



Officiating

Becoming an USA Swimming Official is a great way to contribute to USA Swimming as well as a great way to fulfill your volunteer requirement.

However as an FCST Official your volunteer hours will be handled differently than a regular parent working shifts. As an Official, you commit to more than your child's group minimum shift requirement. You are committing to your team and to the sport of swimming. This involves volunteering at the FCST meets as well as few meets run by other teams.

You will always be needed, but will never be forced to work a meet and you can always tailor your commitment to your personal calendar.

As a FCST Official you are expected to follow the following guidelines:

FCST officials are needed to work all FCST hosted meets as well as those FCST attends hosted by other teams (according to your personal availability).

Trainees are expected to be certified after one year or less (following the above guidelines should insure that you have worked enough meets to be certified).

Being an USA Swimming official will easily fulfill the volunteer requirement for the family as long as meets are worked regularly. FCST will pay your yearly registration fee with USA swimming and background check expenses.

To become a certified USA Swimming official, you need to:

- Contact Bonnie Finnigan, FCST's Officials Coordinator to start the registration process with USA Swimming.
- Request a background check (Coach/official level). FCST will provide the link and reimburse the associated fee after you work your first shift.
- Take the Athlete Protection Training Course (available on the USA Swimming Organization web site)
- Take the Stroke and Turn. The test is valid for 2 years.
- Work at least 10 training sessions with a mentor and independently and ask two Meet Referees for an evaluation.

**If you have any questions about becoming an official or would like to get started,
please contact Bonnie Finnigan at bfin0858@gmail.com**

FCST Mission Statement

***"Creating opportunities for swimmers to merge passion and commitment with expertise
resulting in the highest level of personal performance"***