



Meet the Officials Committee



Holly Russell - Officials Chair- Meet Referee

After our daughter began competing in swimming, I realized that sitting in the stands wasn't my thing. I decided to become an official, and started officiating a year later. The more my child progressed in the sport, the more I advanced in my officiating career. I've had the opportunity to travel across various states and make new friends along the way. I love being a contributing member of the LSC. .



Cynda Avery- Meet Referee

My name is Cynda Avery and I have been officiating for 18 years. I have four children, 3 of which swam competitively. I got into officiating when they were in different sessions. Even though my kids are grown I continue to officiate because I love the sport and enjoy the camaraderie among the officials.



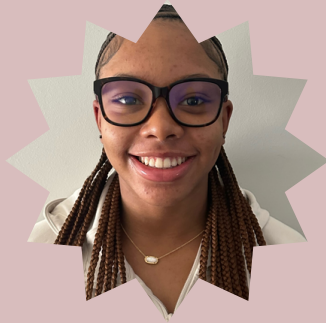
Terri Clark - Meet Referee

My journey into becoming an official started as a means of supporting my daughters love for the sport. It didn't take long to realize though that it meant so much more! Through the years I've met many great coaches, officials, athletes, parents, and volunteers who make up the greater swim community. Nothing is more rewarding than being part of a sport that teaches us ALL how to build resilience, work as a team, and act with kindness and a positive attitude. Being a part of this "swim family" has allowed me to give back to the community and support our kids' love of swimming!



Adam Forbes - Meet Referee

My name is Adam Forbes and I have been a USAS official for around seven years. I started out as an AO with the intention of only volunteering at meets that my kid's club hosted. That lasted about six months when I decided to get my Stroke and Turn certification to help out at other meets. Now I have my N2 for AR and SR, as well as N3 for ST. I have two kids who are both headed off to swim at different universities next year and my wife coaches for a USAS club in the Grand Rapids area.



Shyla Mitchell- Athlete Rep

My name is Shyla Mitchell. I am a high school student at Detroit Renaissance High School. I am a member of their swim team as well as the Novi Spartan Aquatic Club. I have been competitively swimming since I was eight years old. I thoroughly enjoy swimming. This past season I won first place 100 breaststroke at the high school city championship meet. I hope to continue competitively swimming at a collegiate level. When I'm not swimming, I love reading, vacationing and spending time with family and friends.



Dean Schroeder- Meet Referee

I got started in competitive swimming when our daughters joined the neighborhood summer swim team in 2009 in Northern Virginia. Quickly that turned into year-round USA Swimming for the girls, and in turn my wife Margaret and I decided it was better being on deck than in the stands, so we volunteered and signed up to be Officials. In 2017 our daughters left the nest, and although our origins of officiating started in Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS), we transferred to Michigan Swimming in 2018 when we moved back to Michigan, we did this because of all the wonderful people we have met on deck both near and far.



Allison Stiles- Athlete Rep

My name is Allison Stiles and I am from Rockford, MI. I attend Rockford High School and swim for North Kent Aquatic Team. In my free time I enjoy reading, baking, walking my dog, and being around my family and friends.