

2025 SAAA Coach Certification Requirements

It is the coach's responsibility to keep their certifications current with the Admin Secretary. All certifications, the background check, and the abuse/misconduct form need to be submitted BEFORE you are considered an SAAA certified coach. An SAAA certified coach must be at all training sessions, including practices, dryland, group meetings, etc.

The final day for coaches to submit certifications in order to receive deck credentials for invitationals and championships is June 1st. Individuals without proper certification are not considered to be SAAA coaches and will not be allowed behind the blocks at Invitationals or Championships.

Required for ALL coaches: Our insurance provider requires all coaches to submit a signed Abuse/Misconduct form each year. This form is on the Documents tab of the SAAA website.

Required Certifications: Coaches must provide:

1. A screenshot of their USA Swimming coach membership card (with expiration dates) through Deckpass. All expiration dates must be later than July 10, 2025.

OR...

2. They need to provide all of the following...
 - a. Current CPR/AED Certification. Courses must be from the approved list on the USA Swimming website ([here](#)).
 - b. Current Safety Training for Swim Coaches Online Component certificate of completion
 - c. One of the following:
 - Current Safety Training for Swim Coaches in-water component certificate of completion
 - Current lifeguard certification. Lifeguard certifications must be from the approved list on the USA Swimming website.
 - d. A background check from a reputable source. Coaches that are 17&U through July 10, 2025 do not need a background check.