



## **STARTER CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

### **Prerequisite**

Certified as a Stroke and Turn official for at least 1 year with a minimum of 10 sessions.

### **Minimum requirements**

10 full sessions prior to final evaluation at OSI sanctioned meets working closely with an OSI Starter or Referee.  
Minimum 3 sessions at ABC or BC meets.  
Sessions equally divided between 12&U and 13&O.

### **Stage 1: Introductory Clinic**

The trainee is introduced to the starting equipment and procedures.

### **Stage 2: Hardware set up and starting only**

Training must begin within 90 days of attendance of the introductory clinic.  
Trainee becomes familiar with the timing equipment and how it is set up and tested before each session.  
Two sessions doing voice control and/or false starts only, trainee is not responsible for order of finish.

### **Stage 3: Full function and guided practice**

A minimum of 8 sessions with authority at discretion of trainer or referee

### **Stage 4: Evaluation**

Trainee works two sessions independently, each with a different trainer at an ABC, BC or C meet.  
Sessions may be at the same meet. Each trainer must independently verify that the trainee is ready for final test.  
Certification record is sent to Area Officials Chair. Trainee takes final certification test online after receiving approval from the Area Officials Chair.

### **Pass Online Test**