

YMCA SWIM OFFICIALS TRAINING UPDATE

October 2023

To better support the competitive swimming programs and Swim Officials Training the following updates have been made to the YMCA Swim Officials Courses.

Please see details in the chart below which gives an overview to of the programs impacted, overview of the updates to the course, and the course documents impacted:

Course	Update Overview	Course Documents Impacted by Update
YMCA Swim Officials Level 1 Certification	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training design has been updated to include updated testing information. See Details below. 2. Training design has been updated to include updated Child Abuse prevention Information 3. Training design administration section has been updated to include simple directions for facilitating virtual trainings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trainer Guide ● Participant Guide ● Solutions Guide
YMCA Swim Officials Level 2 Certification and Level 2 Recertification	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training design has been updated to include updated testing information. See Details below. 2. Training design has been updated to include updated Child Abuse prevention Information 3. Training design administration section has been updated to include simple directions for facilitating virtual trainings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trainer Guide ● Participant Guide ● Solutions Guide

<p>YMCA Swim Officials Administrative Officials Certification</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training design has been updated to include updated testing information. See Details below. 2. Training design has been updated to include updated Child Abuse prevention Information 3. Training design administration section has been updated to include simple directions for facilitating virtual trainings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trainer Guide ● Participant Guide Solutions Guide
<p>Updated Process for Obtaining a YMCA Swim officials equivalency Certification (USA-S official application for YMCA Swim Official)</p>	<p>Individuals who are certified as USA Swimming officials may be granted equivalent YMCA swim official certification by completing the appropriate form linked below and uploading their certification.</p> <p>YMCA Swim Officials Level 1 Certification – USA Swimming Officials Equivalency</p> <p>YMCA Swim Officials Level 2 Certification – USA Swimming Officials Equivalency</p> <p>Once the form is submitted with proof of the equivalency, the Y-USA training support team will send directions for taking the test.</p> <p>Once the test is completed, the Y-USA support team will place the test completion on the individual's transcript and the individual will be able to print and save their Y Swim Officials Certification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None

ACTION NEEDED:

YMCA Swim Officials Trainers and Faculty should take the following actions to move to the updated course content no later than December 31, 2023:

1. Download, print, and replace all course document materials from the LCDC to ensure you train from the most current version of the trainer materials. You must download all new course materials and complete the Trainer Acknowledgement in the LCDC:
 - i. To find the Acknowledgement in LCDC go to My Records>Submitted Applications, Licenses & Equivalencies, scroll down to the Trainer Acknowledgements grid and click on the “View pending trainer acknowledgements” link above the grid.
2. Review the updated testing directions in the document below and ensure you are prepared to explain it to students. Note that the old testing system will be turned off on December 31, 2023.
3. Review Virtual Training requirements noted in the training design in “Note for Trainers Facilitating Virtually”
4. Review Updated “Child Abuse Prevention” resources and tools provided in the updated training design
5. YMCA Swim Official Trainers who would like to, can still coordinate YMCA Swim Officials patch distribution. Patches continue to be an optional activity to celebrate certification.