

# Become a swim official!

Pacesetter is always in need of volunteer swim officials to help us run meets throughout the season. We can't host meets without officials so it's very important to always have several active officials available on the team. Please consider becoming a swim official today!

Some advantages to becoming an official:

- Learn the ins and outs of competitive swimming
- Front row seats to all the action
- Free meals provided by the host team
- Time flies by when working a swim meet. 3 hours officiating goes by much faster than sitting 3 hours in the stands
- Deck access – most meets parents aren't allowed on the pool deck, but officials have full access

After becoming an official you choose to officiate any of the meets and sessions you want to officiate. If you want to only do the Pace meets then you can (with the exception of doing at least 1 session at an away meet per year to stay current). We do hope after becoming an official you would volunteer as many sessions as possible for any meets that Pace hosts. (Minimum of 6 sessions must be worked per year to stay current. At least 5 home and 1 away. Working all Pace sessions and one session at Highland Hills covers this requirement)

To become an official the following steps will need to be completed:

- [Attend a Stroke and Turn Clinic](#) – done online at home
- [Complete a Level 2 Background Check](#) – done online at home
- [Complete Athlete Protection Training](#) – done online at home
- [Complete Concussion Protocol Training](#) - done online at home
- Complete on-deck sessions shadowing a certified official

After becoming an official the Athlete Protection Training is done yearly and the Background Check will need to be done every 2 years to stay current.

All fees collected by USA Swimming to become an official will be reimbursed by Pacesetter once you become a full official. See Todd Ramirez for reimbursement.

For more information on officiating swimming check out these links:

USA Swimming: <https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/how-to-become-an-official>

See stroke and turn section only to start with. You can expand to other official types later:  
[https://www.teamunify.com/czinlsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/2020-in-official-standards-8-1-2020\\_087294.pdf](https://www.teamunify.com/czinlsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/2020-in-official-standards-8-1-2020_087294.pdf)

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