

Becoming an IL Swimming Official: *We Need You!*

Chicago Wolfpack Aquatic Club
CWAC





Why Get Involved?

- Help your swimmer grow, understand the rules
- Build our community of parent support
- Share the workload for home meets (*we are volunteers*)
- Ensure each CWAC meet is successful
- Expand your network
- Free meet admissions
- Hospitality provided during meet
- Best views in the natatorium
- Incentives

Types of Officials

Beginning Level

- Stroke and Turn (ST)
- Administrative Official (AO) (dry side/table)

Medium Level

- Starter (SR)

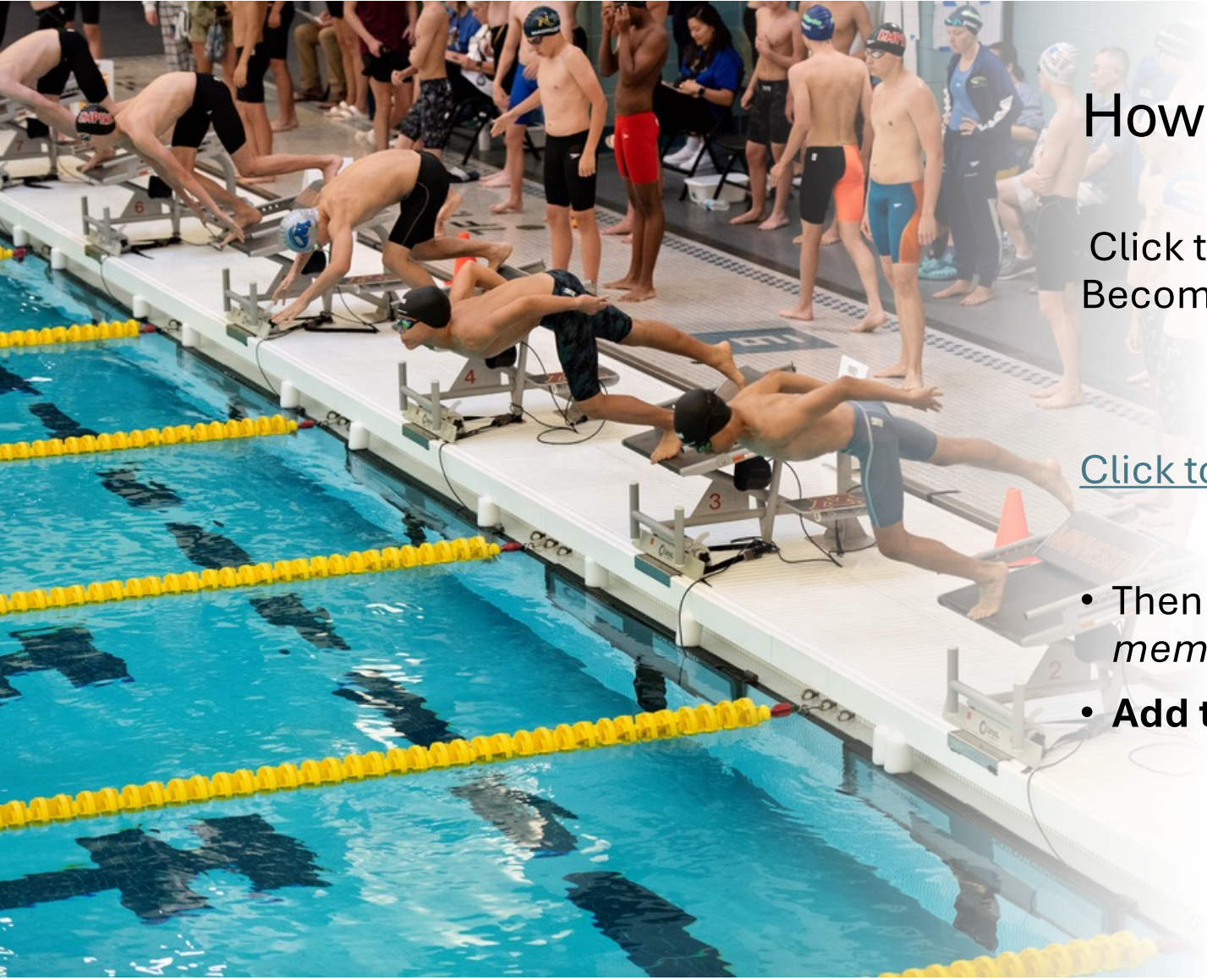
Advanced Level

- Referee (DR)
- Progressive training and experience path
- Structured and Professional
- National level certifications available



Current State

- 17 Parents of active swimmers who are officials
- 41% have a swimmer who is 16yrs & up
- Distribution of officials across roles
 - Deck Referee: 2*
 - Starter: 3*
 - Administrative Official: 5*
 - Stroke & Turn: 7
- Special thanks to newest officials (< 2 years): Jonathan Anderson, Dan Hayes, Stacy Brown
- Long time officials: Tim, Cecily, Carolyn, Kerry, Yi, Ed, Shawn
- Each Meet Session:
 - adequate minimum # 12 officials;
 - 17-18 much better



How to Get Started?

