



Oklahoma Swimming Mission Statement: *To develop excellence, character, and growth in Swimming for all.*

Oklahoma Swimming Vision Statement: *To advance our core values of selflessness, excellence, leadership, integrity, inclusion, and development by increasing competitive swimming opportunities and developing relationships that promotes excellence and growth.*

Official's Committee Mission Statement: To provide and develop the appropriate resources, programs and training to effectively create highly proficient Swim Officials.

6 steps to becoming a New Oklahoma Swim Official:

Step 1: Register as a Non-Athlete member of USA Swimming. (needed yearly)

The application and instructions are available on the OKS.org website.

There is a charge associated with the membership but is typically covered by the Swim Team you are associated with, please ask your team about reimbursements.

You can also navigate to the USA swimming website.

[USA Swimming](https://www.usaswimming.org)

This is where you will create a login (see highlighted button below) and access the official's information after you have created the login.

NOTE: You must have an individual account not the account shared with your swimmer(s). If you don't pay for it that won't work.

LOGIN

Please login with your username and password.

(Note that usernames created on our old system before Sept 1, 2022 will no longer work. Click "Create a Login" below if you need a new account)

Username:

Password:

LOGIN

FORGOT USERNAME

FORGOT PASSWORD

CREATE A LOGIN

HELP

If you are a parent about to register your child, please create your account first - [ARTICLE](#)

How do I set up my new SWIMS account if I already have a membership? - [ARTICLE](#)

How do I create an account in SWIMS as a new member? - [ARTICLE](#)

How do I create a new account for a family member? - [ARTICLE](#)

After completing the registration, you will log in for most of the other items.

Step 2: Complete a Background Check through the USA Swimming website. (needed every two years)

Log in to your USA swimming account. Migrate from the dashboard to the education tab. Find the option for background check.

There is a charge for the Background check which you must pay at the time of submission. Most Swim Clubs reimburse you once your complete certification. Please check with your team on their policy.

Step 3: Complete Athlete Protection Training through the USA Swimming website. (needed yearly) One of our main goals as Officials is to help provide a safe environment for our athletes. One of the ways this is accomplished is ensuring all our Officials take Athlete Protection training annually.

Log in to your USA swimming account. Migrate from the dashboard to the education tab. Find the option for Athletes Protection Training.

If you have registered with USA Swimming for the first time, you need to take the "Athlete Protection Training: SafeSport ™ Trained core course" After that you will take one of 3 refreshers after which you must take the Core Course again.

Step 4: Complete the Concussion Training via the below links. (this is completed once) Log in to your USA swimming account. Migrate from the dashboard to the education tab. Find the option for Concussion Training.

Print the completion certificate so we can send to recruitofficials@oks.org and it will be added to your record and it will be filed with the information that is tracked for officials within OKS. You should see this on your record when you login to USA swimming.

Step 5: Complete the Foundations of Officiating and Stroke & Turn Officials Test/Clinic (needed every three years)

Log in to your USA swimming account. Migrate from the dashboard to the education tab. Find the option for Foundations of Officiating and the Stroke and turn.

Step 6: Work 4 Sessions as an Apprentice Official.

If you have completed the other steps you can Apprentice on Deck.

Download the certification tracking sheet here.

https://www.oks.org/czokslsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/ok-lsc---certs_080929.xlsx

This sheet is used for each of the Apprentice sessions. Have the trainer assigned at the meet sign and the Certifier at the meet sign in their spots.

If you have any questions about these steps please reach out to the Oklahoma Swimming Officials Committee recruitofficials@oks.org