

## NVSL Officials Certification - FAQs

### 1) Do the Hy-tek workers, table workers, head clerk of course, chief timer and announcer need to attend a clinic to get certified?

There are no certification requirements for these positions. We are offering these clinics based on several requests from team reps and other volunteers. They are optional, but very useful.

### (2) How often must stroke and turn judges and referees/starters certify?

Referees, Starters and Stroke and Turn judges must attend a clinic every two years. While not required, we highly recommend annual clinic attendance. This is especially beneficial for those who do not officiate during the winter months. If you became an official last summer and attended a virtual clinic, we strongly advise attending an in-person clinic this year.

### (3) As a returning referee what clinics **MUST** I attend?

To stay current as a referee you **MUST**, in the current or previous year, attend **BOTH** a Ref/Starter Recertification Clinic **AND** a Stroke & Turn Clinic (or be a current USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Judge).

### (4) I am a USA Swimming-certified official. Do I have to certify through the NVSL?

#### Stroke and Turn Judges

In lieu of the NVSL Stroke & Turn Clinic, current certification as a USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Judge may be substituted. High School clinics will not count. Attendance at a Stroke & Turn clinic every other year is required by the NVSL. Certified USA Swimming Stroke & Turn Judges who wish to substitute their USA Swimming certification for attendance at an NVSL Stroke & Turn Clinic should notify their Team Representative and the Clinic Attendance Recorder.

#### Starters

In lieu of attending the NVSL Starter Clinic, current certification as a USA Swimming Starter may be substituted. High School clinics will not count. Certified USA Swimming Starters who wish to substitute their USA Swimming certification for attendance at an NVSL Starter Clinic should notify their Team Representative and the Clinic Attendance Recorder.

#### Referee

The New Referee Clinic will NOT meet the requirement for Returning Referee qualification. There is NO Reciprocity with USA Swimming for NVSL Referees. All NVSL Referees must be a Current Stroke & Turn Judge and must attend either i) the NVSL New Referee and New Starter Clinics, or ii) the NVSL Referee-Starter Clinic.

\*\* Please see the Officials Qualification Procedures document for details: [https://mynvsl.com/file/30675/Officials\\_Qualification\\_Procedures\\_adopted\\_Aug\\_2018\\_pdf](https://mynvsl.com/file/30675/Officials_Qualification_Procedures_adopted_Aug_2018_pdf)

**(5) How do USA Swimming Officials share their Stroke and Turn and Starter certifications with the League?**

Please email a copy of the official's Deck Pass to Michelle Hale [michelle.hale.swim@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.hale.swim@gmail.com).

**(6) How long do clinics typically last?**

NVSL Officials' Clinics Last about two hours. Those arriving more than 10 minutes late or leaving early will NOT receive credit for attendance.

**(7) Additional Questions?**

Please reach out to [NVSLOfficials@gmail.com](mailto:NVSLOfficials@gmail.com).