

USATF PARA OFFICIAL'S PRESENTATION

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Para Official's Certification Level 1

Training & Certification

2021-2024

PARA LEVEL 1 TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

- **Course hyperlink** is available on the USATF, US Para Track & Field and ATFUSA Websites.
 - The course covers the World Para Athletics (WPA) and Adaptive Track & Field USA (ATFUSA) exceptions.
- Take the 25-question certification test.
- Certification, good for the Quad 2021-2024
- To be a USATF Level 1 certified Para Official you must;
 - Score of 80% or better on the test..
 - Be current: Membership, Safe Sport, Background
 - Be at least an Association level official,
 - Apprentice Level officials may take the test.
 - Results will be recorded
 - When you reach the Association Level.
- When you pass the course:
 - It will be recorded in the official's database
 - And listed in the Find an Official App on the ATFUSA.org website.

FIND A CERTIFIED OFFICIAL.

**Para
Athletics
Official's
Certification
Level 1
Training &
Certification
2021-2024**

CERTIFIED PARA OFFICIALS

To Date: 251 (as of 10/31)

GOAL : 400 by 12/2024 to prep for 2028 LA

Arizona	- 19	MidAtlantic	- 3	Pacific	-12
Arkansas	- 7	Minnesota	- 8	Pacific NW	-5
California	-29	Missouri V	- 2	Porto Rico	-2
Colorado	- 7	Nebraska	- 3	Potomac V.	- 4
Connecticut	- 4	New England	- 7	Puerto Rico	- 2
Florida	- 23	New Jersey	- 8	Southern	- 10
Georgia	- 4	New Mexico	- 3	S. Carolina	- 5
Gulf	-2	New York	- 4	Southern Cal	-13
Illinois	- 4	Niagara	- 7	S. Western	- 14
Indiana	- 10	N. Carolina	- 7	Three River	- 4
Inland North	- 2	Ohio	- 9	Virginia	- 2
Iowa	- 4	Ozark	- 6	W. Texas	-2
Kentucky	- 1	Pacific	- 12	W. Virginia	-5
Lake Erie	- 3	Pacific NW	- 3	Wisconsin	- 5
Michigan	- 6	Oklahoma	- 1		
		Ozark	- 6		

2021 Total- 215

Year over Year Growth - 36

2022 Total- 251

Training & Support

www.atfusa.org

under
Official's Corner
Pages

Other Training & Support Available :

- Webinars are available on the ATFUSA Website
 - The 2021-2024 Course review
 - Seated Throws,
 - Officiating Visually Impaired (VI)
 - Para Starters
- Para Meet Management By Role
- Additional tips are also available in the Official's Corner section of the ATFUSA.org Web Site.



2023 OFFICIATING OPPORTUNITIES

CONSIDER WORKING 2023 PARA MEETS

- 2023 cal. Published by 1/1/2023
- Also Embrace Para Athletes at your USATF & High School Meets

3/31	Gumbo North	Shreveport	LA
4/22	Lone Star Para Invitational	Keller	Tx
4/29	Gumbo Acadiana	New Iberia	LA
4/29-30	Palmetto Games	Clemson	SC
5/4-8	Texas Regional Games	San Antonio	Tx
5/10-14	GLASA Great Lakes Games	Lake Forest	IL
5/17-19	US Para Track & Field Championships	TBD	
5/20 -21	Gateway Games	St. Peters	MO
5/24-28	Desert Challenge Games	Mesa	AR
5/26-28	Tri-State Regional Games	TBD	NJ
6/1- 4	Thunder in the Valley	Saginaw	MI
6/3	Challenge Games	Darby	KS
6/3	Meet in the Middle	Conway	AR
6/4	Bennett Blazers Invitational	Baltimore	MD
6/8-11	UCO Endeavor Games	Edmond	OK
6/11	Pine Cone Classic	Spokane	WA
6/15-18	Goher State Games	Lakeville	MN
6/17	Adaptive Sports New England	Braintree	MA
6/17-18	Peachtree Paragames	Atlanta	
6/18 -19	Dairyland Games	Oregon	WI
6/23-26	Angel City Games	Los Angeles	CA
7/8—15	Move United Nationals	Hoover	AL
10/7	Gumbo State Governors Games	Natchitoches	LA

Dates subject to change

Estimated 23 Para only T&F meets in 2022, with other Integrated USATF, NCAA or at the over 33 High School State Championships.

