

60 day Apprenticeship/Registered Member Apprenticeship USA Swimming Clinic.

We are excited to have you on board. By now you should have been given a link by your coach and you have a USA Swimming, **non-athlete official membership**. Please only sign up as **Non Athlete Official or Non Athlete Official Apprentice**. Do not sign up as Non Athlete Other. If you do not, now is the time to reach out to your swimmer's coach for a link to sign up. Let us assume you have already signed up and have an account at <http://www.hub.usaswimming.org> Please email officials@fgcswim.org with your name/team (if you are attached to one) and contact information.

Your account has an **EDUCATION, USA Swimming University Tab Officials** Section and that is where you fulfill your requirements.

Please complete the following requirements in order:

1. **IMMEDIATELY NOW** take the Athlete Protection Training (mandatory) before you can apprentice on deck.
2. Take the Foundations Class and Stroke and Turn Clinic. The test is open book and the rulebook is searchable. Take a screenshot of your score and email to Officials@fgcswim.org
3. You may now start to apprentice on deck. A minimum of 4 sessions with two different mentors, over two different meets, is required. This is where you apply knowledge from the rulebook **and** test. Officials wear white collared shirts, black or navy bottoms, mostly white or black socks with mostly white or black sneakers. Bring a hat, rain gear and sunscreen. Please report to the meet referee 1 hour before the session starts for a mandatory briefing of all officials. **High School Meets do not count towards sessions nor to meets where only freestyle events or Time Trial sessions.**
4. While doing your apprenticeship or before, complete the background check. There is a cost, but the FGC will reimburse as long as you become a full registered official. This is the form to submit for reimbursement of background check **only**.
https://www.teamunify.com/szfgslsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/2023-fgc-volunteerreimbursementform_030235.pdf
5. While doing your apprenticeship or before, take the mandatory Concussion Training. A copy of your completion certificate gets emailed to npmcoach4@aol.com.
6. After completion of your apprenticeship you will be certified to work stroke and turn on any FGC deck or when traveling outside of the Florida Gold Coast.
7. It is now time to upgrade your membership. Log into your account at <http://www.hub.usaswimming.org> and look for an General Information then "upgrade pill" and pay your annual membership. If this does not work you may have to ask your coach for a link again, but be careful . . . **do NOT create a duplicate account**. You may wish to speak with your swimmer's coach for reimbursement of your annual membership fee. Annual fee run from September 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

To understand the structure of USA Swimming and Florida Gold Coast here is a start:

Florida Gold Coast LSC fgcswim.org review the officials section and check out the Meet Schedule.

USA Swimming <https://www.usaswimming.org/> look at the officials section.

Officiating Opportunities: YMCA, College, High School, Masters and Open Water, Feel free to ask.

World Aquatics <https://www.worldaquatics.com/> Feel free to explore their website. They are the governing body that runs the swimming part of the Olympics and other events. They are a rule making body.

National Certification: Once certified as an LSC Official, we have National certifications of N2 and N3. Please ask if you have questions and we will share.

After being a Stroke & Turn Official for a good stint, ask about becoming a Starter, Referee, Admin Referee or Admin Official.

Feel free to ask any member of the officials committee or any Meet Referee for help.

My contact information is available anytime: gold438@gmail.com or by phone at 954-790-3099.

Welcome to the team,
Steven Goldman Officials Chair.

The below Stroke & Turn Apprentice log must be printed out and taken with you to any meet you apprentice at. You will not be allowed on deck without this log. A **minimum** of 4 sessions, with two different mentors, over two different meets, is required. When you are done with your sessions, take a picture of your log, and email it to: Officials@fgcswim.org. It is helpful to take pictures after during sessions because of rain and dampness. **Certification is only issued by the Officials Chair after all items have been verified. You can not be certified during a meet and it may take up to a week for your credentials to be issued.**

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