

You have taken the first step in becoming a swim official by reading this pamphlet. The next step is to contact your local chair within your swim club section of SCS. The Official's Chairman and Section Committee Chairs are listed below and in the local swimming committee (LSC) swim guide. The current LSC officials' committee members are as follows:

SCS Official's Chairman
Richard Pierson (805) 402-1447

SCS Admin Chairman
Marilyn Bolton (949) 837-7315

Past SCS Official's Chair
Ted Olivieri (909) 336-6094

Coastal Officials' Chair
Omar deArmas (805) 522-4134

Eastern Officials' Chair
Jan Szuszkiewicz (951) 924-9760

Desert Officials' Chair
Darryl Molisee (702) 294-4351

Metro Officials' Chair
Ellen Whalen (562) 862-1948

Orange Officials' Chair
Richard Davis (714) 968-9315

Pacific Official's Chair
Bettie Williams (310) 338-8776

At Large:
Mike McMinn (562) 947-3702
Ed Ruth (805) 492-2858
Jack Argue (805) 658-0634

*Requires administrative training

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So You Want To Become A Swim Official

USA Swimming – Mission Statement

USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. **

Vision

Statement

To inspire and enable our members to achieve excellence in the sport of swimming and in life.

This mission statement has been passed on to Southern California Swimming (SCS) to insure that each athlete within SCS has as fair a competition as possible. This is through the training of volunteer swim officials who over see the running of our clubs swim meets. The path for certification in becoming a deck official, an administrative official or both, are as follows:

Deck Officials

Stroke and Turn/Relay Take-off Judge
Chief Judge
Starter
Deck Referee

Meet Referee* (Time Finals)
Meet Referee* (Heats & Finals)
Senior Referee*

Administrative Officials

Automatic Timing System Operator
Clerk of Course
Meet Processor
Administrative Referee (Time Finals)
Administrative Referee (Heats & Finals)
Senior Administrative Referee

Goal

Your goal as an official will be to acquire a clear and consistent knowledge of the USA Swimming and SCS rules and provide the required time to insure consistency in all of the rules when on the swim pool deck.

Most often asked questions

Why become a swim official?

Usually a parent of one or more swimmers wants to get more involved with the sport. USA Swimming needs trained officials to provide a fair swim event for all competing swimmers.

How much time does it take to be an official?

“On Deck” training as well as a written test is required. Entry level meets require less training, while the advanced meets need a higher level of expertise from the officials. A yearly clinic and a shortened written test help keep you abreast of the latest changes in swimming. Requirements for the various certification levels can be down loaded from the SCS web site www.socalswim.org.

What will it cost?

Non-Athlete USA Membership
White shirt (typically a polo shirt)
Khaki pants/shorts
FRS radio/transceiver with headset
Whistle (Deck Referee)

USA Non Athlete Members ensures compliance with USA insurance requirements. With the membership you will get the USA Swimming rulebook. The rules and test are on the USA Swimming web site www.usa-swimming.org.