

NCS Starter Apprentice Program

Prerequisite to entering the Starter Apprentice Program:

- **Must be a minimum age of 19.**
- **Must be a current member of USA Swimming as a certified Official**
- **Must be a USA certified S&T judge for 6 Months.**
- **Must have worked a minimum of 18 sessions as a USA certified S&T at a USA sanctioned or approved meet.**
- **Work at least 6 sessions of the 18 at a BB or below level meet (or a meet where there are BB or lower sessions) and 6 sessions over 2 meets at prelim/finals meet to consist of 3 prelims and 3 final sessions.**
- **Must have one recommendation from an N2 or N3 level Starter or Referee for advancement.**
- **Must make application to the NCS Chair on the current application form.**

Requirements to become a Starter:

- **Attend NCS approved Clinic.**
- **Pass Starter's Test**
- **Complete a minimum of 6 mentored sessions over 3 different meets.**
- **Register for evaluation for Starter with the Meet Referee of the evaluation meet.**
- **Pass LSC Evaluation at a designated meet within 24 months after taking the clinic.**