



Procedures to become a USA Swimming Official

Thank you for your interest in becoming a USA swimming official!

SFAC is a parent governed club that needs the support of parent volunteers like you to be successful. We are always in need of additional parents to become qualified as stroke and turn officials, starters, administrative officials and referees.

This is a great way to become more involved in USA swimming, give back to your team, and best of all – a poolside view of your swimmer!

Further information and a link to the online tests and the most recent USA swimming rulebook can be found on the USA Swimming website:

<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing>

To become familiar with the materials, you are encouraged to download and print out a blank copy of the applicable online test and use this as a resource to guide your study of the rulebook. This is an open book online exam and once you feel ready to take the test you can use your study guide to assist you.

The following are the procedures for becoming an official:

- 1) Complete a Non-Athlete (or apprentice) USA Registration form
<http://www.nmswim.org>>> Administrative >> Forms. Return it to the team Registrar or Head Coach for submission to the NMS Swimming Registrar.
- 2) Contact the NMS Swimming Officials Chair (Lori Onsaе lori.onsae@gmail.com) to schedule an applicable Orientation/Training Clinic. This can often be arranged to occur following a swim meet.
- 3) Create a USA Swimming web account: <http://www.usaswimming.org>: >> SIGN IN [upper right] >> REGISTER. Link your USA Swimming Web Account to your USA Swimming Non-Athlete or Apprentice Official Registration (this won't be possible until your Non-Athlete Registration or Apprentice Official Application is processed by USA Swimming).
- 4) Complete the USA Swimming Level 2 Background Check (<http://www.usaswimming.org>: Member Resources >> Safe Sport > Complete a Background Check)
- 5) Complete the Athlete Protection Test (<http://www.usaswimming.org>: Member Resources > Safe Sport > Athlete Protection Training).
- 6) Pass applicable tests on USA Swimming website(<http://www.usaswimming.org>: For You >> Officials> Officials Online Testing)
- 7) Participate in the required numbers of “deck sessions” (S&T = 6 sessions; AO = 2 sessions) with a certified official for mentoring purposes. Report for deck time with the Meet Referee prior to the start of warm-ups for the session you wish to work (information on who the Ref for a meet is will be available in the meet announcement document). Arrive in uniform which, unless otherwise stated, is a white polo shirt, blue slacks/shorts, and white footwear.