

Becoming an Official in Maryland Swimming

These are the steps to becoming a certified official in USA Swimming and Maryland Swimming.

[Standards for Certification of Officials](#)

[Register with USA Swimming as an official.](#)

Complete the [Foundations of Officiating](#) and [Stroke & Turn Certification](#) courses.

[Complete a Level 2 Background Check](#)

[Complete Athlete Protection Training](#)

[Complete Concussion Protocol Training](#) **(Once you have completed the Concussion Protocol Training please send a copy of your completion certificate to Susan McDonald at smcdonald.mdswimoffice@gmail.com.)**

Complete on-deck sessions shadowing a certified official

When completing the apprentice sessions make sure the [Apprentice Training Record](#) is filled out by the trainer from the session(s) you have worked. Also make sure they add your email to the first line so that you receive a copy of the form. At least four (4) sessions and Apprentice Training Records are required to be able to verify that you have satisfied the requirements to be certified.

Remember, the number of sessions is a minimum number of sessions. There is always a possibility that you may have to work more sessions. The trainer will provide an action plan to help you in your journey.

When you feel you are ready to be certified, submit the [Position Advancement Form](#)