

Quick Guide to Becoming a Certified USA Swim Stroke and Turn Judge in Metropolitan Swimming  
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Thank you for your interest in becoming a USA Swimming Official with Metro Swimming! You've likely already had the opportunity to discuss this rewarding experience with other officials that belong to your club, but if you have or haven't, here's a quick guide to what you'll need to do. Everything listed below, and more, will be covered in detail during the on-line clinic. More detailed information can also be found in the 2019-2020 New Officials' Clinic Agenda which can be found under the Officials' Forms link.

Please declare your interest in becoming an official by emailing Mark Amodio, the Metro Officials' Chair ([amodio@vassar.edu](mailto:amodio@vassar.edu)) copying your local Area Chair and, if you are attached to a club, anyone on your team acting in the capacity as an "Officials' Coordinator."

Area	Chairperson	email
Hudson Valley North ( <i>Sullivan, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam</i> )	Ken Graham	<a href="mailto:ksg@alumni.caltech.edu">ksg@alumni.caltech.edu</a>
Hudson Valley South ( <i>Rockland, Westchester</i> ) and New York City	Steven Kessler	<a href="mailto:stevenkessler@msn.com">stevenkessler@msn.com</a>
Nassau County	Rich Brown	<a href="mailto:Richbrown4@verizon.net">Richbrown4@verizon.net</a>
Suffolk County	Jacky Spierer	<a href="mailto:Musi0939@aol.com">Musi0939@aol.com</a>

**Requirements:**

- 1) **Register and create an account with USA Swimming**  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/register>
- 2) **Attend an on-line seminar for new Stroke and Turn Judges**  
The schedule of clinics can be found here:  
<https://www.teamunify.com/team/mlsc/page/news/176597/online-new-officials-training-dates>
- 3) **Non-Athlete Registration** – choose either "Non-Athlete Registration Form" or the "60-day Apprentice Form" (if you are still unsure if officiating is for you!)  
<https://www.teamunify.com/team/mlsc/page/metro-forms/officials-forms>

Please note that steps 1-3 must be completed before you can be issued the Deck Pass (LSC certification card) that will allow you to begin your on-deck training. The following requirements can be completed in any order.

- 4) **Stroke and Turn Judge Instructional Videos** – Please view these prior to attending the online seminar.  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/officials-training-videos>
- 5) **Background Check**  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/background-checks>  
Metro will reimburse you for the cost of the background check. See here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/91287655059165>
- 6) **SafeSport Athlete Protection Training**  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/safe-sport/apt>
- 7) **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Program**  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policy#sts=MAAPP%20Sample%20forms>
- 8) **Concussion Training**  
CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>  
or NFHS <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61129/concussion-in-sports>
- 9) **Stroke & Turn Judge Test**  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing>
- 10) **Track your 6 required on-deck apprentice sessions**

#	Date	Meet	Meet Session	Head Referee
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- 11) **Notify Metro chair, Area Chair, Head Coach, and team's Officials' Coordinator when you have completed all requirements**

**Important Websites**

USA Swimming – [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org)

Metropolitan Swimming – [www.metroswimming.org](http://www.metroswimming.org)

Official's Tracking System (OTS) <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-tracking>