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## New Training

### Stroke and Turn Judge Clinic

- [Saturday, October 3 - Madison East YMCA](#)
- [Thursday, October 8 - James Madison HS Starter/Referee Training](#)

### Starter/ Referee Clinic

- [Saturday, October 3 - Madison East YMCA](#)

### Admin Referee Skype

- **Monday October 26th**  
[Wisconsin Swimming website will have details soon](#)

If you are looking for something please contact [Michael Harbert](#) and he'll be happy to help schedule a training session or connect you with something going on.

## Stay Current!

### All Officials

- Please verify your background checks are current on your USA Swimming account and if necessary choose option 2 renewal [here](#).
- USA Swimming has some great resources for officials [here](#)!

## See YOU on Deck!



### Deck View @ USA Senior Nationals, TX

Cyndy Raatz (picture at Senior Nationals, Cyndy pictured in the middle) had an incredible experience officiating in Texas at The Phillips 66 National Meet August 6-10. She wrote a detailed summary, blog style, called, "A Tale of Two (well, maybe 3-4) Meets," detailing her experiences at these larger meets over the past couple years. It is encouraging for our athletes to recognize friendly WI faces on deck. We encourage you to [check out her story](#) and if you are interested, please think about volunteering next summer at one of these meets in Minnesota!



### Mike Mellock- CJ"ing" the 12&U State Meet

My favorite race has to be the relays. It is the best of both team spirit and performance. However, hearing protection is advised.

The best part of the CJ assignment has been the remarkable people; some are volunteers I

have known and all are people that I hope to work with in the future. They are incredible people with many different talents-a true pleasure to work with during the meet! My goal was learn from as many people as I could and that to me is invaluable.

You should do it! The position of CJ for a Championship meet will be something you will never forget. You will learn so much about people and the sport while giving the swimmers the best meet possible. You will test yourself while improving your leadership skills. There are many good

people that will help you. Knowledge and organizational skills are most important. Read the online resources from Wisconsin and USA swimming. Most importantly, if you are unsure or have a question, ask! The knowledge bank Wisconsin swimming has available is incredible. Everyone is willing to lend a hand and help you through the whole process from planning to execution. It is an honor to be a part of this team. Remember that we are there for the swimmers. See you at the pool!

Mike

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Here are links that may be of interest :

[Olympic Trials Tickets](#)

[USA Swimming Officials Page](#)

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**Thanks again for volunteering to officiate for the swimmers of Wisconsin!**

**Have a great fall! We look forward to seeing you on deck at a pool real soon :)**

