**JETS ARE IN NEED OF OFFICIALS!**

JETS families,

Please consider becoming an official volunteer for the JETS swim team! As an official, you would be in charge of watching for stroke infractions, disqualifications, and other jobs such as Administrative official and starter!

You would be on the pool deck just like your swimmer, and would be able to volunteer at our meets and others in key roles! Officials are needed to allow the meet to run successfully and in accordance with USA swimming and YMCA swimming rules. **Because the Jets host USA Swimming sanctioned meets, we ask you to become a USA swimming official first, then complete your YMCA official requirements if you choose to.**

**How to become a USA Swimming Official:**

1. **Register as a Non-Athlete with Illinois Swimming**. Non-Athlete membership is $79. The Jets will reimburse the cost. You can register online [HERE](https://www.teamunify.com/MemRegStart.jsp?team=ilslsc).
2. **Complete a background check through USA Swimming**—the link is [HERE.](http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2731&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en) All coaches and officials with direct access to athletes are required to have this done. Remember when doing it you are signing on as an official and USA Swimming does Level 2 background checks. The cost for an initial check is $38.00. Renewal (every two years) is less. The Jets will reimburse this cost.
3. **Find and attend a clinic**—all clinic information is posted on the Illinois Swimming website on the official’s page—the link is [HERE](https://www.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=ilslsc&_stabid_=159740). After attending the class, take an online test. The class costs $35. The Jets will reimburse the cost.
4. **Complete the Athlete Protection Training webinar** through USA Swimming. This is mandatory for all coaches and officials. The link is [HERE.](https://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2193&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en) (This can be done from home anytime after you become a member.)
5. **Observe Officiating on deck** at swim meets. They do not have to be Jets meets, they can be any USA Swimming sanctioned meet.
6. Once the training and tests are complete send all of the materials to [**ilswimofficials@ilswim.org**](mailto:ilswimofficials@ilswim.org)

After a year of officiating for USA Swimming, reciprocating to YMCA swimming is easy. Reach out to IL YMCA state official for more information if you decided you would like to be both USA and Y official.

Our team really needs officials. Please consider becoming an official to help our team continue to host and attend swim meets! Several officials are needed to run our hosted meets and to help with a lot of the meets we attend. If you have any questions about becoming and official, please contact Laura Mestan @ [lauramestan@gmail.com](mailto:lauramestan@gmail.com), or any of our officials on our team.

Sincerely,

The JETS

The information above is found on their website @ <https://www.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=ilslsc&_stabid_=159732>