

6 steps to becoming a USA swimming official

Step 1: Attend an officials' clinic

Step 2: Complete the online Stroke & Turn test

For the testing, you need to create your own account on the USA swimming website. Do not use your swimmer's account.

<https://www.usaswimming.org/Secure/Logon.aspx?fromLink=true&returnUrl=%2fDesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=0&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en-US>

Once you have created an account, you go to the following page

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1514&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en> to take the online stroke and turn official test (see posted instruction sheet as well- it has good tips)

Step 3: Complete the USA Non-athlete member registration (you may use the apprentice form initially). The annual registration is \$80. Complete the form and give it to Shawn Stringham to submit to Utah Swimming.

Step 4: Pass the level 2 background check (cost \$39, print your receipt and submit to Shawn Stringham for reimbursement)

This link will take you to the background check

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2019>

Step 5: Complete the online athlete protection training (no cost)

This link will take you to the athlete protection training

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2193&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

Step 6: On deck training

It is a good idea to contact the meet referee prior to the meet to request the opportunity to train as a stroke and turn official. The meet referee contact info is on the first page of the meet info. Just go to our event page and click on the event. The meet info is the attached pdf. Don't worry if you don't hear back from them. Still plan to arrive at the meet (at the start of warm up), look for the official with a whistle around their neck and introduce yourself. Let them know you'd like to train. The official's meetings normally take place 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet. They will ask you what stage of training you are at. Let them know you are at the first stage- observation. Make sure to bring your training log with you and have the referee sign it before you leave.