

GRAL CERTIFICATION GRID
Updated for 2017 Season

Position	To Certify . . .				To Recertify			To Recertify if Certification is Not Maintained			Recommended Number Per Team
	Prerequisite	Class	Test	Walk	Work	Class	Test	Class	Test	USA Certification	
Referee	Must have worked 4 full meets (8 halves) as Strokes and Turns Judge (walking does not qualify) in the past four seasons; also must have worked as S&T or Starter at least once per year in the past 2 seasons	All four classes	All four tests PRIOR TO WALKING	1st and 2nd half as Referee; 1 half as Starter (unless certified); 1 half as Clerk (unless certified)	2 halves minimum	Referee and Strokes & Turns every year, unless USA certified	All four tests	All four classes	All four tests	Current USA Certification as Referee satisfies training requirements but GRAL written Referee test must be passed at least once.	1 to 2
Strokes & Turns	None	Strokes & Turns	Strokes & Turns Test PRIOR TO WALKING	1st half of an even (IM) meet; 2nd half of any meet; 1 other half meet (3 halves total, all events); 3rd walk should be done with an <i>approved</i> shadow where the trainee makes the calls	2 halves (as S&T or Referee)	Strokes & Turns every other year	Strokes & Turns every other year	Strokes & Turns	Strokes & Turns	Current USA Certification as a Stroke & Turn judge satisfies GRAL Training requirements to be a Stroke & Turn Judge.	4 to 6
Starter	None	Starter	Starter Test PRIOR TO WALKING	1st and 2nd half	2 halves	None	Starter every other year	Starter	Starter	Current USA Certification as a Starter satisfies GRAL Training requirements to be a Starter.	1 to 2
Clerk	None	Clerk	Clerk Test PRIOR TO WALKING	All relays (8&under at beginning, older at end); 1 half meet	2 halves	None	Clerk every other year	Clerk	Clerk	Not Applicable	2 to 3

NOTE TO TEAMS: Please do not send too many officials to training. Each team can only support no more than three Clerks, Starters, and Referees. For Strokes and Turns, you can only train a total of 6 officials per year without inconveniencing other teams.