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## CDST Swimming Official FAQ

1) What's the passing score for test-any other info/length etc.-open book?

Tests are all open books, I don't recall what exactly is the passing score, each test is little different in terms of passing grade.

2) Do officials get an ID like coaches-my son is 7 and one reason to get it is to be admitted in swimmers only areas for some meets like Palo alto who don't allow parents to start. He has hard time remembering heat/lane/gets nervous at start when by himself.

Official also gets USA swimming ID, which you need to carry to swim meet. If you are interested in becoming a starter, then you also need to pass a starter education course and be certified before even shadowing this position. Normally you need to start with Stroke and Turn (S/T), then work your way up the chain.

It's our coach's duty to calm your swimmer down and get ready for the meet. It's a process and swimmers will learn by experience over time.

3) Can I do the shadowing at any meet-just coordinate with them? Perhaps Coach Chen can have me start at one of our inter-squad meet?

For C/B/A+ meet, you have a better chance of shadowing the S/T, just sign up at the corner and meet referee or Chief Judge (CJ) will make proper arrangement.

For the starter position at our inter squad meet, please reach out to me and I will see if arrangement can be made since it's not Pacific Swimming sanctioned meet.

4) I found some DQ info by stroke but is there a packet etc. including deck protocol etc.

Once you have signed up to become an official, USA swimming will mail you a rulebook, which covers rules and deck protocol.

5) Would Pacific Swimming provide me stroke clinic info?

Yes, there is an annual official clinic offered by Pacific Swimming, once I receive such info, I will forward it to our team officials.



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6) Does CDST pay fees/equipment?

if you have been officiating at 8 USA swimming sanctioned swim meet sessions over the course of one season, CDST will reimburse for your official annual registration fee.

Officials need to purchase their own apparel. However, such expenses can be deducted as volunteering expenses during tax return.

7) It looks like it's 4 days shadowing + 2 days evaluation at 2 different meets?

That's the rule set out by Pacific Swimming, to make sure you are well qualified before you can operate alone.

8) Is minimum per year 4 or 8 days-how many hours per day/shift?

minimum of 8 days for single swimmer family in one swimming season to qualify for the registration fee reimbursement and service hour (20 hours) waiver.

A minimum of 12 days for multiple swimmers' family in one swimming season to qualify for the registration fee reimbursement and service hour (30 hours) waiver.

Each swim meet is different, one session would last 4-5 hours. There is a shift for each session and that will be arranged by meet referee or CJ. Actual working hours are normally half of the session's duration, in the range of 2 – 2.5 hours.