

USATF PARA OFFICIAL'S PRESENTATION

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Para Athletics Official's Certification Level 1 Training & Certification 2025-2028

PARA LEVEL 1 TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

- Course hyperlink is available on the USATF, and ATFUSA Websites.
 - The course covers the World Para Athletics (WPA) and Adaptive Track & Field USA (ATFUSA) exceptions.
 - Take the certification test.
 - The Test Hyperlink is available at the end of the Course material.
- Certification, good for the Quad 2025-2028
- To be a USATF certified Para Official you must;
 - Score of 80% or better on the test..
 - Be current With your USATF Membership, Safe Sport, and Background check.
 - Be at least an Association level official,
 - Apprentice Level officials may take the test.
 - Your test results will be recorded
 - You will be certified when you reach the Association Level.
- When you pass the course:
 - It will be recorded on the official's database
 - You will be listed in the Find an Official App on the ATFUSA.org website.

FIND A CERTIFIED OFFICIAL.

USATF Official Para Levels & NTO Criteria for 2025-2028

2025-2028 Para Certification Levels

- Apprentice - Take the Test and Pass
- Association - Work 2 Para Meets in 1 year
- National - Work 4 Para meets
 - 2 per year or
 - 4 in 2 yrs w/1 being National
- Master - Work 6 meets in 2 or more yrs
W/ 2 being National
- NTO Qualified - Work 6 Para Meets w/3 National Level
With a Para Committee
Recommendation & a USATF
Official level of National or Master)
- Levels will be assigned to your Connect 80 Status
From the National Office for this Quad

**USATF
Official Para
2025-2028
Levels
As of
11/2025**

**2025 Meets, Officials Worked and
Evaluations**

- Meets: 25
- Officials Worked: 230
- Evaluations: 387

**415 Para Certification Course/Test By
2025-2028 Para Certification Levels**

- APPRENTICE_NO MEETS 246
- Apprentice 84
- Association 25
- National 19
- Master/Pending NTO Rec 26
- WPA NTO/Master 14
- WPA ITO/Master 1

**415
Para
Athletics
Officials
Certified
2025-2028
By
Association**

CERTIFIED PARA OFFICIALS

To Date: 415 (as of 11/1)

GOAL : 600 by 12/2027 to prep for 2028 LA

Alabama	- 2	Lake Erie	- 6	Potomac V.	- 3
Alabama	-12	Long Island	- 3	San Diego	-1
Arizona	- 17	Michigan	- 13	Southern Cal	- 4
Arkansas	- 7	MidAtlantic	- 8	S. Carolina	- 6
CA Central	- 3	Minnesota	- 7	Southern	- 10
CA Southern	- 25	Missouri Valley	-4	S. Western	- 38
Colorado	- 8	Nebraska	- 3	Tennessee	- 2
Connecticut	- 3	New England	- 14	Texas S	- 4
Dakota	- 5	New Jersey	- 11	Three River	- 5
Florida	- 16	New Mexico	- ?	Utah	- 3
Georgia	- 2	New York	- 15	Virginia	- 2
Great Lakes	- ?	Niagara	- 7	W. Texas	- 4
Gulf	- 1	N. Carolina	- 9	W. Virginia	- 1
Illinois	-9	Ohio	- 18	Wisconsin	- 3
Indiana	- 12	Ozark	- 2		
Inland NW	- 2	Pacific	- 21		
Iowa	- 9	Pacific NW	- 5		
Kentucky	- 13				

CHALLENGE EVERY ASSOCIATION:

Training & Support

www.atfusa.org

under
Official's Corner
Pages
& USATF

OFFICIAL TIPS AND SUPPORT:

- Para Athletics WEBINARS:
 - Course
 - Other Specific Webinars:
 - Seated Throws, VI, Starter
- [MEET MANAGEMENT BY ROLE GUIDE R7 06/30/25](#)
Gives Role by Role Para Official Responsibilities.
- Best Practice information is available in the Official's Corner section of the www.ATFUSA.org Web Site.
We will move Best Practice content to the USATF site as time goes on.
- **Please use the WPA Rule Book and the ATFUSA exceptions at Para only meets.** The USATF Para sections may not be up to date for Para only competitions.

