



Learn to Become an Official

Hosting swim meets is a Gator tradition. In addition to the meets being a way to show off our Gator pride, they are an important means for raising money for the team. Although we have always found a way to host these meets, we are in need of Officials to support these meets. We cannot rely on the Zone management to resource Officials positions that a host team is expected to resource.

There are numerous Officials positions that are needed for each meet. They range from the Stroke and Turn Officials like our very own Chris Stevenson to Admin Officials and various meet Referees. A great way to learn about the different Officials positions is to attend the annual Official's Clinic hosted by the Zone. And if you have interest in becoming an Official, attending the Clinic is part of certification process.

For those who are interested in attending please contact [Sarah Burke](#) or [Dave Dunkle](#), Gator Meet Directors. Please see below for more information.

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There are different Officials positions. Each position has different certification requirements. Here are the general steps for becoming an Official.

1. Register with USA Swimming as a non athlete, non coach member. Our Team will submit the registration and pay for the registration.
2. Enroll in the USA Swimming Background check. Our Team will reimburse any costs.
3. Take the online Athlete Protection training. There is no cost for this training.
4. Attend the Zone Officials Clinic. There is no cost to attend the Clinic.
5. Shadow a mentor Official at designated swim meets. This is typically one or two meets until the mentoring Official certifies you able to officiate without supervision. There is no cost for this on the job training.