



# USA SWIMMING COACHES SAFETY CURRICULUM 2011 - 2012 Requirements and Equivalents

Effective since 1988, all coach members are required to fulfill safety training requirements as established by the USA Swimming Board of Directors. USA Swimming currently requires coach members to hold current certifications for the following: Safety Training for Swim Coaches, CPR, and First Aid. ONLY COURSES ON THIS LIST ARE ACCEPTABLE; NO EXCEPTIONS.

## CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)

**Any one of the following courses will satisfy the CPR requirement:**

### American Red Cross:

**Not acceptable: instructor certifications, WSI, foreign Red Cross certifications.**

*(All American Red Cross CPR certifications are valid for two years)*

- CPR - Adult
- CPR - Adult and Child (*recommended if you coach 12 and unders*) (*Infant CPR is optional component*)
- CPR/AED - Adult
- CPR/AED - Adult and Child (*recommended if you coach 12 and unders*) (*Infant CPR/AED is optional component*)
- CPR/AED for Lifeguards
- CPR/AED for the Healthcare Provider
- CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider

### American Heart Association:

*(All American Heart Association CPR certifications are valid for two years)*

*Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED does not have a final written exam; in order for this course to be acceptable, notify your instructor in advance that you will need to take the written final exam that is an option offered by the AHA.*

- Heartsaver First Aid w/CPR & AED (**AHA certification must indicate that final written exam was given and passed - see details above**)
- ACLS Provider
- Healthcare Provider (BLS for Healthcare Providers)
- Any AHA Basic Life Support Instructor or Instructor Trainee for the courses listed above

### American Lifeguard Association:

- Professional CPR (CPR for the Professional Rescuer) - "Instructor Led" must appear on card
- Community CPR - "Instructor Led" must appear on card

### American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI):

- CPR Pro
- CPR/AED for the Community and Workplace (*two year certification*)

### National Safety Council:

*(National Safety Council CPR certifications are valid for one or two years, depending on the training agency.)*

- Adult CPR & AED
- Standard First Aid, CPR & AED

### Ellis & Associates:

- Water Safety+ (*includes First Aid component*)
- International Lifeguard Training (*one year certification; includes first aid component*)
- International Lifeguard Training Instructor License (*12-18 month certification*)

### Emergency First Response (PADI)

**The PADI courses below do not meet the first aid requirement.**

- Emergency Responder - CPR/AED/First Aid (*two year certification*)
- Emergency Responder - CPR/AED (*two year certification*)
- Emergency Responder - CPR/First Aid (*two year certification*)

### CPR courses offered by other organizations:

- California State Lifeguard
- Emergency Care & Safety Institute CPR (*two year certification*) (AAOS - Amer Acad of Orthopaedic Surgeons)
- Medic First Aid (*includes First Aid component*) (**Coach must submit a scored written test signed by instructor**)
- EMS Safety Services CPR
- EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Basic or Intermediate (*includes First Aid component*)
- Paramedic
- ProCPR Adult/Child/Infant CPR & AED for Health Care Provider (BLS) (*valid for 2 years - must have signature of Skills Evaluator on back of card*)
- ProFirstAid (*valid for 2 years; includes first aid component - must have signature of Skills Evaluator on back of card*)
- Save-A-Life Educators CPR (Adult, Adult/Child, or Adult/Child/Infant) (*online-only not acceptable; must do in-person skills assessment*)  
*Save-A-Life: If "online training" is printed on the card, it must be accompanied by 2nd cert stamped "Skills Assessment Passed"*
- StarGuard
- Tacoma Fire Department First Aid & CPR (*includes First Aid component*)
- University Training Centers, Inc. - Healthcare Provider BLS( C)

**Online courses are not acceptable unless skills are demonstrated to instructor face-to-face.**



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## FIRST AID

**Any one of the following courses will satisfy the first aid requirement:**

### American Red Cross:

**Not acceptable: instructor certifications, WSI, foreign Red Cross certifications, First Aid for Coaches.**

*(All American Red Cross first aid certifications are valid for two years)*

*(When the course includes a CPR component, a separate CPR card will be issued)*

- ARC/USOC Sports Safety Training *(may include a CPR component)*
- ARC/USOC Sports Injury Prevention and First Aid
- Basic First Aid
- First Aid - Responding to Emergencies
- Emergency Response
- Lifeguarding/First Aid (Waterfront/Waterpark optional) *(includes CPR component)*
- Standard First Aid

