# OFFICIALS’ CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

## General Information

### Duration of Certification:
Level 3-5 is valid for a timeframe of two (2) years; renewal possible through
- Attend USS officials clinic
- Attend ISU officials seminar
- Host USS officials’ clinic

Level 2 is valid for a timeframe of three (3) years; renewal possible through
- Attending USS officials course

Level 1 has no expiration date. It is highly recommended to attend a USS officials seminar every two years.

## Level 5 – ISU Championships/Olympic Games
Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards subdivided between Short Track and Long Track.

- Current USS Membership
- Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
- Background Check (every 2 years)
- Meet ISU requirements for Championship-List
- Recommended by USS Officials Task Force and appointment by ISU Technical Committee to status of ISU Official
- Certification valid for maximum 2 years; continued education through ISU seminar and conduct of an USS official’s clinic.

Certification is valid for 2 years and needs to be refreshed with an ISU or USS official’s seminar.

## Level 4 – ISU International Competitions
Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards subdivided between Short Track and Long Track.

- Current USS Membership
- Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
• Background check (every 2 years)
• Meet ISU requirements for International List
• Recommended by USS Officials Task Force and appointment by ISU Technical Committee to status of International Official
• Experience as Chief in discipline at National Championships or American Cups Short Track or Long Track
• Certification valid for 2 years; refresher through either ISU seminar (prior ISU approval necessary) or USS officials clinic

Certification is valid for 2 years and needs to be refreshed with an ISU or USS officials seminar.

**Level 3 – National Championships, American Cups, Olympic Trials**
Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards subdivided between Short Track and Long Track. Opportunity to obtain starter status in both disciplines upon appropriate training and approval of Officials Task Force.

• Current USS Membership
• Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
• Background Check (every 2 years)
• Chief in discipline at 4 or more USS sanctioned meets or local/regional metric time trials
• Assist in discipline at 4 or more National Championships or American Cups
• Documented recommendation from association or USS Officials Task Force
• Satisfactory evaluation by appropriate official Level 3 or higher
• Must successfully complete current exam or training seminar
• Approval by USS Officials Task Force
• Photo Finish Judges my be certified by the Officials Task Force following successful completion of appropriate training in lieu of the experience requirements

Certification is valid for 2 years and needs to be refreshed with an USS official’s seminar.

**Level 2 – Association and Club Competitions and Local/Regional Time Trials**
Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards, Judges, Timers and Lap Counters. Records are maintained by Clubs or Associations and will have to be submitted yearly to USS upon Club/Association renewal.

• USS Membership
• Recommended Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
• Recommended Background Check (every 2 years)
• Assistant in discipline at 2 or more USS sanctioned meets or local/regional metric time trials
• Documented recommendation from association or USS Officials Task Force
• Satisfactory evaluation by appropriate official Level 3 or higher
• Must successfully complete current exam or training seminar

Certification is valid for 3 years and needs to be refreshed with an USS official’s seminar.

**Level 1 – Association and Club Competitions and Local/Regional Time Trials***
Referees, Starters and Competitor Stewards, Judges, Timers and Lap Counters.
Records are maintained by Clubs or Associations and will have to be submitted yearly to USS upon Club/Association renewal.
• Recommended Safe Sport Certification (Initial coursework and annual refresher)
• Recommended Background Check (every 2 years)
• Assistant in discipline at 1 or more USS sanctioned meets or local/regional metric time trials
• Other standards set by Club or Association might apply

*Level 1 and Level 2 Officials only have incidental and observable contact with athletes*