



2018 Steps to becoming a Georgia Swimming Official Starter

Certification: Starter

A. Pre-requisites (Requirements)

1. Be at least 18* 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 S&T Judge 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 or be recommended in writing for this Level by a Referee who has been certified for a minimum of 1 year.

B. Certification Requirements

1. **Attend a Starter training course taught by a Georgia Certified Referee – requires written recommendation. Course is taught online – see www.GAOfficials.org for training schedule.**
 - i. Class can be requested by contacting Training Coordinator. cwasmuth@comcast.net or **by completing the clinic signup form on the www.GAOfficials.org home page. (must have met all previous requirements)**
2. Take & pass the USA Swimming on line Starter exam with a minimum score of 85% 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 Starter for eight [8] sessions at three [3] different Georgia Swimming/Georgia Masters Swimming sanctioned / approved meets under the direct supervision of three [3] different Certified Starters or Referee's having at least 1 year of certified experience. (State Championship Meets are not available for apprenticing.)
6. Complete the Apprentice Form appropriately and have the Meet Referee for that meet 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.