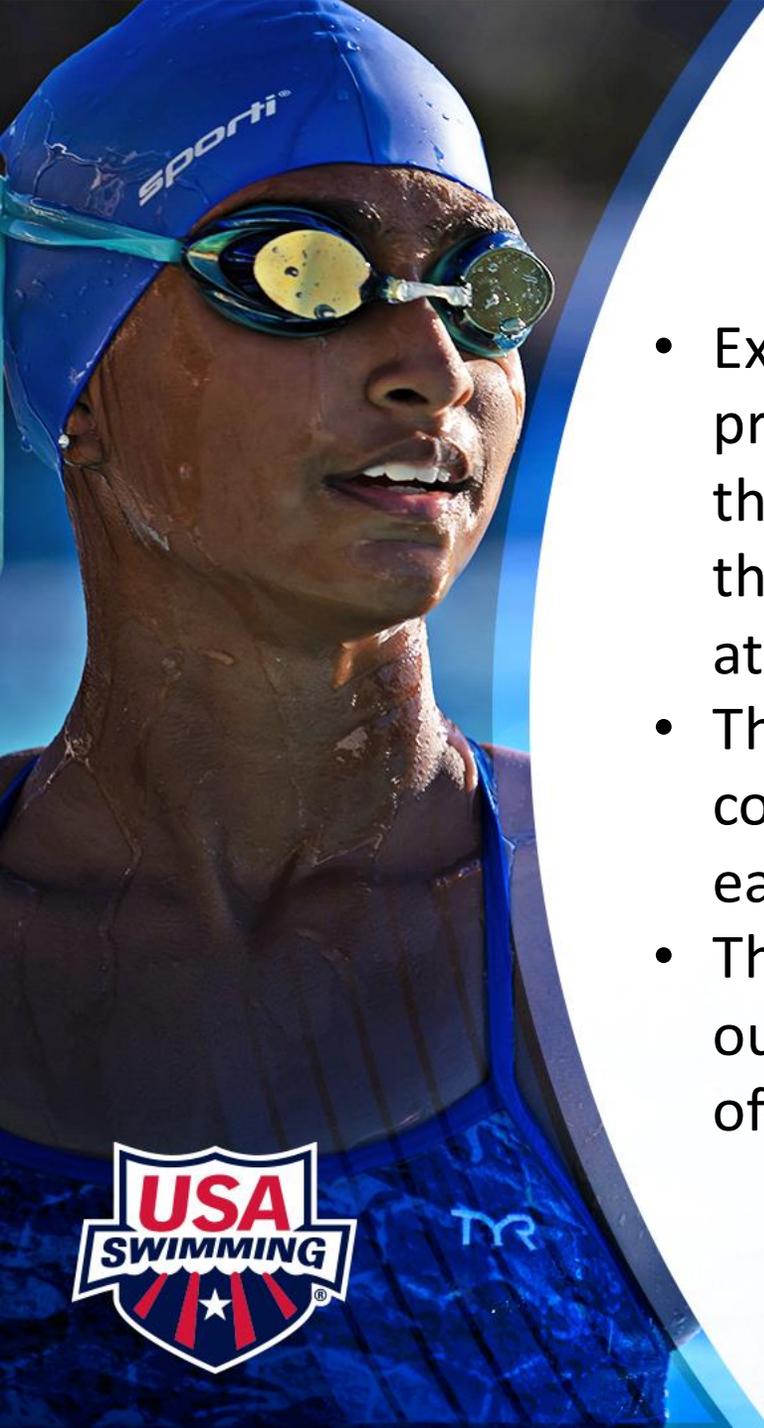




JUNIOR OFFICIALS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY



Rationale

- Expanding the pool of potential officials is a necessary action to preserve our sport. By allowing 16–17-year-old members to serve in the capacity of a junior meet official, it will generate a new pipeline to the officiating community and offer an opportunity for student athletes to expand their role within USA Swimming.
- This new membership category will contribute to ensuring competition for our swimmers continues and helps meet hosts more easily staff them.
- This will open the door for additional competition opportunities for our athletes that will compete with similar opportunities currently offered in other youth sports.

