

How to Become a USA-S Official

1. Register with Louisiana Swimming as a non-athlete member here:
<http://www.louisianaswimming.org/Portals/3/About%20LSI/Forms/2019%20Application%20-%20Non-athlete.pdf> (LAT will reimburse you each year for your registration! Just submit your receipt to Coach Sarah).
2. Set up a DeckPass account with USA Swimming online via the website:
www.usaswimming.org
3. Initiate your background check (about \$36 and some change). (Louisiana Swimming will reimburse you for this payment also by submitting this form:
<http://www.louisianaswimming.org/Portals/3/About%20LSI/Forms/Official%20Background%20Check%20Reimbursement%20Form.pdf>
4. Complete the Athlete Protection Training through your USA-S account/DeckPass account: <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/safe-sport/apt>
5. Watch the Officials Training Videos here:
<https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/officials-training-videos>
6. Take the Stroke & Turn Officials Test: <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing>
7. When you have finished all of this, (IT'S FREE and you just have to complete it!) let Coach Sarah know and she will hand you over to our Head Referee in Louisiana to begin your minimum four sessions of shadowing on deck.

Why be a S&T official? Parent volunteers are crucial to USA Swimming, and we cannot survive without them. In addition, you ALWAYS get access to the hospitality room for FREE FOOD at every meet you officiate at! Louisiana Swimming is really low on officials due to swimmers graduating, and their parents retiring from the pool deck – so it's important that each team does their part in gathering new, enthusiastic parents who would love to get involved!

THANK YOU!