

Stroke and Turn Judge Checklist

LSC, N2, N3

Name: _____

● Rules and Interpretations

- Stroke and Turn - know and understand all the applicable rules and official interpretations for each stroke - Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle, Individual Medley, Medley Relays.
- Relay Early Take Off Judging
 - Understands observation protocol – departure then touch.
 - Single confirmation procedure
 - Dual confirmation procedure
 - Positioning
- Swimmers with a Disability – understand how USA Swimming rules apply to swimmers with properly documented permanent disabilities.

● Meet Operations

- Appearance and Dress
- Duties
 - Arrives before designated briefing and assignment time and checks in
 - Reports promptly for the officials meeting when announced
 - Reports to assigned position on time, works full session, returns from relief on time. Takes relief when scheduled.
- Equipment - Understands use of Radios for communication. Can use radios.
- Attentiveness – focus on swimmers when in assigned jurisdiction.
- Clarity, accuracy and timeliness of reporting DQ's to Chief Judges or the Deck Referee.
- Calls all infractions regardless of age of swimmers - **benefit of any doubt goes to the swimmer.**
- Respects and supports all decision of the Referee and fellow officials.
- Understands Jurisdictions - Set by Meet Referee – Turn Judging, Stroke Judging, dual.
- Positioning & Procedures
 - Start end
 - Turn end
 - Stroke – single and dual coverage (lag lead) on each side
 - Understands balanced and even Stroke and Turn Judge coverage and why it is needed
- Lane Timer and Head Lane Timer duties, if assigned.

● Disqualifications

- Procedure
 - Observe not scrutinize
 - Raise hand (with certainty but not enthusiasm), aware of other procedures (FINA) (N3)
 - Note on heat sheet
 - Can communicate on radio (per USA Swimming guidelines)
 - Can Write a DQ slip, including notes such as which hand touched first in a Non-Simultaneous touch, etc.
 - Notify the swimmer at the end of heat (start end)
 - Aware of other procedures (FINA) - N3
- Communications with swimmers
 - Friendly, compassionate
 - "You disqualified yourself by..."
 - Inform, don't coach
 - Understand use of Chief Judges and their general function
- Confirmation/Inquires
 - Be aware, and understand that the Referee or a Chief Judge may want more information regarding a call - what was observed, where it was seen, position of observer, and what rule was broken.
 - Parents, spectators - politely redirects them to the swimmer's coach if they have questions.
 - Coaches – generally, politely ask them to talk to the Referee.

Notes:

Stroke and Turn Judge Checklist National Levels

LSC

The *Stroke and Turn Judge Checklist* is provided as a suggested guide for LSCs to certify Stroke and Turn Judges.

Where LSC certification in a position is noted as a *prerequisite* for National certification it means an official certified in the position in their LSC and:

1. LSC's and Officials must comply with the Minimum Standards for Certification as published by USA Swimming Officials Committee.
2. Official has a good understanding of the fundamentals and observes and makes valid calls with confidence.
3. Official has worked a sufficient number of sessions since initial certification to be considered for LSC age group championship meet assignment.

N2 (National Level 2)

Proficient, consistent, experienced Stroke and Turn Judge with at least one year at the LSC level.

N3 (National Level 3)

Very proficient, consistent, experienced Stroke and Turn Judge with a thorough understanding of the rules and their interpretation with at least one year at the N2 level.

Has all of the qualities needed to serve as a Stroke and Turn Judge at National Championship Meets.

Refer to the [National Officials Certification Summary](#) for other N2 and N3 certification requirements for Stroke and Turn Judge.

Notes: