



U.S. Paralympics Swimming - Officials

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Initial Certification

To become certified as a Judge of Stroke (Deck Official) with U.S. Paralympics Swimming Official, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a current resident of the USA
2. Have a current swim official's certification with USA Swimming
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

For Starter certification, the following additional requirements must also be met:

1. Have been certified as a Starter with USA Swimming for a minimum of 1 year
2. Have worked a minimum of 12 sessions as a Starter (after obtaining starter certification), at one or more USA Swimming meet(s)
3. Must be certified as a Judge of Stroke with U.S. Paralympics Swimming.

Recertification

The requirement to retain/recertify the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Official certification the official must:

1. Attend a minimum of three swim meets designated as OPQM (Officials Para Qualifying Meet) **prior to** the current certification expiring
2. Submit swim log to the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Officials Chair

Or

1. Officiate at all sessions of a National level or above meet, which is hosted by U.S. Paralympics Swimming, prior to the current certification expiring

WPS International Technical Officials (ITO) Certification

Officials who have gained U.S. Paralympics Swimming certification and wish to progress on to gain WPS International Officials Certification must attend the WPS ITO course, which is conducted at various meets around the world.

Prior to attending the WPS ITO course, the official must receive an endorsement from the U.S. Paralympics Swimming.

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 officials certification;
2. Attended 3 national or International level championship meets hosted within the US within the last 2 years;
3. Attend a minimum of three swim meets using WPS rules in the U.S. during the previous two years; and
4. Have not previously attended a WPS ITO certification class(?) and failed to attain a recommendation for advancement from the WPS evaluator(s).

The U.S. Paralympics Swimming 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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