

## Maintaining Referee Certification

Once an official has achieved their referee certification, it is expected that the referee will stay up to date with any changes published by Swim Alberta, Swimming Canada, and World Aquatics.

To remain active as a referee, an official must:

- Work as a Referee a minimum of four sessions over a minimum of two competitions each season. It is encouraged that all active Referees work a variety of other roles each season.
- Conduct or supervise an official's clinic each swim year.
- Annually register themselves in the Swimming Canada Officials Registration System.

Referees who do not complete these requirements may be inactivated by Swim Alberta. Referees who are not able to complete these requirements may request an exemption. Referees who have been inactivated can contact Swim Alberta for reinstatement.

## Referee Reinstatement

Swim Alberta recognizes there are many reasons a Referee may not maintain active status. When a Referee is not active, there may be changes that they need to be aware of to be responsible for the pool deck at a competition. This includes rule changes or other requirements of Swim Alberta, Swimming Canada, or World Aquatics. The below is a framework for Referees who are no longer active and are wanting to return to the role. Swim Alberta, in consultation with the AOCC, will confirm the specific requirements for each referee, depending on the duration of inactivity.

**The following may take place in any order, except for the evaluation which must occur last:**

- Meet with Swim Alberta to complete a Referee Orientation, which includes a review of available resources.
- Attend the Swim Alberta Referee Professional Development Day at the Swim Alberta Conference OR participate in a Referee update/refresher webinar (typically prior to the summer season)
- Take the following clinics and work one session of each. Depending on the period of inactivity, additional clinics may be required.
  - Inspector of Turns
  - Judge of Strokes
  - Starter
  - CJE/CFJ
  - Para Swimming e-Module
- Shadow a referee at a competition (this may be done while working as Starter)
- Work as a Referee with another Referee, at a competition with two Referees per session.
- Complete an evaluation as a Referee by an assigned Swim Alberta Referee Evaluator at a sanctioned competition.