

### **GENERAL SYNOPSIS (The Big Picture in 3-4 sentences):**

USA Swimming has approved time standards for Para Swimmers. Para swimmers have had no standards in which to attach personal goals until they've been classified and reached the Can-Am standard. From there it's quite a leap to Emerging Team status with US Paralympics. These standards represent 3 years of research and development by several members of the disability committee in collaboration with other professionals and volunteers with vested interest in the sport of para-swimming. These new standards are motivational and adaptable. There are now standards for LSC Championships, Zones and Sectionals!

Encourage LSC, Zone and Sectional Committees to accept these standards as a fair representation of the performance level of para-athletes worthy to compete in these championship meets. Create a separate division at these meets for para-athletes giving them the opportunity to compete in finals, score team points and receive awards. There are three sets of standards based on 3 abilities that are easy to identify.

There was also a quick guide for officials to help them officiate para swimmers.

[https://schr.d.ws/hosted\\_files/usasconvention2018/08/Article%20105%20Pocket%20guide.pdf](https://schr.d.ws/hosted_files/usasconvention2018/08/Article%20105%20Pocket%20guide.pdf)

### **POSSIBLE MAIN POINTS OR TAKEAWAYS FOR...**

<b>LSC Board/Committee Members</b>  We now have standards for Para swimmers that want to qualify for the Wisconsin LSC State Championships, Zones and Sectionals.	<b>Teams in Wisconsin</b>  These standards are in place for all of our Para swimmers and should help promote the sport.
<b>Coaches</b>  These standards will help us guide Para Swimmers and give them standards to progress from Wisconsin LSC State Championships, Zones and Sectionals and beyond..	<b>Officials</b>  Please refer to the quick guide to help officiate para athletes appropriately.
<b>Athletes</b>  Athletes now have motivational time standards to help them achieve new heights.	<b>LSC Others</b>

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