

## Membership options for Apprentice Officials

In order to get on deck, an Apprentice Official has two options:

1) Register as an Apprentice Official, in which case, they can go out on deck and begin their on-deck training. They have 60 days to complete their APT, CPT and BCG. At day 61 they must become a non-athlete member which requires APT, CPT and BCG to be completed before stepping on deck.

2) Register as a non-athlete official member, complete APT, CPT and BCG before stepping on deck. A non-athlete Official membership cannot be Coach (including Provisional or Junior), Other, or Administrators.

This verbiage is supported in USAS Bylaws 2.6.5 section F (below):

*"The following individuals are required to be non-athlete members of USA Swimming:*

*A. Adult employees of USA Swimming, LSCs, and member clubs;*

*B. Adults serving on the board of directors of USA Swimming, LSCs, and member clubs;*

*C. Individuals in a position of oversight over the operations of a member club;*

*D. Adults with an ownership interest in a member club;*

*E. Referees, starters, administrative officials, chief judges and stroke and turn judges, meet*

*directors; and*

*F. Other volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or have authority over athletes (as*

*defined in the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement) as a regular part of their duties.*

*This does not apply to volunteers such as apprentice officials, timers, meet marshals, computer operators, etc., who*

*only have limited contact with athletes during a meet. However, any individual who is banned, currently suspended*

*or ineligible for membership is prohibited from serving as an apprentice official, meet marshal, timer or computer*

*operator or otherwise being on deck at any time in connection with a USA Swimming activity. Apprentice officials*

*must still register with USA Swimming under the "apprentice official" non-membership category. "Apprentice official"*

*registration is a one-time registration, only valid for 60 days and cannot be renewed."*

So, if an LSC does not offer the Apprentice Official membership, then the apprentice official MUST be a non-athlete member and have completed their APT, CPT and BCG before stepping on deck. OTS will prevent anyone who is not/was not in good standing (either Apprentice Official, or Official with all requirements) at the time of the meet from being entered.

If an LSC offers the Apprentice Official membership, then the apprentice using that membership has 60 days to complete the APT, CPT and BCG and register as a non-athlete member.

1. If the Apprentice Official is not yet expired, they must UPGRADE to Official
2. If the Apprentice Official is expired, they will use the club registration link to register as an Official.

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