

Steps to Becoming a Swim Official

1. Start the Background Check process. Everyone associated with USA Swimming must pass a level 2 background check. The link below is for NEW OFFICIALS ONLY. There is another link for renewing background checks. Renewal is required every 2 years.
<https://usaswimming.membersenrollment.net/?id=HHzTey4aarNvKUm1FcpcbKT7BgyaaOsFdKrcA5MFyKzeT8F1sqYgGQ%3d%3d>
2. Create a USA Swimming account (Deck Pass). You MUST register for an account in order to track your training modules. Be sure to click on the button that asks to send you to information for “Officials”. (Right side of the registration screen) Be sure to associate yourself with Swim Cenla (SC). <https://www.usaswimming.org/register>
3. Once you’ve registered for your Deck Pass account, click the “Resources” button at the top of the page.
4. Click on Education.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the “USA Swimming LEARN Member Portal”.
6. Click on the photo that says “LEARN”.
7. Enter your name and birthday and click “Search”. Click “Continue” next to your name.
8. You will need to complete the Athlete Protection Training AND all modules for Stroke and Turn Officials.
9. Once you have completed the video training modules, you are ready to take the Stroke and Turn test. You may use the Official’s Handbook as a reference when you take the test.
10. When you pass your tests and get your background check clearance, you will need to contact Ty Dolese, Louisiana Swimming Officials Chair. His contact information is as follows: 985.629.2082; ty.dolese@gmail.com
Ty will assist you with registering as a Provisional Louisiana Swimming Official and ordering your name tag.
11. Once you have passed your tests, you will need to complete 4 provisional assignments. This simply means you will work at a meet with an experienced official that will assist you with any questions you have and provide clarification on stroke technique. You must work the entire session. For example, if a meet has two different sessions, such as 12 and under in the morning and 13 and over in the afternoon, you can work both sessions and earn two provisional credits.
12. To work as a provisional official, simply introduce yourself to the Meet Official and let them know you are completing your provisional sessions. He/She will take your name and then record your provisional session once completed.
13. Officials typically wear navy blue bottoms and a white polo shirt. I suggest wearing shoes that will dry quickly (not a flip flop) that have adequate tread as the pool deck can be slick. You will get wet. ☺ Championship meets may have slightly different variations, such as khaki instead of navy, and will be assigned by Ty before the meet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via text or email at 318-792-5224 or jody12301@gmail.com.