

Becoming a USA Swimming Official

Benefits of being a USA Swimming Official

- Be an active contributor to the meets your swimmer and team mates compete in; commitment/investment in your swimmer's career
- Deck access/active vantage point of the meet
- Deeper understanding of the sport of swimming, stroke techniques and operations of a swim meet
- Meet treats (hospitality feeds working coaches & officials)
- Stronger TEAM application to high enrollment swim meets
- FUNDRAISING!!

Fundraising as swim meet host

- Highest profit margin fundraising activity
 - Lower membership dues
 - No selling “stuff”
 - Average income for an 8&U meet (5 individual events, 2 relays) = \$5000
- Officials are just 1 component: “All hands on deck!”
 - Concessions
 - Deck management
 - Timing system
 - Hospitality
 - Awarding heat winners
 - Security

What it takes to become an Official

- Register with USA Swimming & CT Swim (including background check & Athlete Protection Training)
- Participate in Stroke & Turn Clinic
- Pass online Officials test of rules & regulations
- Complete 4 “on deck” training sessions at USA Swimming sanctioned meets
- Yearly registration renewal including participation in 8 meet sessions
- Bi-annual recertification including attendance to 1 clinic knowledge clinic, completion of online Athlete Protection Training, retest of rules and regulations, retest of background check