

Safety Training for Swim Coaches – Requirement for 2009 membership year

TO: LSC Registration/Membership Chairs

For the 2009 membership year (which begins September 1, 2008), the following certifications will be acceptable for the Safety Training for Swim Coach requirement:

- 1) ARC Safety Training for Swim Coaches certification (valid for 3 years)
- OR -
- 2) Email confirmation from the USA Swimming that the individual has passed the Safety Training for Swim Coaches online exam, ALONG WITH one of the following certifications:
 - a. ARC Lifeguarding, Lifeguarding/Waterfront, Lifeguarding/Waterpark, Basic Water Rescue, or Shallow Water Attendant
 - b. American Lifeguard Association First Time Lifeguard, Professional Lifeguard Challenge, or Lifeguard Recertification
 - c. Ellis and Associates International Lifeguard Training or International Lifeguard Training Instructor License
 - d. StarGuard
 - e. YMCA Lifeguarding

For Option #2, the expiration date shall be the earliest expiration date on either the ARC email (valid for 3 years) or the lifeguard certification.

Coaches are grandfathered and will not have to meet these new requirements until their current Safety Training certification expires.

CLARIFICATION: The new requirement – the addition of the STSC online test – is mandatory as of September 1, 2008, for all coaches who renew their STSC certification ON OR AFTER that date. If they renew their STSC certification prior to September 1, 2008, they don't have to take the online test.

The STSC online test is taken on the USA Swimming website and the confirmation email is generated by USA Swimming.