



ARIZONA SWIMMING Officials Step-Up Program Application

Introduction:

Arizona Swimming Delegates approved a pilot program, called Step-Up, for the fiscal year, September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014, to encourage meet officials to increase their officiating sessions, especially their cross-over (or away) sessions. This retention program offers Arizona Certified Swimming Officials incentives for their number of sessions worked in Arizona meets during that period:

Award Level:	Qualifying Sessions: (Away)	Incentive:
1	17(7)	Officials Shirt
2	25(10)	Officials Jacket or Membership Fee Reimbursement
3	35 (20)	Canvas Briefcase or National Deck Airfare
4	50 (35)	National Deck Travel or Parka

The Pilot program allows each qualifying Official to receive any One (1) award at or below the highest award level you have achieved. For example, if you completed 27 sessions since last September 1st, you are eligible for any **one** of: the Officials Jacket, Officials Shirt **or** Membership Fee Reimbursement; If you've done 38 sessions, you get a choice of an Officials Briefcase, Jacket, Shirt, Travel to a National Deck Assignment, **or** Membership Fee Reimbursement; 52 sessions gets you a choice of National Deck Travel, a parka **or** any one of the other incentives.

Here's How it Works:

1. Check the number of meet sessions you have worked since last September 1st, 2013, as recorded in your "My History" in the Officials Tracking System found at www.usaswimming.org and print a copy to be included in your application.
2. Complete the attached OFFICIAL'S STEP-UP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
3. Send the Step-Up Application and a copy of your Officiating record in OTS by August 8, 2014 to:

Officials Step-Up Program
c/o Arizona Swimming, Inc.
1212 E. Osborn Rd., Ste. 101
Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Please be Patient, it may take up to 4 weeks to process the requests.

Rules of the Step-Up Program:

The full rules may be downloaded from the Officials Page of the Arizona Swimming Web Site (www.azswimming.org). This is a Pilot Program. Incentives are solely based upon each official's recorded number of meet sessions in Arizona Swimming Sanctioned meets, from September 1, 2013 to August, 2014, as recorded in the Officials Tracking System (OTS) at www.usaswimming.org. Incentive items are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis until incentive allowances are exhausted.

Eligibility: In order to qualify for apparel or membership fee reimbursement award, you must be a currently certified USA Swimming Official in good standing with USA and Arizona Swimming, satisfy the stated meet session requirements, and submit your Step-Up Application Form by the August 8th deadline. Additionally, applicants for the National Deck Travel and Per Diem awards must be accepted, and serve all sessions on their National Deck meet. National Deck Awards will be up to the limits accordance with the program rules and Arizona Swimming Policies. Limits and exclusions apply. Please refer to the 2013-2014 Arizona Swimming Pilot Official's Retention and Development Program Rules for all program rules. Incentive items are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Any and all awards based upon falsified information shall be returned, or reimbursed, to Arizona Swimming.



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↑ **Step-Up** ↑

Officials Name: _____ USAS ID#: _____
Last First

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) ____-_____

APPLICATION FOR GENERAL INCENTIVES

Incentive Level + (check only one and circle requested award)

- 17 sessions w/ 7 cross-overs: Officials Shirt Size _____
- 25 sessions w/ 10 cross-overs: Membership Fee Reimbursed*
- 35 sessions w/ 20 cross-overs: Rain Jacket or Briefcase** Size _____
- 50 sessions w/ 35 cross-overs: Parka** Size _____

+ All incentives are based upon sessions worked at AZSI Sanctioned meets only. All recipients receive a certificate.

* Membership fee may not be reimbursed if you are reimbursed for 2014 membership by other entity.

** You may request this Incentive if you are not authorized for, or you do not request, a National Travel Incentive

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TRAVEL INCENTIVE

Incentive Level + (check only one and circle requested award(s))

- 35 sessions w/ 10 cross-overs: Airfare (max. \$350.00)#
- 50 sessions w/ 12 cross-overs: Per Diem (max. \$400.00)#

+ All incentives are based upon sessions worked at AZSI Sanctioned meets only.

50 session applicants may check both airfare and per diem boxes.

Requires appointment and acceptance, and you officiate at meet per rules of Pilot Program.

No duplication of incentives or funding will be allowed.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date rec'd _____

EV: _____

OC: _____

GC: _____

FF: _____

Accepted: _____

Declined: _____

Required Submittals

- 1) Signed and Dated Application Form
- 2) Officials Tracking System (OTS) System Tracked Meets Printout
- 3) Copy of Notification of Acceptance for National Meet Officiating

Key Deadlines

- ⇒ July 25, 2014 (4:00pm Arizona Time) – Deadline for filing application to AzSI for National Travel Incentive
- ⇒ July 28, 2014 – Announcement by AzSI of National Travel Incentive Recipients
- ⇒ August 8, 2014 (4:00pm Arizona Time) – Deadline for filing application to AzSI for General **Incentives**
- ⇒ **August, 2014 – Issuance of General Incentives by AzSI**
- ⇒ August 8, 2014 – Jr. Nationals: Deadline for National Travel Incentive reimbursement package submittal to AzSI.
- ⇒ August 15, 2014 – Sr. Nationals: Deadline for National Travel Incentive reimbursement package submittal to AzSI.

By signing below, I hereby certify and verify that the information presented is true and accurate and that I have read and agree to the rules of the Pilot Program. I further understand that a non-complete or late application may disqualify me from an Incentive. If requesting Membership or Travel incentives, I verify that I have not received, or anticipate receiving, any funding for my 2014 Membership or travel to Jr. or Sr. Nationals from any other entity or program.

Signature: _____ Printed: _____ Date: _____

Mail Application to: Officials Step-Up Program, c/o Arizona Swimming, Inc. 0
1212 E. Osborn Rd. Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona, 85014