

CONSIDER BECOMING AN OFFICIAL!

One of the most important jobs at any meet is Officiating. In addition to helping the meet run smoothly (or run at all!), Officials are on-deck educators for our children and part of the learning process of how to become a competitive swimmer. It's fun to see the sport from a different and up-close perspective - you're part of the action instead of watching the action and you'll meet many interesting people doing this job. We are always in need of new officials, particularly morning officials who oversee the younger swimmers. To run an effective meet, we ideally need 6-8 officials per session although we often operate on less for Friday night. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A SWIMMER TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL.**

Requirements for becoming an Official:

- Attend a clinic and pass an online test. The clinic takes about 3 hours (some classroom and some on deck observation). The clinics are good for three years, and then you need to re-certify.
- Join USA Swimming as a Non-Athlete member every year. Cost is \$78, which the CCSC will reimburse.
- Background check: very easy and done thru USA swimming, approx. \$39, CCSC will reimburse.
- USA Swimming continues to add layers of safety regulations, so you are also required to watch a one hour video course on Athlete Protection. Free!!!
- 4 Sessions as an apprentice Official at TWO different meets before becoming an Official, so this would **replace** your regular job assignment at the meet and would not require any extra time.