



Para Swimming World Series USA



Technical Meeting

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

5pm at the IU Natatorium

Introductions



World Para Swimming Technical Delegate

LOC Event Lead

World Para Swimming Event lead

World Para Swimming Classification Coordinator

World Para Swimming Chief Classifier

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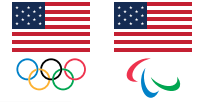
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Athlete Safety Policies



As a Participant of the 2025 Para Swimming World Series – USA, you must be familiar with and abide by the below USOPC Athlete Safety Policies:

1. USOPC Athlete Safety Policy

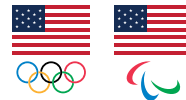
2. USOPC Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP)

Outlines requirements for interactions between adult participants and minor athletes to include:

- **One-on-One Interactions**
- Meetings
- Individual Training Sessions
- **Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities and Manual Therapy**
- **Locker Rooms and Changing Areas**
- Electronic Communications
- Transportation
- Lodging and Residential Environments

3. Supporting Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment Policy

- **One-on-One Interactions**
- Electronic Communications
- Transportation
- Lodging
- Mandatory Reporting



How to Report

Points of Contact

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Sexual Misconduct, Retaliation, & Child Abuse

Report to The U.S. Center for SafeSport

- Online: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>
- Phone: +1-833-587-7233

- AND -

Report Child Abuse to Law Enforcement

All other forms of Misconduct, MAAPP Violations, II Policy Violations

Report to the USOPC Office of Security & Athlete Safety

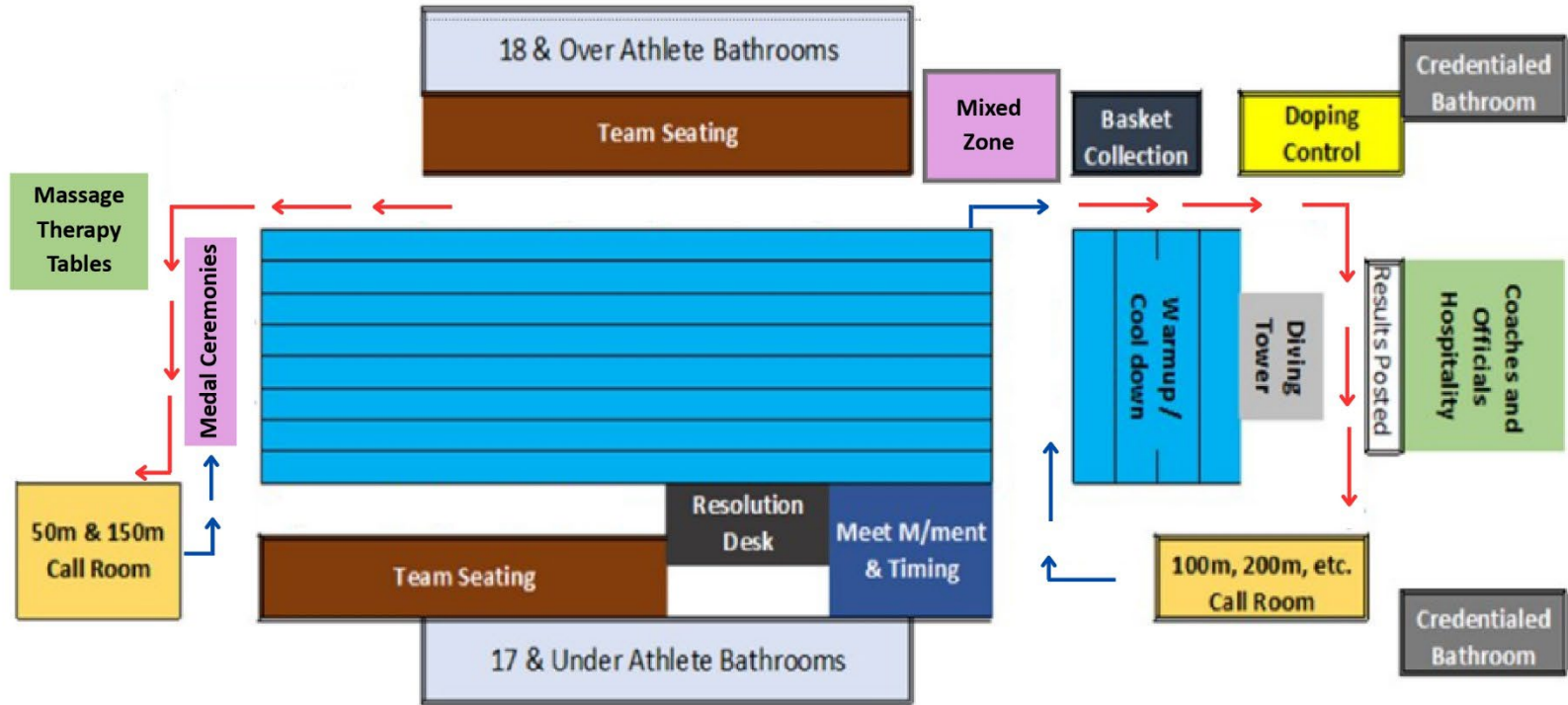
- Online: <https://www.teamusa.org/AthleteSafetyReportingForm>
- Phone: +1-719-866-3869

