

Target groups of Disability Course:

Meet Referee/ Deck Referee

Athletes or athlete representative are required to inform MR of impaired swimmer and request accommodations.

Meet Referee is the final decision on Disqualifications

Meet Referee will determine if accommodations can be met and will instruct officials as to the accommodations/modifications.

Stroke and Turn Officials

Officials observe swims based on rules. Officials are instructed to become familiar with Article 105.5 (this is encouraged during training of new officials).

An impaired athlete does not have to inform the referee because they do not want to be officiated under Article 105. This is their choice.

Coaches:

Senior Coach – Swimmers who are at the High School Level and swim with HS can be a member of club swimming, and impaired swimmers are not always aware of this opportunity.

Age Group Coach – athletes at this level are wanting to be involved in club sports, are competitive, and are involved with friends.

Both set of coaches can help athlete be competitive, grow both athletically and socially.

Can help athletes move to Para if warranted

Rational for Disability Course

1. Face to face conversation, instruction and discussion is always better. Helps with comprehension, development of programs and offers support to all affected groups.
2. Explanation of what impairments are and the differences of impairments in each group (P1, P2, P3 Groupings). How modifications look for an impaired swimmer and what officials are instructed to be aware of (Article 105) while observing swims.
3. What support staff is and how that looks.
4. What starting devices are and examples of types.
5. How rules are observed and implemented
6. How integrating impaired swimmers into clubs affects swimmers