

MHSL Officials Certification Guidelines

All MHSL Officials are required to read and understand the *Mountain Hi Swim League Rules and Guidelines for Officials and Deck Staff* booklet which can be found on www.mhsl.org. Each year, Officials re-certifying for the same position they held the previous year are required to attend a clinic provided by the League or pass the League re-certification test or tests for their relevant position(s) with at least 80% accuracy. All new MHSL officials for Stroke & Turn Judge, Starter, and Referee must attend a League conducted clinic – Referees attend both the Referee and S&T clinics. The MHSL will accept a USA Swimming Official's credentials for all positions of certification he/she currently holds and will classify that Official as a re-certifying official. The USA Swimming Official may attend a League clinic or take the relevant MHSL re-certifying test(s) and must pass with at least 80% accuracy. Proof of current certification must be submitted to the MHSL Officials Chair.

For MHSL Stroke and Turn Judges:

Each team must have at least one re-certifying official (preferably the Meet Referee) attend a League conducted S&T Judge clinic. That official may then proctor a team-conducted S&T Judge clinic where all participants must take the S&T Judge test and fill out the answer sheet. The proctor is responsible for submitting to the MHSL Officials Chair by May 30th of the current season the answer sheets for each attendee and a list with the name, phone number, e-mail address, years of experience in the re-certifying position, and team affiliation for each attendee.

A re-certifying MHSL Stroke & Turn Judge is defined as a S&T Judge who was certified in the League for the previous swim season. Re-certifying MHSL S&T Judges may:

- Attend a League clinic; or
- Attend a team-conducted clinic, take the Stroke & Turn Judge test and pass with at least 80% accuracy; or
- Pass the Stroke & Turn Judge test with at least 80% accuracy

For MHSL Starters and Referees:

All new Referees must have one year of experience as an MHSL S&T Judge or be currently certified as a USA Swimming Referee. Only in the first year of a new team joining the League will an exception be granted.

Re-certifying MHSL Starters and Referees are defined as those who were certified in the League in their respective positions for the previous year's swim season or are currently certified as USA Swimming Starters or Referees. They may attend a League clinic for their position or take the appropriate test(s) for that position. Starters take the MHSL Starter's re-certification test; Meet Referees must take the MHSL re-certification Stroke & Turn Judge, Starter, and Meet Referee tests.