

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	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 Timing Judge.
Recorder	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 Judge.
Timing Judge	Dry Deck	Using the raw data from the timing equipment to determine what the official time for each swim is. Determining from looking at the data when to use the touchpad data or the button data or the watch data. “Numbers” job, but not a “Computers” job. Working directly with the Timing Equipment Operator, the Recorder, and the Referee.

The process is to attend a training clinic, then complete an apprentice period of 6-8 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 several clinics for new officials in the Southwest Area of VA. We typically hold them in the Waynesboro/Charlottesville area, Roanoke, and Lynchburg in the Fall of each year. The first ones will be held on Sunday September 8th at the Jamerson YMCA, 801 Wyndhurst Dr, Lynchburg VA 24502.

The wet deck clinic will be held from 1:00 – 4:00 pm for stroke & turn officials and the dry deck clinic will be from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. The same dry deck clinic starts the training for any of the three dry deck positions. There is no charge for the clinic, but please let me know at davidbihl@yahoo.com or 434-987-0883 (mobile) so I can have enough photocopies prepared.

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