

# **USA SWIMMING COACH SAFETY REQUIREMENTS** **WAIVER FOR COACHES WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**

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USA Swimming requires anyone applying for coach membership to provide proof of current certification in First Aid, CPR and Safety Training for Swim Coaches (STSC). These courses include skill demonstrations that people with certain disabilities may be unable to participate in. In this event, the coach candidate should follow these procedures:

1. Obtain current certifications in any of the three courses where his/her disability is not a factor. Certifications must be from the list of USA Swimming approved courses.
2. Take the remaining course(s) and complete the written exam at the end of the course.
3. Get a letter from the organization that administered the course(s), stating that the candidate passed the written exam(s) but was unable to participate in the skills demonstration portion of the exam(s) due to a physical disability. Letters should be submitted to the LSC Membership Chair.
4. Submit a letter to the LSC Membership Chair from the club's head coach or board president, stating that a lifeguard or another USA Swimming coach will also be on deck at all times.

Candidates with disabilities will be eligible for coach membership provided that all the following conditions are met:

- ✓ Candidate has current USA Swimming-approved certifications where a waiver is not necessary (First Aid, CPR, and/or STSC);
- ✓ Candidate can provide proof of having passed the written exam(s) for those courses where a waiver is necessary, in the form of a letter from the course instructor verifying that the candidate has a disability that prohibits him/her from completing the required skills demonstration;
- ✓ A letter from the USA Swimming club verifying that a lifeguard or another USA Swimming coach member will be on deck at all times

The coach candidate must prove to the LSC Membership Chair that all the above conditions have been met. At that time, coach membership can be granted by the LSC.