



**ILLINOIS
SWIMMING**

HOW TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL

Illinois Swimming and USA Swimming are non-profit organizations that depend upon volunteer resources to support both swim meets and administrative functions of our local swim clubs. Many committed individuals donate time, energy, and expertise at every level: from the national Board of Directors, to officials and parent organizations of the local swimming clubs. Illinois Swimming, Inc. (ISI) is the governing body for USA Swimming in the state of Illinois. ISI is always looking for volunteers interested in becoming entry-level officials: either Administrative Judges, who support timing equipment and scoring, or Stroke & Turn Judges, who observe and evaluate the swims.

In competitive swimming, the quality of officiating directly affects the quality of performance and the consistency and equity in officiating is enhanced with adequate staffing. As chairperson of the ISI Officials Committee, I encourage you to participate in our great sport of swimming by becoming an official. The time spent is satisfying, and you will have the opportunity to make some great friends and share the deck with some wonderful athletes. If you are interested in becoming an official, please review the following information and contact me as noted below.

COST

USA Swimming Registration:	\$60.00 annual non-athlete (single) registration fee (\$100.00 family) Registration after September 1 is valid through December of the following year. USA Swimming Rule Book is included with your "official" registration.
Clinic Fee:	\$30

TRAINING

Orientation & Clinic:	Attend the appropriate clinic from those offered annually by ISI. You will receive instructional materials and do on-deck training. The ISI clinic schedule can be found at: http://www.ilswim.org/officials/upcoming_clinics.htm
On Deck:	Under the supervision of an experienced official, Administrative Judge trainees shall work a minimum of 2 sessions; Stroke and Turn Judge trainees shall work a minimum of 4 sessions at ISI sanctioned meets. On-schedule meets are posted at: http://www.ilswim.org/meet_schedule/index.htm Attend a pre-meet officials briefing 1 hour prior to the start of each meet (session).
Other Expectations:	Age - minimum of 18 years of age Attire - solid navy blue shorts, skirt, or pants; white collared shirt, and white athletic shoes Attitude - SMILES and a relaxed attitude to advance the sport Test - open book during your initial training period Certification - after successfully completing training and test

AFTER TRAINING

On Deck:	Certified officials are welcome to work any USA/ISI meet they attend, and shall work a minimum of 10 sessions per year. For example, a typical 3-day ISI weekend meet consists of five sessions: Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning and afternoon. Attend the Officials' pre-meet briefing 1-hour prior to the session start.
Recertification:	Every two years certified officials shall attend a renewal clinic or take an open book on-line test. For recertification, a certified official shall work a minimum of 10 sessions per year
Other Expectations:	Have a good time, enjoy some great athletes and a wonderful sport & make new friends!
Questions?	Contact Dave Olack, ISI Officials Committee Chairperson, (630) 236-0169 or daolack@comcast.net