

Southern Zone Disability Workshop

This session will offer valuable insights and practical strategies for supporting Disability Athletes within LSCs, and we believe it will be a meaningful resource for those involved in fostering inclusivity in our sport.

DATE: April 6, 2025

TIME: 7:00 EDT

Target Audience:

LSC General Chairs, Senior Chairs, Age Group Chairs, Officials Chairs, Disability Chairs, and Permanent Office personnel. Officials are also welcome.

Disability Athletes Zoom Workshop

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM ET

[Registration Link](#): (Pre-registration is required)

Presenters:

- Susan Mechler – Chair, USA Swimming Disability Committee
- Rayleen Soderstrom – Chair, SZ Disability Committee
- Evan Wilkerson – Disability Swimmer
- Cheryl Loprinzo – HyTek Operator, Disability Meets

Topics will include:

- Benefits of including Disability Athletes
- LSC Board approval: Is it required?
- Inclusion strategies for regular season meets vs. LSC Championships and Sectionals
- Parallel Time Standards vs. no qualifying times
- What to include in a meet announcement
- Disability Swimmer registration in USA Swimming
- Whether proof of disability is needed
- Pre-meet communication best practices
- Accommodation vs. Modification
- HyTek operations for finals
- Scoring Disability Athletes
- Making DQ calls