Click this special CWAC link to
Become a Non-Athlete Member
of USA Swimming

[Click to Register as an Official](#)

- Then “*Add a role to an existing member*”
- Add the role of **Official**.



Next Steps: Online

- Become a Non-Athlete Member of USA Swimming – **Register as an Official** (*not parent or swimmer*)
- Complete Background Check
- Complete Athlete Protection Training (APT)
- Complete Concussion Training

Online USA Swimming University Courses

- Foundations of Officiating, and either
 - 1) “Stroke and Turn Certification Course” **or**
 - 2) “Administrative Official Certification Course”

Website hub.usaswimming.org



[redacted]

Official, Parent

Member ID: [redacted]



My Member Cards

(Click to view card)

Official

Good Standing

My Actions

[redacted] going to expire in 28 days

VIEW

My Family

Add Family Member

(Login accounts can be created for 8-17 year old family members)



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Athlete

Member ID: [redacted]

VIEW



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Athlete

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VIEW

My Account

General Info

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Groups

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Education

Course Catalog



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 **Welcome to USA Swimming University**

User: [Redacted]
Roles: Official, Parent

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ATHLETE PROTECTION TRAINING

Athlete Protection Training
✔ Complete - Passed

A comprehensive 90-minute overview of facts, principles, and strategies to help you provide safe and positive sport

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REFRESHER 1

ATHLETE PROTECTION TRAINING

Athlete Protection Training - Refresher 1
✔ Complete - Passed

Reinforces reporting practices and principles including how best to respond when someone discloses abuse and

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REFRESHER 2

ATHLETE PROTECTION TRAINING

Athlete Protection Training - Refresher 2
✔ Complete - Passed

This course covers recognizing and preventing misconduct in sport and applying the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention

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REFRESHER 3

ATHLETE PROTECTION TRAINING

Athlete Protection Training - Refresher 3
✔ Complete - Passed

Reviews reporting and retaliation, bystander intervention, mitigating potential risks in locker rooms,

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BACKGROUND CHECK

Background Check
✔ Complete - Passed
✗ Expires on 04/30/2027

Background checks are required every 2 years for all adult non-athlete members and some select adult athlete

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CONCUSSION PROTOCOL TRAINING

Concussion Protocol Training
✔ Complete - Passed
✗ Doesn't Expire

All USA Swimming Coaches and Officials must take concussion training.

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Finding the Essential Courses

