporary "buff" ISI certification/session card should be used as proof of clinic attendance for training sessions.</p>	<p>To renew yearly as a Starter, one must have worked at least 10 sessions during the most recent 12-month, January to December, period prior to re-certification.</p> <p>Must pass the Starter and Stroke & Turn Judge, USA Swimming re-certification tests on odd calendar years with a composite grade of 80% or better.</p>

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Referee	21	<p>Join USA Swimming as a Non-Athlete member.</p> <p>Must be a certified Starter for at least one year and work at least 20 sessions since certification as a Starter.</p> <p>Must have attended an ISI Officials Administrative Judge clinic and passed the Timer, Clerk of Course, and Timing Judge USA Swimming certification tests with a composite grade of 80% or better prior to attending the referee clinic.</p> <p>Must have a letter of recommendation from a current Referee (certified for the prior 24 months as a Referee)</p> <p>Attend an ISI Officials clinic and pass all sections of the USA Swimming certification tests and ISI certification test with a composite grade of 80% or better.</p>	<p>On deck written evaluation by a trainer for a total of 6 sessions at no less than 3 meets with at least 2 different trainers. Evaluations must be signed by a trainer and meet referee. Signed evaluations sent with meet sanction report to ISI office.</p> <p>ISI certification/session card will be issued by Official's Chairman after notification by Director of Training that on-deck requirements have been met. The temporary "buff" ISI certification/session card should be used as proof of clinic attendance for training sessions.</p> <p>Referee certification requires prior administrative judge certification.</p>	<p>To renew yearly as a Referee, one must have worked at least 10 sessions during the most recent 12-month, January to December, period prior to re-certification.</p> <p>Must pass all sections of the USA Swimming re-certification tests on odd calendar years with a composite grade of 80% or better.</p> <p>Must achieve 6 ISI approved Continuing Education Units during the most recent 12-month, January to December, period prior to re-certification.</p>
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*Education & Training, Evaluation & Certification Notes:

1. All trainers must be certified for a period of not less than 24 months in the position that they are training.
2. All training and annual session requirements must be completed at USA Swimming/ISI sanctioned meets.
3. A session is defined as being at least 2 hours long and must include each of the strokes. It is the responsibility of the trainer and meet referee to adhere to this definition.
4. Trainee certification occurs and is effective upon clinic completion and receipt of an ISI temporary session card (buff). Trainees will have a T-prefix next to their position abbreviation. Any trainee who, upon a retrospective review, has been found to have failed to meet the minimum standard(s) for **Education & Training** may have their Trainee certification revoked and may be subject to disciplinary action.
5. Position certification occurs and is effective upon completion of training evaluations and receipt of an ISI certification/session card (white). Any certified official who, upon a retrospective review, has been found to have failed to meet the minimum standard(s) for **Evaluation & Certification** may have their certification revoked and may be subject to disciplinary action.
6. Prospective clinic candidates may request pre-approval from the Official's Chairman or their designee to attend a clinic. Pre-approval is defined as documentation that the candidate has met the minimum criteria to be eligible to attend the ISI officials clinic for the position requested.
7. Referees who have completed their referee training are deemed to have satisfied all their training requirements only after they have satisfied the training requirements for Administrative Judge as well.
8. ISI Referee Continuing Education Units:
 - a. Meet Referee for an "on-schedule" meet - 2 CEUs. (Administrative referee also qualifies for 2 CEUs)
 - b. Attend officials briefing and work in any capacity at a Championship meet (A Champs or higher) - 3 CEUs/session worked.
 - c. Attend ISI officials clinic for referee certification - 3 CEUs.
 - d. Serve as an ISI officials clinic instructor - 3 CEUs.
 - e. Attend other ISI sponsored events approved for credit by officials committee.