



## **Benefits/Procedure for Becoming an Official in Pacific Swimming**

Gain a more thorough understanding of swimming strokes  
Help support a sport that promotes a healthy lifestyle for our children  
Become involved in the meet both mentally and physically  
Fulfill volunteer requirements for your club  
Get closer to the competition  
Receive great hospitality  
Preferred parking at most venues

### **1) Register as an Official / Complete Online Courses:**

- Create a user account on USA Swimming. Follow the “how to video(s) or tutorials on the bottom of the page: [Click Here](#)
- When you are ready to pay for your non-athlete membership (Official), contact your Team’s Membership coordinator and obtain the club’s Membership Link (URL) to type into your internet browser. Once there, follow the instructions and **be sure to register as an “Official.”**
- (\*\*)Complete online written Stroke and Turn test (open book)
- (\*\*)Complete Athlete Protection Training
- (\*\*)Complete Level 2 Background Check
- (\*\*)Complete Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) Training
- (\*\*)Complete Concussion Protocol Training (**Certification of completion must be emailed to [laurie@pacswim.org](mailto:laurie@pacswim.org)**)

(\*\*) = All courses can be accessed by logging onto your USA Swimming account from your dashboard, Click on the EDUCATION tab → COURSE CATALOG → OFFICIAL

### **2) Attend Stroke and Turn Clinic:**

Attend a beginning Stroke & Turn training clinic. The clinic includes instruction, discussions, and a USA Swimming produced video tape on judging strokes, turns and relay takeoffs. In-person and/or Zoom Stroke and Turn clinics are offered throughout the year, or you can attend the in-person Pacific Swimming Officials Clinic held every October.

### **3) On Deck Field Training:**

(1) You must work at least four days at a sanctioned USA Swim Meet under the direction of an experienced official. (2) Thereafter, you may request to be evaluated by an approved mentor. Two successful evaluations at two different swim meets are required to be certified as an L1(qualified) stroke and turn official.

\*Evaluations take place over two days at two different swim meets.