



### **Officials**

Being an official is a great way to get involved in your swimmer's life and the sport so thank you! You learn rules about swimming and what makes a meet work. The time will pass by much faster when you're involved. And, you will be on deck helping the sport improve.

#### **Some quick links:**

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- NYC Area Official Chair: New York City—Amanda Lister ([amanda@listernyc.com](mailto:amanda@listernyc.com))
- Metro Swimming Official Chair: Mark Amodio ([amodio@vassar.edu](mailto:amodio@vassar.edu))
- Metro Swimming forms page (scroll down to officials) [click here](#)
- USA Swimming Rulebook [click here](#)

#### **Steps to becoming an official:**

**First** - Visit this link for a run down of what to expect.

[Metro Swimming Officials intro sheet](#)

**Second** - Get some officials' clothing. White shoes that can get wet, navy shorts, pants or skirt, and an officials' shirt. Pool decks are warm so many officials have shorts year-round.

[Metro Swimming Apparel](#)

**Third** - Visit Metro Swimming's home page and scroll down the center of the homepage to find an upcoming Stroke and Turn clinic and enroll. **Stroke and Turn** is your initial role as an official.

[Metro Swimming Homepage](#)

**Fourth** - Fill out and submit the apprentice registration form.

[Metro Swimming Apprentice Form](#)

**Fifth** - Fill out and submit the "non-athlete" registration form to Coach Matt for processing at AGUA (Asphalt Green, 555 East 90th St, New York, NY 10128. This is submitted after 6 apprentice sessions (2 meets).

[Metro Swimming Non-Athlete Form](#)

**Sixth** - Tests and background check. This takes a while FYI

- [Athlete Protection](#)
- [Background Check](#) (Level II): Approx. \$40, Metro to reimburse. Email receipts: to AGUA Official contacts with completed reimbursement form.
- [Instructional Videos](#) (focus on strokes: Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle, Individual Medley)
- [Online Test](#) (most time consuming)

Finally, sign up in an officiating slot for the AGUA job sign-up for any meet that you intend to work/train. We generally gather in the coaches' office 45 minutes before the start of each session. You should join that meeting. Volunteers will walk around and supply you with water during the meet session. Of course, you can take restroom breaks as needed. Now, get out on deck! If there are any questions, please send to Coach Matt. ([mhall@asphaltgreen.org](mailto:mhall@asphaltgreen.org))