WPA NTO's Needed !!!!

•WHAT ARE NTO'S:

- NTO's are USA National Level officials who can be the lead para official at a World Para Athletics rules run Track & Field meet.
- The NTO would be considered the Meet or Event Referee

•WHY DO WE NEED USA NTO'S:

- The USA needs 50 to 70 NTO Officials to support;
 - The growth of Para Meets in the USA
 - Possibly work as lead officials at the 2028 LA Paralympics.

•WHO CAN BECOME AN NTO:

- Any USA National or Master level USATF official in good standing can potentially be a WPA Para NTO.

WPA NTO

•WHAT IS THE CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED ?

- Work 2 or more Para Meets per year.
- Get a Positive Official Evaluations
Demonstrating:
 - Knowledge of Para Track and Field Rules.
 - That you can Lead in your Para Assignments both in the specific Event or as a Meet Referee.
 - You can work well with others.
 - That you are worthy to work again at that event or at a National/International level event
 - Attain an average evaluation of 4.25 or better out of 5 over the evaluation period.
 - Get a Positive recommendation.

WPA NTO

•IF I MEET THE CRITERIA, WHEN WOULD I BE INVITED TO THE USA WPA NTO COURSE AND TEST?

- At this time there will be 3 or more NTO courses over the next 2 years.
 - The first course: 12/8-11/22.
 - The second course: Q1/2 of 2025.
Up to 30 to attend this course.
 - The third course: Q4 of 2027.
Up to 30 to attend this course.
- additional courses maybe added as needed.

WPA NTO

•HOW DO I KNOW I AM BEING INCLUDED IN THE POOL OF OFFICIALS BEING EVALUATED FOR AN NTO INVITATION.

- Starting in Q1 of 2023 all officials with 2023 evaluations will be listed (Name and Event Only) on the ATFUSA Web Site. (www.ATFUSA.org)
- If you believe your name should be included download & fill out the EVALUATION FORM Web Site and forward it to philg1234@comcast.net.
- We will contact the Referee to validate your participation and request an evaluation.

WPA NTO

- **US PARA TRACK AND FIELD IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THESE OFFICIALS ARE ATTENDING THE FIRST NTO COURSE:**

NAME	STATE
Carry, Pam	Louisiana
Enz, Peter	California
Fuller, Duke	California
Galli, Philip	New Jersey
Hogan, Faith	California
Johnson, Paul	Texas
Kessler, Steven P	Illinois
Norwood, Robert	Virginia
Fuller, Anne Marie	California
Kolterjahn, Paul	New Jersey
Bruening, Elizabeth	Wisconsin
Fuller, Alonzo	Wisconsin
Yurochko, Trisha	New Jersey
Colvin, Lisa	Texas

What Happened in 2022

DEMOGRAPHICS Track & Field:

- Total Unique Athletes Served- 1384
- Total Duplicated Athletes Across Events- 2042
- Youth vs. Adult participating- 784 youth, 600 adults
- Total Track & Field Competitions: 20
 - New Competitions: 2
- Junior Nationals in Colorado (Athletes 8 to 22).
 - ~225 Junior Athletes Competed.
 - 30 USATF Officials 15 National/ 15 Local.
- ROAD:
 - Great Wheelchair Marathons (Abbot Majors)
New York, Boston, Chicago
 - Boston Marathon and ½ Marathon with both Wheelchair and Para Ambulatory Divisions.
 - Great 10, 15K and other Wheelchair Divisions

What's Happening for 2023

- **2023 Para Official Goals & Objectives:**
 - The Para Officials Committee continues to work a USA Level II Certification.
 - Evaluate Officials to be named to the 2nd WPA NTO Course in 2024/5
 - Work with Associations to increase the number of Level 1 Certified Para Officials to reach our 400 goal of 400+ in this Quad.
 - Update and communicate Rules based on 2023 WA and WPA changes.
 - Support USATF and Para Only meets to ensure fair and consistent competition for Para Athletes.

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