

**LYONS** Aquatics Families,

Have you ever considered becoming an Official?! Here is your chance! On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an Officials training clinic at Naperville Central High School.

Being an Official is an exciting and important role! Officials help us ensure that meets run smoothly and create a fair and level playing field for all athletes to compete. USA Swimming recommends that Clubs carry approximately 10% of their athlete membership (for us about 400!) as Officials- that means that we are severely understaffed with Officials currently (we only have 16)! Having a large pool of Officials will help us run our meets more efficiently and will help make us to become a more organized and professional Club.

Aside from helping our organization, there are many perks to you becoming an Official. Here's a few:

- Learning about your Child's sport (how does each stroke work, what they can & cannot do.)
- Front row seat to observe your Child's competitions (no more sitting in the bleachers!)
- Meeting & Making new friends (there is a whole community of Officials on deck at each meet!)
- Access to Hospitality (no more concession stand food/drink at meets you Officiate at.)

And I am certain you'll find there are many more!

**LYONS** Aquatics will reimburse expenses (Clinic cost & USA Swimming associated fees) for all those completing their Officials Training. Linked here: [Officials Training Clinic – Naperville](#) to register for this exciting opportunity!

Please contact me at [jwaldorf@lyonsaquatics.com](mailto:jwaldorf@lyonsaquatics.com) with any questions or concerns regarding this, and I hope some of you will consider attending!

Thanks in advance,  
Joey