Click Officials

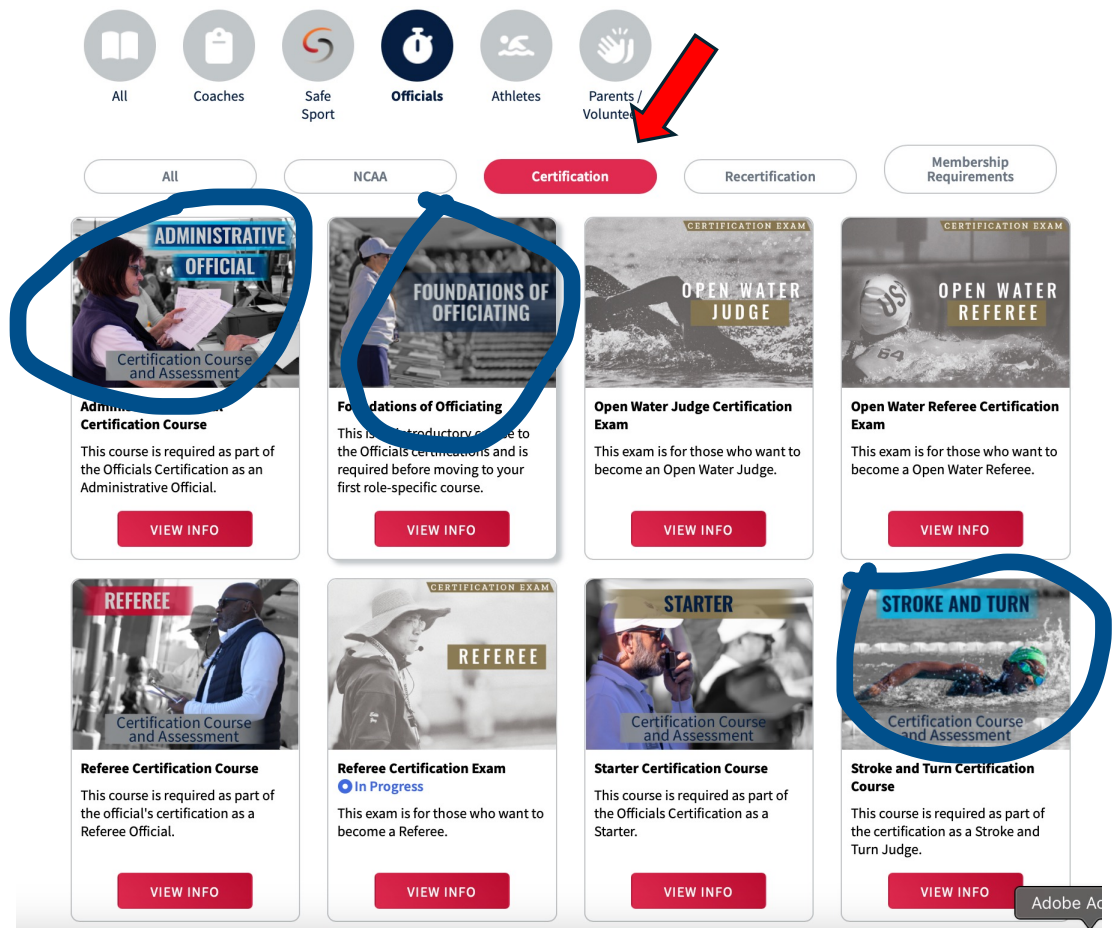
Click Membership Requirements

Then complete the setup tasks:

- **Background Check** (Approx 5 mins, follow instruction, \$18 Fee reimbursable by CWAC, submit to David Stephens)
- **Athlete Protection Training** (don't worry – you only complete the initial course – 90mins, in the future one of the shorter refresher courses will be available)
- **Concussion Protocol Training**

Next: Click Certifications

Foundations of Officiating
And
“Stroke and Turn Certification Course”
or
“Administrative Official Certification
Course”



For Existing Officials

- Please consider moving up to a different level
- Welcome to discuss experience and progression timing
- Be sure to check for some special requirements
- **Breaking News:** USA Swimming announced today the addition of the **Referee Certification Course**

STARTER

Certification Course and Assessment

Starter Certification Course

This course is required as part of the Officials Certification as a Starter.

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REFEREE

Certification Course and Assessment

Referee Certification Course

This course is required as part of the official's certification as a Referee Official.

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IL Swimming



ON-DECK TRAINING

- Once you've completed your clinic training and registration requirements and have received your email 'approval' from the IL Officials Clinic team, you're ready to start your on-deck training. You will need to bring a copy of the on-deck training form to be completed by your trainer. The forms are available [online here](#).
- On-deck training consists of 4 sessions (with a completed card for each) completed over 2 meets and with at least 2 different trainers who have been certified Stroke & Turn Officials for a minimum of 12 months, or the most qualified stroke and turn official in that session.
- To be on deck you must be in uniform. The uniform for Illinois Swimming is a white collared polo shirt over navy blue shorts, pants, or a skirt, with white socks and white non-skid shoes. No crocs are allowed.
- You should contact the meet referee for a meet prior to going for training. The meet referee can be found in the meet packet. If you are affiliated with a team going to the meet, they may contact you looking to staff their deck. Please be certain that they will have somebody available to train you. Most referees will go out of their way to find time for training.
- The complete guidelines are available at [Illinois Swimming Officials Training and Certification Standards](#).

Goal

- 15 Parents for summer 2025
 - 3 current S&T officials commit to pursue Starter, complete on-line training by 5/1/2025
 - 12 New officials complete both on-line training by 5/1/2025
 - Begin on-deck training at CWAC May Madness on 5/17 and 5/18

Training and Volunteer Opportunities Available at Home (CWAC) and Away Meets

- Look at the top of the meet packet, find contact info for the meet referee, email your interest in training





Parent Incentive Program

Stroke & Turn / Admin – Fulfills Family Commitment requirement, club covers cost of training and membership, receives white CWAC polo annually, \$100 team credit at the end of the season.

Starter – Fulfills Family Commitment requirement, club covers cost of training and membership, receives white CWAC polo annually, receives CWAC hoodie / quarter zip of choice, *credit for final tuition installment for one swimmer.*

Referee – Fulfills Family Commitment requirement, club covers cost of training and membership, receives white CWAC polo annually, receives CWAC hoodie / quarter zip of choice, *parking pass for CWAC hosted meets, half off one swimmer tuition for the season.*



Questions

