

LANSING SWIM ORGANIZATION

OFFICIALS NEEDED

What is an Official?

An official is one of the people you see down on the pool deck, at swim meets. They are the ones wearing white shirts, blue pants/shorts, and a name badge. They raise their hand on occasion, and talk to the swimmers about why they were disqualified from a particular event.

Is being an official a demanding job?

It isn't demanding at all. You don't have to be at every meet and you don't have to officiate at all the meets you do attend. It is a volunteer job you decide when you will work.

What do I do to become an Official?

You need to take a class on officiating and then take a test. If you pass the test you have become an official. You will be required to shadow another official for 4-6 sessions of meets, then you're an official. *During this period of studying, testing and shadowing, these hours **CANNOT** be applied towards participation hours.*

Why does LSO need officials?

Yes, other teams have officials. But having your own team officials really is a nice thing. More teams are apt to invite us to their meets if they know we can provide some officials. We can host meets of our own and not worry about getting officials from other teams. It keeps parents involved in the activities of their children.

What are the perks of being an official?

I like to say it's all about the FOOD. When you officiate at a meet you get breakfast and lunch for free. (Usually better food than the concession stand offers!!) You get to be down on the pool deck where all the action happens: being with your swimmer, getting an upfront look at each event, and socializing. (Plus no more sore bottoms from those bleachers!)

INCENTIVES OF OFFICIATING FOR LSO

LSO would like to see more of their parents involved. Officiating is one way of doing just that. The incentive program for officiating:

1. As an Official you will earn \$15/session officiated towards your tuition.
2. The food for Officials is free at swim meets!!! It's all about the free food!!

LSO Officiating Rules

1. At the end of the summer season, the Official must submit an "official print out" to receive credit. Failure to do so will forfeit any credits towards next season's tuition, no exceptions. *(Remember, cannot be applied towards fees).*
2. The \$15.00/session earned will be credited toward next year's tuition, ONLY, with a maximum of one year's tuition ONLY, FEES EXCLUDED.
3. Officiating cannot be applied towards participation hours.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

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