

USATF PARA OFFICIALS PRESENTATION

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Para Athletics Official's Certification Level 1 Training & Certification

2021-2024

- All USATF current Para certified and new officials **Must Re-Certify for 2021-2024.**
- The 2021 – 2024 Course and Test **Available on or before 12/15/2020**
- The course covers the World Para Athletics (WPA) and Adaptive Track & Field USA (ATFUSA) (for U14 and the USA Master Athletes) exceptions to the World Athletics (WA) rules for Track & Field.
- Following taking the course there is a the 25-question certification test to certify as a USATF Level 1 PARA Certified Official.
- To be a USATF Level 1 certified Para Official you must;
 - **Pass the certification test with a score of 80% or better.**
 - **Be at least an Association level official,**
 - **Be current with USATF membership, Safe Sport, and Background check.**
- The Test Hyperlink is available at the end of the Course material.
- If an Apprentice Level, your results will be recorded and you will be certified when you reach the Association Level. We encourage and welcome you, however, to work Para Meets however, as an apprentice level official.
- Certification will be good for the Quad 2021-2024
- When you pass the course you will be listed in the Find an official app on the ATFUSA.org website.
- **FIND A CERTIFIED OFFICIAL FOR YOUR MEET App.**

What's Happening for 2020- 2021

- In 2020 only 1 of the 25 USA Para Athletics meets and Marathons were cancelled.
- Adaptive Sports USA will merge with Disabled Sports USA (DSUSA) on 1/1/2021 and officially become **MOVE UNITED**.
This merger brings together the two strongest Para 501C3 organizations in the country.
- We are hopeful that all the Para meets will return for 2021. The competition calendar will be available on or about 1/1/2021 at:
 - The Move United [Website](#)
 - ATFUSA.org [Website](#)
 - US Para Athletics Website
 - Some on the USATF Site.

PLEASE CONSIDER WORKING THESE MEETS!

- **US Para Athletics Trials for the 2021 Paralympics will be in Minnesota June 17-20.**
- A call for Officials will be set out early in 2021.
- The Para Athletics Officials Committee, which is led by ATFUSA and made up of all the WPA TD's, US Para Athletics and key USATF officials is working on a Level II certification Course and Test.
- As a part of this Level II work check out the Draft of the [Officials Quick Para Athletics Reference](#), which like the USATF Quick Athletics Guide, gives Role by Role Responsibilities for Officials at Para Meets.
- The team is also preparing a few official webinars in 2021, Notifications will be advertised on social media and sent to all current and 2017-2020 certified officials.



RULES 2020-2021

World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations for all national and international competitions.

- **World Para Athletics rule book:**
<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rules>
- **ATFUSA rule book:**
 - USA rules & exceptions for 14 and under (U14) & Masters M35, M50, M60 athletes
 - Adaptive Track & Field USA (ATFUSA)
www.atfusa.org .
 - ATFUSA rule book: [ATFUSA Rules](#)
- [Meet Management By Role - Rev 1 Draft8](#)
- There is also a summary of World Para Athletics rules and exceptions included at the back of the USATF rule book.



National Governing Body for Track & Field
of
Adaptive Sports USA

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Competition Rules for Track, Field & Road Racing
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NOTES:

1. * Denotes rule change or the addition of a new rule.
2. Rules do not follow numerical order - missing numbers have been reserved for future use.
3. The World Para Athletics Rulebook supersedes all ATFUSA rules except for Junior age groups U11 and U14, Master 35, Master 50, Master 60 and the USA road racing drafting rule & additional verbiage for road racing.
4. These rules may change at any time where World Para Athletics or ATFUSA otherwise considers it necessary to do so.

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