

## **Why Become a USA Swimming Official?**

1. To become more involved in an activity my child loves.
2. To help my child set and reach their personal goals.
3. To help LCB host home swim meets.
4. To promote the good name and professional image of LCB by working at other team's meets.
5. To have a front row seat at all the sessions I work.
6. To take advantage of the free food provided at meet hospitality rooms.
7. By working at least one session of a meet, meet expenses (hotel, meals, mileage, uniforms, etc.) may qualify you for a tax deduction.

## **Who Knows, you may meet the next Olympian like Missy Franklin or Michael Phelps**

Swim meets are more than just swimming. Working as an official provides you the insight into how meets are organized, what the responsibility of each official is, and why a disqualification occurs. There are numerous officiating positions, each with a varying level of responsibility, so it's easy to contribute in an area that's right for you. While opportunities exist to work at every meet (both at home and away) there is no requirement to work, aside from ensuring you satisfy your yearly session requirements as prescribed by Indiana/USA-Swimming. You decide when and at what meets you'd like to work – officiating is an all-volunteer effort. The financial success of LCB is directly related to the successful execution of our home meets, therefore your service as an official directly contributes to our team's success.

**To Start, please e-mail [president@lcbswim.com](mailto:president@lcbswim.com) your interest.**

### **Steps to Becoming a USA Swimming Official:**

1. Must attend a formal clinic given by a Referee
2. Must pass the Stroke & Turn(Technical) &/or Admin Test (80%) within 45 days of the clinic.
3. Must submit complete non-athlete registration form and submit to Indiana Swimming with required fees.
4. Must complete Background Check II through USA Swimming website – [www.usaswimming.org/backgroundcheck](http://www.usaswimming.org/backgroundcheck)
5. Must complete Online Athlete Protection Course on USA Swimming website (cannot access until #3 is received in IN Swimming offices) –[www.usaswimming.org/APT](http://www.usaswimming.org/APT).
6. Once you can print your official certification card (required for deck access),you must complete 4 apprentice sessions for Technical or Admin, or minimum of 3 sessions at technical and 2 at administrative for Stroke & Turn/ Administrative certification. LCB pays your annual registration fee and background check application fee once you are a fully certified USA Swim Official.