



2018 Steps to becoming a Certified USA Swimming Deck Referee in the Georgia LSC

Certification: Deck Referee

A. Pre-requisites (Requirements)

1. Be at least 21* years old. (*may not officiate and compete in the same session.)
2. Be a current "Certified Official" member of USA Swimming, Inc
3. Possess a current USA Swimming Rule Book. (PDF version available online)
4. **Previous certification as Starter for a minimum of 12 calendar months during which a minimum of 12 full sessions have been satisfactorily completed.**
5. Submit Request for Advancement Form to the Training Coordinator **AND be recommended in writing for this Level by a Referee who has been certified for a minimum of 1 year.**
 - i. (Form counts for both Deck Referee & Administrative Referee advancement)

B. Certification Requirements

1. **Attend a Deck Referee training course** taught by a Georgia Certified Referee Trainer.
 - i. Class can be requested by contacting Training Coordinator. cwasmuth@comcast.net
2. Take & pass the USA Swimming on line Deck Referee exam with a minimum score of 90% located at: <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing>
3. Turn the completed exam into the Certified Trainer under whom you trained with.
4. Have the Trainer sign your Apprentice Form as indicated thereon.
5. Apprentice as a Deck Referee for at least nine [9] sessions at three [3] different Georgia Swimming sanctioned / approved meets, under the direct supervision of three [3] different Certified Referees. See meet information for availability to apprentice at State Championship Meets.
6. Complete the Apprentice Form appropriately and have the Meet Referee for that session sign in ink
7. Upon completion mail/email the completed Apprentice Form to:
 - i. Your Trainer
 - ii. Clarice Wasmuth (Training Coordinator) cwasmuth@comcast.net
 - iii. Doug Kintz (Certification Coordinator) cdkintz@earthlink.net
 - iv. Keep a copy & take with you to meets until you receive a pdf certification card by email.
8. Certification must be completed within one [1] year of the date of the clinic.
9. This Certification will be good for two [2] years.