- OR -

Report to The U.S. Center for SafeSport

Do not evaluate the credibility of the allegation or investigate the allegation. Your vital job is simply to report the allegation.

COMPETITION FLOW



Competition Preparation



- Medical Taping – Only for medical reasons and must be approved before the start of each session.
- The Referee will be available, at the referees' table 45 minutes before the start of the session, until the end of the warm up to approve legitimate taping.
- Tapping Devices, Starting Devices and modified costumes can be approved at the end on the Technical Meeting or before the start of each session at the Referees desk.



Advertising/Swimwear/Caps



- Only swimsuits approved by World Para Swimming will be allowed during this competition.
- Swim Caps must follow the WPS Advertising guidelines.
- When wearing two caps, both caps must comply.
- For Heats, athletes may wear club caps or the event logo cap which has been given to each athlete.
- For Finals, all athletes must wear WPS approved caps.



Backstroke Ledges

Colorado retractable Backstroke Ledges are fitted to the base of each block.

- It is the responsibility of the swimmer to ensure that the ledge is adjusted/set to the correct level
- If assistance is required, the Inspector of Turns is available to assist, but it remains the athlete's responsibility to ensure the ledges are positioned correctly.

Rear Kickplate on Blocks

- Rear Kickplates on blocks can be difficult to adjust. The Inspector of Turns is available to assist, but it remains the athlete's responsibility to ensure that it is positioned correctly.



Competition Rules and Regulations



- The competition is run under World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations April 2024
- The WPS Points System will be used to determine event placings and progressions to finals.
- Variation to the WPS Rules and Regulations for this competition:
 - Both Men's and Womens 150m Individual Medley, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke have had the Direct final rule waived to increase competition opportunity for lower classes.
 - All Relay events will be Direct Finals only



Relay Declaration



- Relay Declaration forms are available at the SID.
- Completed Relay Declaration forms shall be returned to the SID, at least one (1) hour before the start of the relevant session. Forms will not be accepted after this time.
- Forms with more points than permitted shall result in a DSQ (the team will not be allowed to swim).
- The order of swimming must be as identified on the form.



Competition Format



HEAT

- Heats will be seeded by entry times only.

FINALS

- Lane allocation in all Finals will be seeded by Points.



Finals Format



Only international classified and licensed athletes can proceed to finals. Athletes with a New Status and not being classified may only swim in heats.

Finals competition format will be as follows:

- World Series A final
 - This final have the priority over the youth final and the B final.

- World Series Youth Final
 - For the events with more than 4 athletes that qualify for youth finals.
 - This final have the priority over the B final.

- World Series B Final
 - B final will only be swum when more than 4 athletes are eligible for a B final.



