

Attention

We are looking for a few good swim officials!

Virginia Swimming would like to certify some more officials in the following areas this season:

Role / Official Needed	Wet Deck (standing) or Dry Deck (sitting)	What Do You Do?
Stroke & Turn	Wet Deck – standing and walking	Observe the swimmers in the water to identify violations in the form of their strokes – walking on deck and watching swimmers.
Timing Equipment Operator / Colorado	Dry Deck	Operate the Timing System console (Colorado unit) and associated touch pads/buttons/harnesses to ensure accurate timing data. Monitoring each heat to make sure the pads are giving accurate data. Working directly with the Administrative Official.
Administrative Official	Dry Deck	Computer operator using Hy-Tek meet management software – entering timing data into computer, printing out reports, heat sheets, awards labels, etc. Working directly with the Timing Equipment Operator

The process is to attend a training clinic, complete a 1 hour rules familiarization exercise on the USA Swimming website, then complete an apprentice period of 4-6 sessions, depending on the position. A session is a section of a swim meet like Saturday morning, Sunday afternoon, Saturday evening finals, etc.

You don't need to know anything about officiating or even swimming to start. By the completion of your apprentice period, you will be a fully-trained, competent swim official. **If you go to 4 or more swim meets per year, we want to talk to you!**

There will be a clinic for new officials in Waynesboro at the Waynesboro YMCA. The address is 648 S. Wayne Ave, Waynesboro, VA 22980. We will be holding wet deck and dry deck clinics on Monday October 28th.

The wet deck clinic will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 pm for stroke & turn officials and the dry deck clinic will be from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The same dry deck clinic starts the training for either of the two dry deck positions. There is no charge for the clinic, but please let me know if you will attend at davidbihl@yahoo.com or 434-987-0883 (mobile) so I can have enough photocopies prepared.

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