



U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials

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 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 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.

IPC International Technical Officials (IPC ITO) Certification

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

In order to attend the IPC ITO course, the official must receive an endorsement from the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials Chair.

Prior to applying for an endorsement from U.S. Paralympics Swimming, the following criteria must have been met:

1. Have a current U.S. Paralympics Swimming Level II officials certification
2. Attended a CanAm (US or Canadian hosted) or an International level championship meet hosted within the US within the last two (2) years and after gaining Level II certification.
3. Attend a minimum of three swim meets (Not including the CanAm) designated as PQM (Para Qualifying Meet) within the previous two years



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4. Have not attempted two (2) IPC ITO courses for a specific position or an advancement without attaining a recommendation for advancement
5. If the officials has attempted two (2) IPC ITO courses for a specific position or and advancement without attaining a recommendation for advancement, they must attend a minimum of a CanAm meet and a minimum of three swim meets designated as PQM (Para Qualifying Meet) prior to applying for an endorsement again.

The U.S. Paralympics Swimming High Performance Director can grant an exception for an official to be granted an endorsement if they believe extenuating circumstances warrant the exception.

All questions and requests for endorsement should be forwarded to:

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