



20+ Reasons You *Want* to be an Official

1. **Free entry into the meets** – just flash the white polo and they will clear the way for you!
2. **Free heat sheets** – who carries cash anymore?
3. **Free food** – delicious breakfast (*bacon we hope*) and/or lunch
4. **Preferred parking** - at some locations
5. **On deck is cooler than in the stands** – both in status and in temperature
6. **Who doesn't look great in a white polo?** – enough said
7. **No white after labor day?** – not a concern anymore....we are just getting started come labor day!
8. **80's John Hughes movie vibe** - you get to buy your own white sneakers and blue shorts
9. **Need to get your steps in?** 10,000 steps while walking stroke and turn? No problem!
10. **Wet sneakers** – oh the stories you'll be able to tell!
11. **If there is another pandemic (*please no*)** – you will be allowed into the meets
12. **Resume Builder** – just another hat you can wear
13. **Get to know the Coaches** – Coaches *love* officials...and you'll have the opportunity to have 'meaningful' discussions with the Coaches 😊
14. **Social Networking** - The other officials become your team
15. **Laughter** - The pre-meet meetings are always filled with fun stories of meets past
16. **Be in the Know** – you know it is killing you to find out what we talk about in our headsets
17. **Front Row Seat** - Best seat in the house to watch your kid swim
18. **Your kids** – will either: 1) appreciate or 2) be mortified that you took an interest in their sport – either way you win 😊
19. **Increase your knowledge base** - Opportunity to really understand the rules of swimming
20. **The Pay** – we get paid twice as much as much as all other unpaid volunteers – in all seriousness we do it for the kids
21. **Its something to do** – You are going to be at the pool anyway – so might as well take advantage of all the benefits discussed above
22. **Flexibility** – Want to work most/all meets? Cool! Want to only work the session(s) your kids are at...also cool.
23. **Most importantly** - No officials = no meets. The coaches may not agree, but we need more officials in order to hold the meets our children love!

Who Can Become an Official?

- **Anyone!** – Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, Older Siblings – we do not discriminate!
- **You want to be involved** – are you bored in the stands – join us on deck!
- **No experience necessary** - on the job training provided
- **You do not need to know the rules.....yet....**
- **Ex-Swimmer or Not?** We have all walks of life – some ex-swimmers and many that have not swum competitively.



Nervous You Might Make a Mistake?

- **Don't Be!**
 - The Benefit of the Doubt Always goes to the Swimmer
 - We guarantee you will not ruin anyone's chance of going to the Olympics
- **Training**
 - 1 Day Officials Clinic Provided periodically by Adirondack Swimming
 - Rule book provided – also the rule book is online, too
 - Online Open Book Exam – gets you certified
 - You will work 4 Meets as a Shadow
 - You will work side-by-side with our finest – until you are ready
 - You cannot DQ anyone during these 4 meets – you learn what to look for
 - Helps you gain confidence
- **We have double checks in place**
 - All Disqualifications are Reviewed by a Chief Judge
 - They will help verify the call is correct before a swimmer is DQ'd
- **...and that inevitable day you do make a mistake...**
 - Don't worry the other officials will most definitely poke fun at you over the headsets!
 - But don't sweat it – because that's when you know you are part of the team!!!

Interested? Let us know via one of these:

- Talk to or email one of your team's board members
- Talk to or email your team's coach
- Talk to an Official at any meet
- Send an email to: faucettjm@aol.com

Join our Team!