What Happened in 2025

- **U.S. Para Championships** which named the **2025 World Championship Paralympics team**
 - **Team:** 20 Men and 20 Women
 - **Medals:** 27
 - 6-Gold
 - 9-Silver
 - 13-Bronze
 - **Records set at the Championships & World's**
 - **4 Americas Records**
 - Alicia Guerrero – F64 Women's Shot Put
 - Arelle Middleton – F44 Women's Shot Put
 - Hunter Woodhall – T62 Men's 400m
 - Sydney Barta – T64 Women's 200m
 - **1 World Record**
 - Annie Carey – T44 Women's Long Jump

What Happened at the Community Level in 2025

2025 Hartford/Move United Para Nationals

	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Relay</u>	<u>Total</u>
Teams :				45 35 states
Athletes :	120	167		287
1st Round Starts :	558	777	31	1366
1st Round Scrch :	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
1st Rnd No Show:	6 1%	16 2%	0 0%	22 2%
DQ's :	7 1%	10 1%	4 13%	21 2%
Record Breakers:	208 37%	144 19%	0 0%	352 26%
Improved Marks:	282 51%	409 53%	0 0%	691 51%

What Happened at the Para Community Level in 2025

- **2025 Move United Competitions**
 - **Track and field Para Meets - 25**
 - **Athlete Demographics** (all Sports)
 - **2,378** Total Unique Athletes Served
 - 3% growth from 2,311 in 2024)
 - **3,288** Total Athletes Across Events
 - **784** Youth (Under 18)
 - **1,149** Adult (18 & Over) **
 - **262** Military: Active Duty + Veteran
 - **45** States + DC Represented
 - **15** International Countries Represented
 - **Disability Percentage**
 - Mobility Impairment/Limb Loss/Deficiency 38%
 - Neuromuscular 22%
 - Not Listed/Other 11%
 - Do not Identify as Disabled 10%
 - Cognitive/Intellectual Disability 9%
 - Acquired Brain Injury 6%
 - Blind/Low Vision 3%
 - Deaf/Hard of Hearing 1%

Please Consider Working PARA MEETS In 2026

2026 PARA MEETS

- 2026 cal. Published by 1/1/2026
- Also Embrace Para Athletes at your USATF & High School Meets

Clemson Palmetto - Clemson, SC
GUMBO North -Shreveport, LA
Texas Regional Games - San Antonio Tx
Lone Star Para Invitational - Arlington, Tx
Children's Specialized Hospital Invitational - Rahway River Park, NJ
Gateway Games - St. Peters, Mo
GLASA Regional Games Chicago Illinois June 5-8
Desert Challenge Games - Mesa/Phoenix/Tempe Az.
GUMBO Delta - Basdrop, LA
Tri-State Regional Games - Rahway, NJ May 23-24

Michigan Victory Games -E. Lansing MI
Challenge Games - Mulane, Ks
5280 Challenge - Aurora, Co
UCO Endeavor Games - Edmond, Ok
Peachtree Games - Atlanta, GA
Angel City Games - Los Angeles, Ca
Bennett Blazers Invitational - Towson, MD
Move United Junior Nationals - Grand Rapids, MI
Adaptive Sports New England - Braintree, MA

Meet in the Middle -Conway AR
Alabama Para Track &Field Invitational -Tuscaloosa AL
Bennet Blazers Invitational -Cavert HS
Gopher State Games -Lakeville MN
Pine Cone Track & Field Classic -Spokane WA
Miller Family Open -Ann Arbor MI

What's Happening for 2026

- **2026 Para Official Goals & Objectives:**
 - Arrange the 2nd NTO Course.
 - Continue to develop plans for 100 WPA NTO's by 12/2027
 - Continue to develop Para Official Education
 - Next Webinar 2/5/26 – Seated Field Setup & Best Practices.
 - Update and communicate Rules based on 2026 WA and WPA changes. WPA Rule Changes expected in Mid February or March 2026
 - Support USATF Para and Para Only meets to ensure fair and consistent competition for Para Athletes.

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