

## 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 Donner host home swim meets.
- 4.To promote the good name and professional image of Donner by working at other team's meets.
- 5.To have a front row seat at all the sessions worked.
- 6.To take advantage of the free food provided at meet hospitality rooms.

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. The financial success of Donner 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 Coach Mike at [Donnercoachmike@gmail.com](mailto:Donnercoachmike@gmail.com) your interest.

### Steps to Becoming a USA Swimming Official:

1. Must attend a formal clinic given by a Referee-----clinics are scheduled through the year
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 to IN 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.

\*\*\*To assist you in helping Donner Swim Club as an official Donner will fund individual parents seeking to become a certified USA-S Swimming official. Donner will reimburse the costs incurred in the certification process, excluding the cost of the required background check (to be paid for by the individual).\*\*\*