



How to Become an Official

Thank you for your interest in learning more about becoming an official for our team! We are unique in that we require both YMCA and USA Swimming certified officials to support our swimmers. Officials are a crucial and indispensable part of our team—without them, hosting meets would not be possible.

There are several types of officiating roles, ensuring there's something for everyone. From Deck Referees and Starters to Stroke & Turn Officials, Administrative Officials, and Computer Operators, each position plays a vital role in ensuring our meets run smoothly and fairly.

Deck Referee (R)	Must be certified; this official has the authority over all other officials at the meet, sets the pool deck, makes all final decisions and sees to the efficient running of the meet.
Starter (S)	Must be certified; this position is responsible for starting each heat and calling the next heat to the blocks. They work closely with the Deck Referee.
Stroke and Turn (ST)	Must be certified; an official who determines the legality of swimmers' strokes and recommends a disqualification for those who do not conform to the rules of the applicable stroke.
Administrative Official (AO)	Must be certified; oversees the scorers table. Works with all officials, meet manager, computer operator to ensure all paperwork is complete for the meet. The AO is also responsible for researching and resolving any timing resolutions that are needed as well as ensuring all equipment is working as expected to ensure a successfully run meet.
Computer Operator	Must be certified; responsible for loading the meet file/program, verifying that the heats are full and seeded correctly, making any changes during the meet, and helps capture electronic times.

For more information or questions relating to becoming an official please contact Stephanie Downey through the PVC at DoylestownPVC@ymcarivercrossing.org

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