Call room reporting

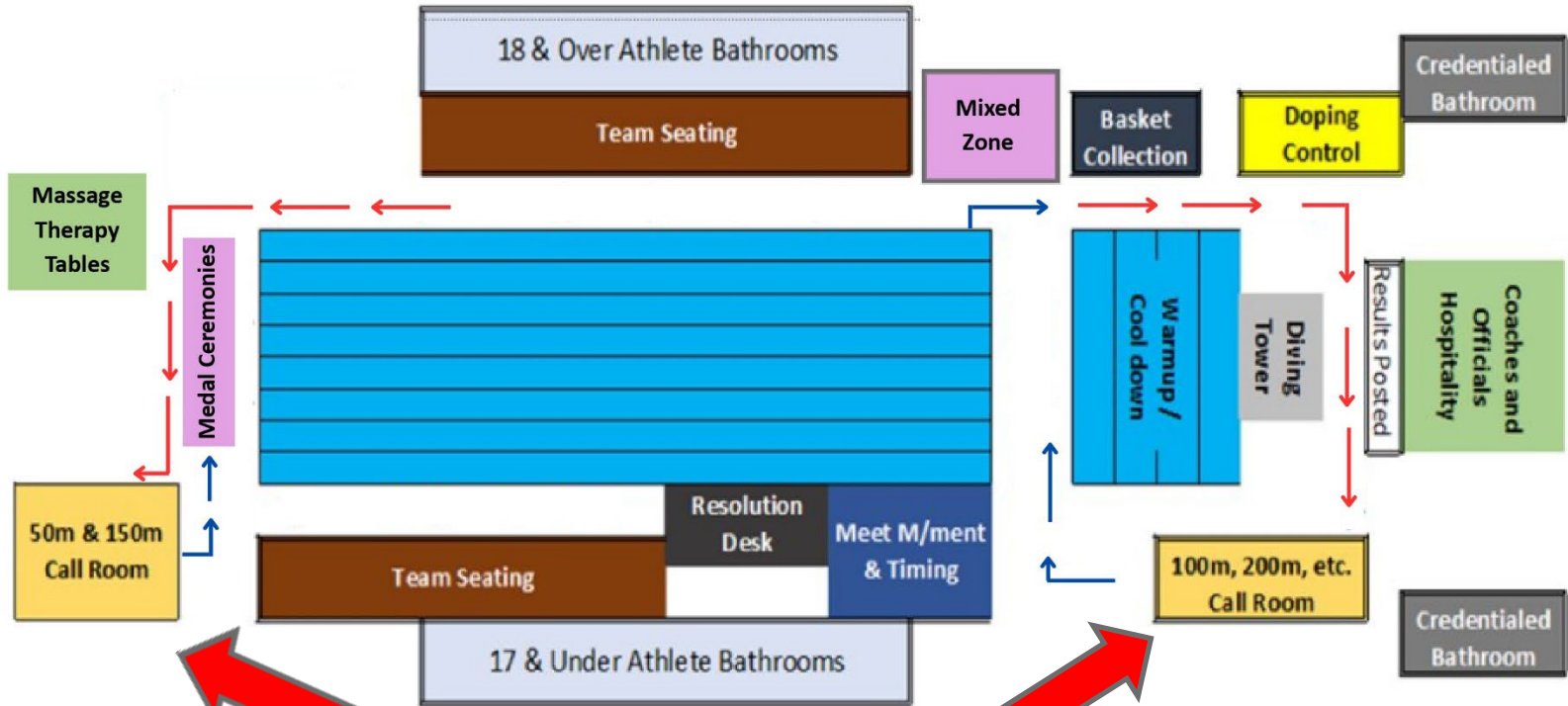


Call room reporting procedures :

- **For Heats:-** athletes report no later than 4 heats before their race.
- **For Finals:-** including reserves, must report no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published start time of their respective Final
- Athletes **MUST** have their accreditation with them.
- If a swimmer has back-to-back events, they can check in for both events when they show for the first event, so they are not recorded as a no-show for the second event.
- Support staff must accompany the athlete at the same time
- Swimmers failing to appear by this time shall be deemed as withdrawing without authority and be subject to the penalties described in 10.9.2, payable to Dani by card only.



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Call Rooms

Medals



- Medals will be awarded to the best 3 swimmers by WPS Point System for the A Final
- Medals will be awarded to the 3 best Youth swimmers by WPS Point System across all finals on each event
 - Example- Should a Youth athlete participate and medal in the A final, they may also medal in the youth category should they be the top three highest points scores of youth athletes
- The Minus one -1 rule will be in place if applicable.



