



U.S. PARALYMPICS SWIMMING OFFICIALS
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Officials Certification

Initial Certification

To become certified as a U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a current resident of the USA
2. Have a current swim officials certification with USA-S, YMCA or NCAA
3. Attend a U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials training course and:
 - a. Officiate and be available for evaluation at all sessions of the swim meet
 - b. Receive a positive evaluation and recommendation for certification
4. Complete and attain a passing grade on the online U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials test
5. Sign and return the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials code of ethics

Level of Certification

Two levels of certification will be granted based on the number of sessions available at the competition for official's evaluation.

- Level I (L1) certification will be granted to officials who meet the certification prerequisites at meets which have not been designated as PQM (Para Qualifying Meets).
- Level II (L2) certification will be granted to officials who meet the certification prerequisites at meets designated as PQM (Para Qualifying Meet), which typically have 3 or more sessions of competition.

Officials who are granted LI certification may advance to LII certification by applying to be evaluated at a PQM (Para Qualifying Meet) meet where a U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials course is being held, but do not need to attend the course.

Recertification

The requirements to retain/renew the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Official certification are:

1. Attend a minimum of three swim meets designated as PQM (Para Qualifying Meet) **prior to** the current certification expiring
2. Submit U.S. Paralympics swim log to the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials Chair
3. Read, sign and return the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials code of ethics

Or

1. Officiate at all sessions of a CanAm meet prior to the current certification expiring
2. Read, sign and return the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials code of ethics

Officials who meet the above requirements will be recertified for all positions held and at the current level of certification for 2 years plus the current year.

World Para International Technical Officials (ITO) Certification

Officials who have gained U.S. Paralympics Swimming Level II certification and wish to progress on to gain World Para Swimming International Officials Certification must attend the World Para Level 4 officials programme, which is conducted at various meets around the world, including selected CanAm meets in the US and Canada.

In order to attend the World Para Level 4 officials programme, the official must receive an endorsement from the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials Chair.

The prerequisites for applying for an endorsement to attend the World Para Swimming ITO course can be found on the U.S. Paralympics web site at: <http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Swimming/Officials>

All questions and requests for endorsement should be forwarded to:

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