



UPPER ARLINGTON SWIM CLUB
A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



BECOMING A USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL

Becoming a **USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL** is another way you can help out **UASC** and the sport. It is easy!

- You are assisted through the process, which includes registration, testing, and training.
- You apprentice alongside a certified official before you are permitted to officiate by yourself.
- You will be confident in your abilities and your knowledge before you need to make your first “DQ.”

To begin the process:

- Register as an Ohio Swimming, Inc. Official. (This will make you a member of Ohio Swimming and USA Swimming)
 - Please go to <https://www.teamunify.com/MemRegStart.jsp?team=czohlsc>
- Complete the website registration on [usaswimming.org](https://www.usaswimming.org).
 - Please go to <https://www.usaswimming.org/register>
- Complete the background check (BGC).
 - Please go to <https://www.usaswimming.org/background-checks>
- Attend one Official's Clinic offered by Ohio Swimming, Inc. Two are offered during the year.
- Complete the athlete protection training course (APT).
 - Please go to <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/safe-sport/apt>
- Complete the following online test with a grade of at least 80% - Stroke & Turn/Timer
 - Please go to <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing>
 - Stroke & Turn/Timer Test – Date Completed _____ Score _____
- Shadow an OSI Stroke & Turn Mentor at four or more sessions, over at least two meets. Sometimes working more than four sessions will be needed to achieve proficiency in all skills. Of the four mentoring sessions, at least two sessions must be with two different Mentors.
- Certification must be completed within one year from date of initial clinic.

Why should I become an official?

- Officiating fulfills your work requirements for UASC hosted swim meets
- You get to know the coaches and officials from other clubs
- The club will reimburse you for your initial certification (paying your membership in USA Swimming)

You can drastically lower your family's registration and event entry fees! How?

Effective annually, the following list of incentives are offered to **UASC** members in good standing who, as approved by the UASC Board of Directors and UASC Officials' Representative, commit and fully execute the duties of **USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL** (deck and administrative officials, non-apprentice).

These incentives are effective for the Short Course / Long Course seasons, (October 1st through September 30th or commencing for 12 months beyond apprenticeship) and are in addition to all Club-paid fees and dues necessary to be recognized as an approved **USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL** (all types listed below).

Upon completion of apprenticeship, incentives are effective immediately, *but will be billed retroactively upon failure to fulfill the commitments listed below.*

Deck Officials - Deck Referee, Chief Judge, Starter, or Stroke & Turn official.

Those deck officials who complete the required apprenticeship period and become certified are expected to work at UASC-hosted meets.

Those who work a **minimum of eight (8) sessions at a UASC-hosted meet** (Golden Bear Invitational, Triple Crown Invitational, UA-hosted Regional Meet) between October and March shall be granted the following incentives:

- Annual UASC registration fee shall be waived.
- Event entry fees for each swimmer on the account at all UASC-hosted meets shall be waived.
- Posted work requirements for all UASC-hosted meets shall be waived.

Those who work **an additional four (4) sessions at a non-UASC home meet**, shall be granted the additional incentive:

- Event entry fees for each swimmer on the account at a non-UASC home meet shall be waived.

The purpose of this additional incentive is to promote reciprocity within the [USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL](#) community as other clubs need our UASC member deck officials to serve non-UASC decks from time to time.

Administrative Officials - Administrative Official or Clerk of Course.

Those administrative officials who complete the required apprenticeship period and become certified are expected to work at UASC-hosted meets.

Those who work a **minimum of eight (8) sessions at a UASC-hosted meet** (Golden Bear Invitational, Triple Crown Invitational, UA-hosted Regional Meet) between October and March shall be granted the following incentives:

- Annual UASC registration fee shall be waived.
- Event entry fees for each swimmer on the account at all UASC-hosted meets shall be waived.
- Posted work requirements for all UASC-hosted meets shall be waived.

For those who are certified as Administrative Officials, because of increased work responsibility at UASC-hosted events and limited session opportunities outside of the Club's home venue, the additional incentive shall be granted:

- Event entry fees for each swimmer on the account at a non-UASC home meet shall also be waived.

Additional Incentives

A [USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL](#) who actively represents our Club will also be afforded the following compensation:

- Annual Membership fee with Ohio Swimming, Inc.
- USA Swimming Background Check fee (reimbursed directly from Ohio Swimming, Inc.).
- Annual certification/recertification clinic fee.

Other travel and/or expenses incurred by the [USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL](#) are *NOT* compensated by the Club.