Quick Logistical Facts

- Ages: 16-17
- Cost: Full Annual USA Swimming Membership. No additional cost if member is already a current Premium Athlete member
- Date of Implementation: September 2024



Membership Facts

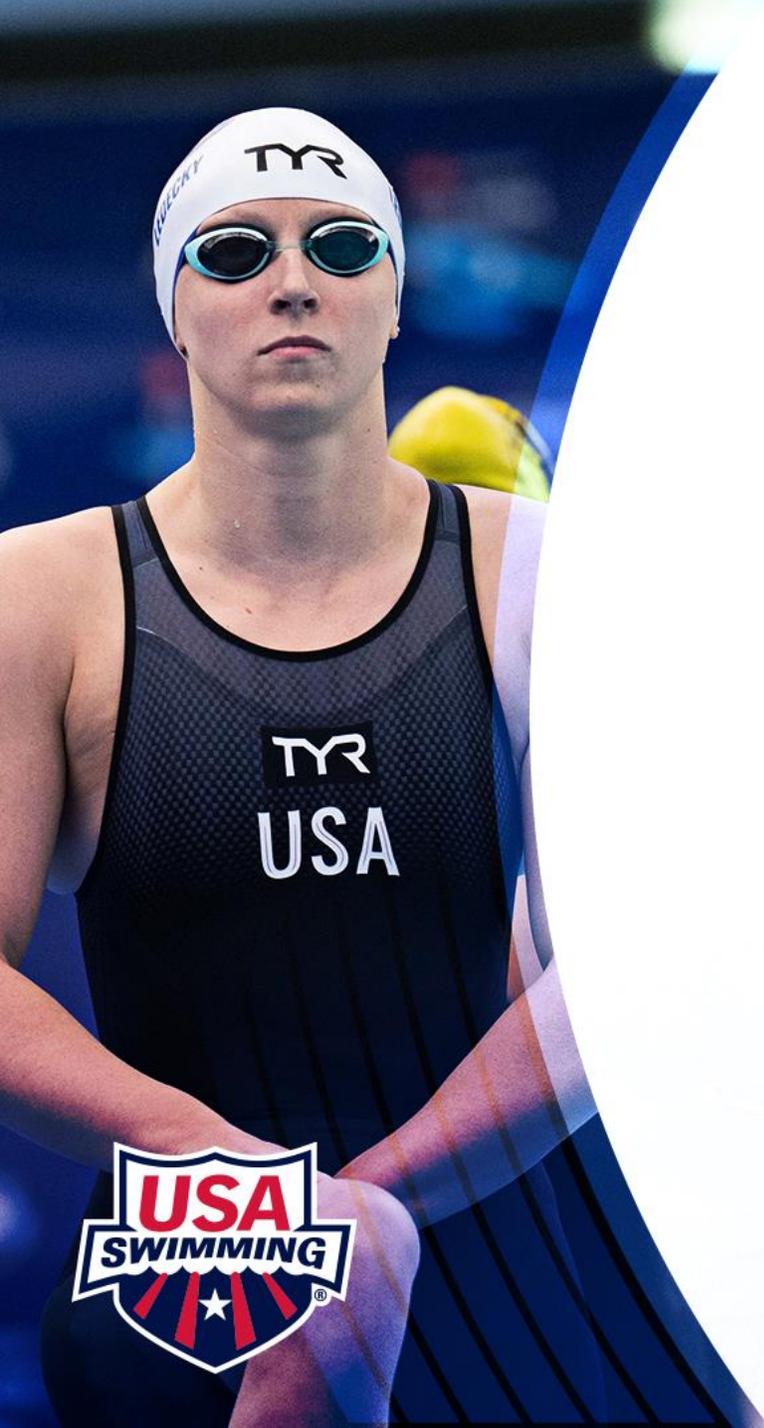
- Stroke and Turn Judge
- Introductory officiating position for senior athletes in USA Swimming
- Officiating in sessions limited to 12& Under where not entered to compete
- Meet Referee is responsible for overseeing all officials on deck, including the Junior Official
- 1 Junior Official: 1 Officials Ratio on Deck



Membership Requirements

- Technical Training as stated in Rule 102.10.2
- Safe Sport for Youth Athletes (13-17) Training
Replaces APT Training until age 18
- No Background Check (Under 18)
- Concussion Protocol Training





Supplementary Educational Materials

- The following resources will be linked to the USA Swimming Officials page:
- [2024 Jr Officials Tips for Success](#)
- [MAAPP Guidelines for Junior Officials](#)
- [Power Dynamic Resource](#)
- [Reporting & Protest Intimidation Resource](#)

Questions, comments, concerns?

- National Officials Chair: [Dana Covington](#)
- Registration/Membership Chair: [Angela Monty](#)
- Junior Officials Working Group Co-Chairs: [Zach Toothman & Marco Greico](#)
- SWIMS & OTS Software: [Eric Stimson](#)
- LSC Officials Chair & LSC Registrars