### American Heart Association

*These AHA courses do not have a final written exam; in order for these courses to be acceptable, notify your instructor in advance that you will need to take the written final exam that is an option offered by the AHA.*

- Heartsaver First Aid **(AHA card must indicate that the final written exam was given and passed - see details above)**
- Heartsaver First Aid w/CPR & AED **(AHA card must indicate that the final written exam was given and passed - see details above)**

### National Safety Council:

*(National Safety Council first aid certifications are valid for 2-3 years, depending on the training agency)*

- First Aid
- Standard First Aid, CPR & AED *(includes CPR component)*

### Ellis & Associates:

- Water Safety+ *(4 hours; includes CPR component)*
- International Lifeguard Training *(one year certification; includes CPR component)*
- International Lifeguard Training Instructor License *(12-18 month certification)*

### First aid courses offered by other organizations:

- American Lifeguard Association First Aid
- ASHI (American Safety & Health Institute) Basic First Aid *(4 hours)*
- California State Lifeguard
- Emergency Care & Safety Institute First Aid (AAOS - Amer Acad of Orthopaedic Surgeons)
- Medic First Aid *(includes CPR component)*  
**(Coach must also submit a scored written Medic First Aid test signed by the instructor)**
- EMS Safety Services First Aid
- EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Basic or Intermediate *(includes CPR component)*
- Paramedic
- ProFirstAid *(valid for 2 years; includes CPR component - must have signature of Skills Evaluator on back of card)*
- Save-A-Life Educators First Aid or First Aid Renewal *(online-only not acceptable; must do in-person skills assessment)*  
*Save-A-Life: If "online training" is printed on the card, it must be accompanied by 2nd cert stamped "Skills Assessment Passed"*
- StarGuard
- Tacoma Fire Department First Aid & CPR *(includes CPR component)*
- University Training Centers, Inc. - Standard First Aid
- Life Education of Florida - First Aid for All Ages: A Common Sense Approach

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**SAFETY TRAINING FOR SWIM COACHES (STSC)**

**Any one of the following courses will satisfy the STSC requirement:**

**American Red Cross:**

**Not acceptable: instructor certifications, WSI, foreign Red Cross certifications**

*(American Red Cross STSC certifications are valid for three years)*

• **Safety Training for Swim Coaches (full course, fast track option, review or challenge)**

*STSC has two components - a 4-hour classroom session and a 4-hour in-water session. The STSC online written test can replace the classroom session (print the confirmation email after passing the test as proof) and present the email to your local ARC chapter within 30 days to complete the in-water session. An acceptable lifeguard certification (see list below) can replace the in-water session.*

**Lifeguard certifications listed below will be accepted WITH proof of successful completion of the online Safety Training for Swim Coaches written test. For additional information, and to take the test, go to [www.usaswimming.org/MemberResources/Coaches/Online Testing & Certifications](http://www.usaswimming.org/MemberResources/Coaches/OnlineTesting&Certifications). Print the confirmation email when you pass the test; submit to your LSC Membership Chair WITH the required lifeguard card. The expiration date, for coach membership purposes, will be the earliest date on either the STSC email (valid for three years) or the lifeguard certification.**

**American Red Cross:**

*(American Red Cross LGT certifications are valid for three years)*

*(No ARC instructor certifications are acceptable)*

- Lifeguarding (includes CPR & first aid components) **with STSC online written test**
- Waterfront Lifeguarding (includes CPR & first aid components) **with STSC online written test**
- Waterpark Lifeguarding (includes CPR & first aid components) **with STSC online written test**

**Not acceptable: ARC/USOC Sport Safety Training, WSI.**

**American Lifeguard Association**

- Lifeguarding (includes CPR-PR & First Aid) **with STSC online written test**  
*(Three options: First Time Lifeguard, Professional Lifeguard Challenge, Lifeguard Recertification)*

**Ellis & Associates:**

- Int'l Lifeguard Training (1 year certification; includes first aid & CPR component) **with STSC online written test**
- Int'l Lifeguard Training Instructor License (12-18 month certification) **with STSC online written test**

**YMCA Lifeguarding with STSC online written test**

**StarGuard with STSC online written test**

**FROM THE 2011 USA SWIMMING RULEBOOK:**

**Article 502.6.3** "Anyone who coaches athletes at a USA Swimming practice or competition must be a coach member of USA Swimming and must have satisfactorily completed safety training, criminal background checks and other coaches' education as required by USA Swimming."

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