

Starter Certification:

Starter (Minimum Age 19)		
Initial Education & Training	On-the-Job Training & Initial Certification	Recertification
<p><i>USA-S Membership:</i> Required.</p> <p><i>Previous Certifications:</i> Certified as a Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of one year, with satisfactory performance during that time.</p> <p><i>Clinic:</i> VSI-approved training clinic required.</p> <p><i>Test:</i> Prior to final session, must pass Starter test with a minimal passing grade of 80% or better.</p>	<p>Complete a minimum of six sessions of training at VSI-sanctioned swim meets with positive recommendations from the Trainer and Meet Referee. Sessions must include a variety of meet classifications and at least one session must include 500 Y events or longer. A minimum of one session must be worked at a B/C meet.</p> <p>Prior to one of the first six training sessions, do a complete set-up and check of the starting equipment. Upon satisfactory completion of the six initial training sessions, work an additional session as the primary Starter, under the observation of an assigned Trainer. Receive positive recommendations from the Trainer and Referee.</p> <p>No training may occur at Age Group or Senior Championship meets.</p> <p>The District Officials Chairperson will update the trainee's status in OTS to Certified upon the satisfactory completion of all the training requirements.</p>	<p>Work a minimum of eight sessions per year, four of which must be at Starter or a higher capacity.</p> <p>Based on continuing USA Swimming membership, current background check, athlete protection and satisfactory evaluation.</p>

Notes:

- Once training is completed, provide copy to your Club Officials Chair, District Chair and VSI Database Coordinator.
- Certification is valid based on calendar year and District Chairs recertify in December

Recertification Requirements

- If the above have expired contact your District Chair and they will advise on the applicable steps to recertify accordingly.