

7 Reasons to Become a USA Swimming Official

1. Help your team and the sport of swimming
2. Be close to the action. The bleachers aren't comfortable anyway!
3. Get to meet future Olympians - aside from the ones you may already have at home.
4. Work with the greatest group of volunteers in all sports.
5. Enjoy great food in hospitality, and you can't beat the price
6. Learn to understand the rules of competitive swimming
7. High satisfaction; no pay

Your Team Contact is:



There are 67 swim clubs in Connecticut and the average number of Officials per team is only 4. So, your club would welcome your participation!

We look forward to seeing you on deck!



www.ctswim.org/Officials

Become a Swimming Official & Support Your Team!

Whether you are a parent just looking to get more involved, an experienced timer, a former swimmer, or a coach, we hope you will consider becoming an Official to help "America's Swim Team."

As an official with Connecticut and USA Swimming, you will be joining over 300 other volunteer Officials in Connecticut and more than 335,000 nationwide. You will be eligible to officiate at meets across the country, not just in Connecticut

On average, Connecticut Officials volunteer at 7 meets annually – for one or two sessions each meet. These are generally meets in which their children participate. Their involvement gives young swimmers the opportunity to compete, and since meets cannot go on without Officials, their service also makes it possible for their teams to host meets, providing an opportunity to give more exposure to their clubs and raise money. As a result, Officials' registration fees with Connecticut and USA Swimming are often paid for by the teams.



How do I become an official for USA Swimming in CT?

Most officials observe the swimmers as Stroke & Turn Judges. (Wet side!) Others volunteer at the computer table and perform timing and administrative duties as administrative Officials. (Dry side.)

You could be on deck officiating in a matter of weeks, depending on your availability to attend a clinic for new officials and train at two or three meets. There are several other requirements:

1. Register online as a member of Connecticut and USA Swimming
2. Attend a clinic – usually 2 ½ hours on a weekday evening

3. Take an online, open-book test
4. View an online video and take a short quiz about protecting athletes (APT)
5. Apply online for a background check -- required of all officials
6. Train by shadowing a certified official at a minimum of two meets

Get all the details about these easy steps at: www.ctswim.org/Officials/Certifications/

Officiating starts local but has the opportunity to be global - see the world through swimming!

Friendships are made and kept for a lifetime. Join us and have fun!