Victory Ceremony Reporting

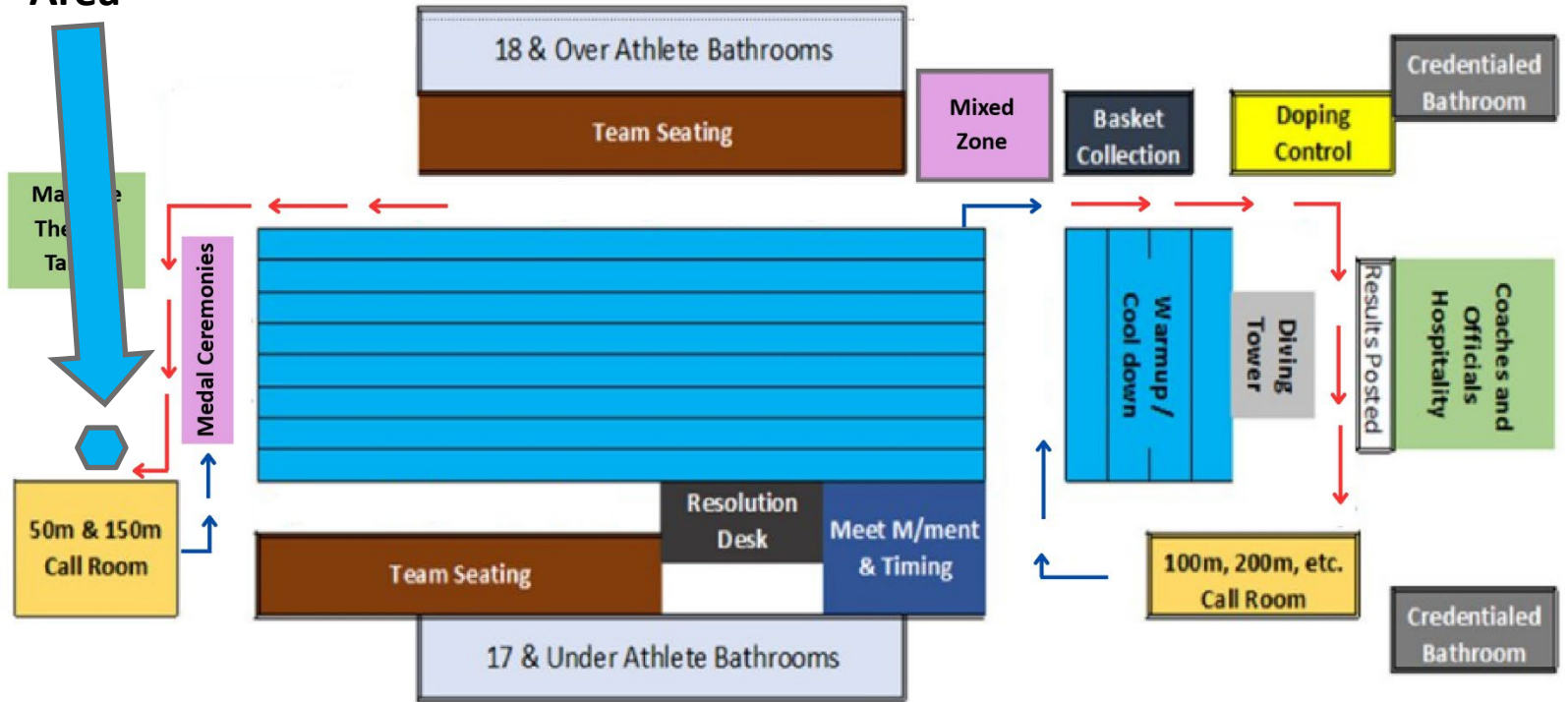


- The Minus one -1 rule will be in place if applicable.
- Swimmers will have to come to the podium dressed in approved uniform only.
- No Phones, No Flags and propaganda will be allowed during victory ceremonies.
- Victory Ceremonies (VCs) for Individual Events will take place after all Individual Finals have been swum.
- Relay Events will then be swum, followed by the Relay VCs
- Please ensure your athlete reports in sufficient time, VCs will not be delayed if an athlete is not present.



VC Reporting Area

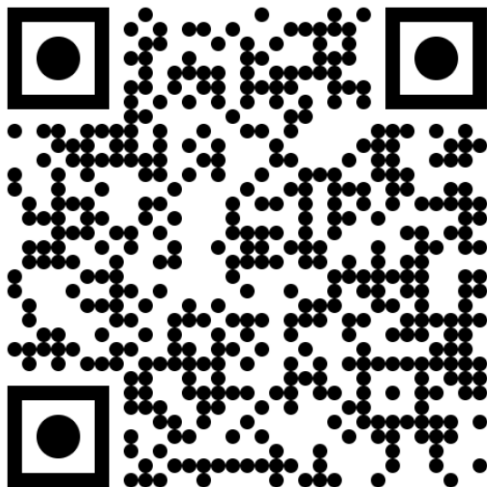
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Start Sheets and Results



<https://www.usparaswimming.org/competitions>



Additional Information



- **live stream information :** <https://www.usparaswimming.org/competitions>
- **Competition website :** <https://www.usparaswimming.org/competitions>
- **Coaches Group :**





**Thank You
&
Good luck to all your
athletes**