

Florida Gold Coast LMSC Officials Certification Reimbursement Policy

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The Florida Gold Coast LMSC will reimburse the \$45 USA Swimming officials certification exam fee for individuals seeking to become certified officials within the LMSC.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for reimbursement:

- The individual must successfully complete the required USA Swimming official's certification exam(s).
- The individual must take and pass the **USMS Officials Supplemental** online test.
- Once completed, the results of both the USA Swimming certification and USMS Officials Supplemental test must be forwarded to the USMS Officials Committee and the Florida Gold Coast Officials Chair.
- The individual must work a minimum of two (2) sanctioned Masters meets within the Florida Gold Coast LMSC after certification.

Officials Equipment and Clinic Benefits

Upon obtaining USA Swimming certification and successfully completing the USMS Officials Supplemental test, a new Florida Gold Coast LMSC official is eligible to receive:

- One (1) USMS Officials polo shirt
- One (1) official name tag

In addition, if the Florida Gold Coast LMSC hosts an Officials Clinic, participants may receive:

- A USMS Officials polo shirt (new officials)
- An official name tag (new officials)
- A current USMS rule book

Items provided through either program are subject to availability and approved LMSC funding. The Florida Gold Coast LMSC reserves the right to limit duplicate items issued to the same individual.

Reimbursement Process

After completing the two meet requirement, the official may submit:

- Proof of payment for the certification exam fee.

Once verified by the Officials Chair or designated LMSC representative, reimbursement will be processed by the Treasurer.

Additional Information

- The Florida Gold Coast LMSC reserves the right to review eligibility and verification requirements prior to issuing reimbursement.
- Reimbursement is limited to the cost of the USA Swimming official's certification exam fee and does not include travel, lodging, membership fees, or other associated expenses unless separately approved by the LMSC Board.