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OFFICIALS' CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

General Information

Duration of Certification:

Level 3-5 is valid for a timeframe of two (2) years; renewal possible through

- Attend USS officials clinic
- Attend ISU officials seminar
- Host USS officials' clinic

Level 2 is valid for a timeframe of three (3) years; renewal possible through

- Attending USS officials course

Level 1 has no expiration date. It is highly recommended to attend a USS officials seminar every two years.

Level 5 – ISU Championships/Olympic Games

Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards subdivided between Short Track and Long Track.

- Current USS Membership
- Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
- Background Check (every 2 years)
- Meet ISU requirements for Championship-List
- Recommended by USS Officials Task Force and appointment by ISU Technical Committee to status of ISU Official
- Certification valid for maximum 2 years; continued education through ISU seminar and conduct of an USS official's clinic.

Certification is valid for 2 years and needs to be refreshed with an ISU or USS official's seminar.

Level 4 – ISU International Competitions

Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards subdivided between Short Track and Long Track.

- Current USS Membership
- Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)

- Background check (every 2 years)
- Meet ISU requirements for International List
- Recommended by USS Officials Task Force and appointment by ISU Technical Committee to status of International Official
- Experience as Chief in discipline at National Championships or American Cups Short Track or Long Track
- Certification valid for 2 years; refresher through either ISU seminar (prior ISU approval necessary) or USS officials clinic

Certification is valid for 2 years and needs to be refreshed with an ISU or USS officials seminar.

Level 3 – National Championships, American Cups, Olympic Trials

Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards subdivided between Short Track and Long Track. Opportunity to obtain starter status in both disciplines upon appropriate training and approval of Officials Task Force.

- Current USS Membership
- Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
- Background Check (every 2 years)
- Chief in discipline at 4 or more USS sanctioned meets or local/regional metric time trials
- Assist in discipline at 4 or more National Championships or American Cups
- Documented recommendation from association or USS Officials Task Force
- Satisfactory evaluation by appropriate official Level 3 or higher
- Must successfully complete current exam or training seminar
- Approval by USS Officials Task Force
- Photo Finish Judges may be certified by the Officials Task Force following successful completion of appropriate training in lieu of the experience requirements

Certification is valid for 2 years and needs to be refreshed with an USS official's seminar.

Level 2 – Association and Club Competitions and Local/Regional Time Trials*

Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards, Judges, Timers and Lap Counters. Records are maintained by Clubs or Associations and will have to be submitted yearly to USS upon Club/Association renewal.

- USS Membership
- Recommended Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
- Recommended Background Check (every 2 years)
- Assistant in discipline at 2 or more USS sanctioned meets or local/regional metric time trials
- Documented recommendation from association or USS Officials Task Force
- Satisfactory evaluation by appropriate official Level 3 or higher

- Must successfully complete current exam or training seminar

Certification is valid for 3 years and needs to be refreshed with an USS official's seminar.

Level 1 – Association and Club Competitions and Local/Regional Time Trials*

Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards, Judges, Timers and Lap Counters.

Records are maintained by Clubs or Associations and will have to be submitted yearly to USS upon Club/Association renewal.

- Recommended Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
- Recommended Background Check (every 2 years)
- Assistant in discipline at 1 or more USS sanctioned meets or local/regional metric time trials
- Other standards set by Club or Association might apply

*Level 1 and Level 2 Officials only have incidental and observable contact with athletes