

GRAL CERTIFICATION GRID
Update for 2025 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	<p>Must have worked 4 full meets (8 halves) as Strokes and Turns Judge (walking does not qualify) in the past four seasons</p> <p>Must have worked as S&T or Starter at least once per year in the past 2 seasons</p>	<p>Attend In-person New Ref Training</p> <p>"Returning Strokes and Turns Official" training</p>	<p>PRIOR TO WALKING: All four tests ("Referee Tests Only")</p>	<p>1st and 2nd half as Referee</p> <p>1 half as Starter (unless certified)</p> <p>1 half as Clerk (unless certified)</p>	2 halves minimum	<p>Attend Referee Roundtable</p> <p>"Returning Strokes and Turns Official" training every year, unless USA certified</p>	<p>All four tests "Referee Tests Only"</p>	<p>Attend In-person New Ref Training</p> <p>"Returning Strokes and Turns Official" training</p>	<p>PRIOR TO WALKING: All four tests ("Referee Tests Only")</p>	<p>Current USA Certification as Referee satisfies training requirements but GRAL 'Referee Tests Only' must be passed at least once.</p>	1 to 2
Strokes & Turns	None	In-person Strokes & Turns class	<p>PRIOR TO WALKING "New Strokes & Turns Test"</p>	<p>3 halves of any meet;</p> <p>3rd walk should be done with an approved shadow where the Trainee makes the calls</p>	2 halves (as S&T or Referee)	"Returning Strokes & Turns Official" every other year	Test included in training	In-person Strokes & Turns class	"New Strokes & Turns Test"	<p>Current USA Certification as a Stroke & Turn judge satisfies GRAL Training requirements to be a Stroke & Turn Judge.</p>	4 to 6
Starter	None	PRIOR TO WALKING "New Starter" training	Test included in training	1st and 2nd half	2 halves	None	"Returning Starter Test" every other year	"New Starter" Training	Test included in training	<p>Current USA Certification as a Starter satisfies GRAL Training requirements to be a Starter.</p>	1 to 2
Clerk	None	PRIOR TO WALKING "New Clerk of Course" training	Test included in training	<p>All relays (8&under at beginning, older at end);</p> <p>1 half meet</p>	2 halves	None	"Returning Clerk of Course Test Only" every other year	"New Clerk of Course" training	Test included in training	Not Applicable	2 to 3
Table	None	"New Head Table Worker Training"	Test included in training	None	2 halves	None	"Returning Head Table Worker Tests Only" every other year	None	"Returning Head Table Worker Tests Only" every other year	Not Applicable	1 to 2

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.