

New Jersey Swimming APPRENTICE CHIEF JUDGE OBSERVATION

Official's Name:

					Meet/Date/Session #	Mentor (print name)
Session 1						
Session 2						
Session 3						
Session 4						
Apprenticeship Requirements						
					USA Swimming Member	
					Certified Stroke & Turn Judge, worked at least 16 sessions as a certified ST	
					Attend Chief Judge training clinic	
					Apprentice as CJ for at least 4 training sessions, over 2 meets with 2 trainers.	
Performance Requirements for Certification						
Evaluated during each apprentice session and use MR sign-off for each session.						
1-At level of certified Chief Judge, 2- On track for certification (successful performance), 3 - In need of additional work, N/A - Not demonstrated						
S1	S2	S3	S4	Pre-Session		
				Arrives on-time, prepared with necessary personal equipment and properly & professionally attired		
				Gives clear, complete, and accurate stroke briefing		
				Understands and communicates assignments, protocol, and jurisdiction		
				Distributes heat sheets, RTO slips, etc as needed		
S1	S2	S3	S4	During Session		
				Observes officials consistently		
				Responds quickly to raised hand within jurisdiction		
				Uses radio to inform DR of possible disqualification		
				Promptly reports lane of possible disqualification		
				Appropriately questions official about what they observed, making sure official is confident and that call is within jurisdiction		
				Uses proper radio protocol to report call, with recommendation to accept or request further discussion.		
				Able to report additional info about call in response to questions from DR		
				Fills out DQ slip neatly and accurately		
				Informs swimmers of infractions appropriately		
				Cooperates with other CJs to take calls or inform swimmers when other CJ is occupied		
				Mentors ST officials appropriately and respectfully		
				When in start area, handles DFS, deck entries, DQ slips for false starts, etc		

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				Ensures all officials are in position at session start, after stroke transitions, and following breaks
				Attends to care, comfort, and morale of officiating team, including proactively coordinating relief, water, or other accommodations
				Ensures relay take-off judges are in position, calls in RTOs and handles early take-off infractions correctly
				Cooperates with other deck officials, operating amicably and with team mentality
				Demonstrates clear knowledge of rules
S1	S2	S3	S4	Other Items
				Is willing to take suggestions and modify performance as requested
				Adjusts well to unexpected or unusual circumstances
				Understands performance criteria as outlined in CJ Professional Document
				Understands USA Swimming Safe Sport and MAAPP rules.
Comments Session 1				
Signature of MR (session 1)				
Comments Session 2				
Signature of MR (session 2)				
Comments Session 3				
Signature of MR (session 3)				
Comments Session 4				
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Recommend Certification as CHIEF JUDGE
<i>Certification must be complete within one year of the Chief Judge clinic.</i>
<i>Understands need to return completed checklist form to the official's LSC Officials Chair or designee.</i>

CHIEF JUDGE CERTIFICATION
DEFINITIONS
Certifier: An official designated by the LSC OC to certify training is complete.
Clinic: Formal in person or online training clinic, recorded in Officials Tracking System (OTS).
Certification: Stroke & Turn able to officiate at all LSC meets.
Satisfactory Performance: Able to demonstrate Performance Requirements. Deficiencies must be provided by LSC OC or designee in writing to the affected official with an Action Plan to success.
Sessions: At USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets, recorded in OTS.
Trainer: Designated by the Referee at a meet or LSC OC, an official who has been USA Swimming certified in the position for 1+ year. If a 1+ year experienced official is not on deck, the Referee may select the most experienced certified official(s) to be a trainer(s).
Training Sessions: Meet sessions that include strokes and/or relays. Time Trials and Freestyle Only sessions may not count toward training session requirements. Sessions shall be recorded in OTS.
USA Swimming Member: Completed all USAS member associated requirements before on deck apprenticeship.

CHIEF JUDGE RECERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS
Be a current non-athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.
Worked a minimum of 8 sessions/year with at least 4 as CJ or Referee
Attend clinic every 3 years.
USA Swimming recertification test every 3 years for the highest certification held.
Satisfactory performance.