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What is Sanctioning?

Sanctioning is an agreement between Move United and a host organization that represents a commitment to follow national and, when applicable, international rules and regulations for each of the individual sports being offered at a competition. It agrees to provide a safe environment for athletes and spectators while participating in a sport. The official designation issued by Move United approves the holding of a competitive multi-disability, multi- or single-sport event in the United States in one or more of the following sports: archery, para powerlifting, shooting (air rifle/air pistol), swimming, table tennis, and/or track and field.

Sanctioning is obtained from Move United and can additionally be obtained from the appropriate national governing body and/or international federation, when applicable.

Move United will only sanction Level 2 and Level 3 events.

Level 1 events are considered fun, come and try type events that are encouraged but because they are not qualifiers for Nationals they will not be sanctioned going forward. If running a multi-sport event, you must clearly state on your event website and promotional materials that any sport on the program that is being contested at a Level 1 is not a qualifier for The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United.

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- Level 2: a more serious competition that should attract adult and junior competitors. Qualifier for Nationals.
- Level 3: a serious competition attracting top-level competitors as well as emerging athletes. Qualifier for Nationals



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Archery

Requirements	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Proper Butts (stands) secured to competition target are required	X		
Proper Butts (stands) with wind flags required along with start & stop indicators /lights		X	X
80cm and 122cm target faces	X	X	X
USA Archery certified official(s) required		X	X
One scorer per target	X		
Two scorers per target		X	X
Proper lane setup with target and lane numbers	X		
Proper lane setup with target and lane numbers and lines drawn to USA Archery/Move United specifications		X	X
Coaching at the shooting line is allowed during competition	X		
Competition results may be used to qualify for Nationals		X	X



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Para Powerlifting

Requirements	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
A bench subject to World Para Powerlifting (WPPO) specifications is required. You can use equipment to modify the bench to conform to these.	X		
A WPPO-approved bench manufactured by Eleiko or Eagle Sportschairs must be utilized		X	X
Warm up bench requirements	Optional	1 bench – if 10+ lifters	1 bench minimum
Weights used may be pounds or kilograms	X	X	
Weights used must be kilograms			X
Scale may measure in pounds or kilograms	X	X	
Scale must measure in kilograms			X
Equipment such as a stopwatch for timing, resin and/or chalk, straps, and an official’s lift indicators are to be used (“lift” or “no lift”).	X	X	X
20kg or 45lb Olympic bar must be used	X	X	
20kg Eleiko WPPO certified bar must be used			X
One (1) referee per bench, minimum, is required	X		
Three (3) referees per bench recommended. Lead referee must be certified and approved by Move United Competition Committee. An experienced lifter or coach *may* serve as the second and/or third referee only if certified referees are not available.		X	
Three (3) certified referees per bench are required. All referees must be approved by Move United Competition Committee.			X
Competition results may be used to qualify for Nationals		X	X



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Paratriathlon

Requirements	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Minimum 25m/25yd pool	X	X	X
Lap Counters for each athlete in pool		X	X
Transition Area within a reasonable distance from swim exit (parking lot, etc.)	X	X	X
Bike Racks in Transition Area for Upright Bikes		X	X
Wheelchair athlete is allowed more than one personal handler in transition area	X		
Wheelchair athlete is allowed only one personal handler in transition area		X	X
Athlete can have a “guide” or volunteer complete the race alongside them	X		
Only athletes with a visual impairment can have a sighted guide (of the same gender) tethered during swim, pilot tandem bike, and tethered during run		X	X
Bike helmets are to be worn by any athlete or volunteer while cycling or when athlete is using a racing wheelchair	X	X	X
Bike/Run course must be less than 12% gradient at any point		X	X
Bike Course on path, trail, or road	X	X	
Bike Course on roads completely closed to traffic			X
Entire Bike/Run Course must be wide enough for athletes to safely pass each other		X	X
Hydration Aid stations on bike/run course		X	X
Arm/Leg to be marked with race number. Race number bib to be worn during run.		X	X
Hand timing or Finish line Clock for recording time	X	X	
Individual Timing Chips and Electronic Timing Mats for each discipline (swim, bike, run, transition area)			X
Accessible Restrooms/Porta-Potties near transition area		X	X
Directional Signage on Bike and Run Course		X	X
Course Marshalls/volunteers at street crossings, turns, or areas of concerns on bike/run course	X	X	X
Course maps or course preview available to athletes, coaches and volunteers prior to competition for review		X	X
Athletes are allowed to use a recumbent foot pedaled cycle for the bike portion of the race	X	X	



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Based on athlete’s disability, athletes are required to use specific equipment per USAT Paratriathlon rules. Ambulatory athletes must use an upright bike and can run using equipment that keeps them ambulatory (i.e. running prosthetic, crutches, etc.) Athletes with a visual impairment must use a tandem upright bicycle. Wheelchair athletes must use a handcycle for the bike and a racing wheelchair for the run. Athletes cannot mix equipment (i.e. ambulatory athlete using upright bike and racing wheelchair)			X
Handcycle needs to have a mirror properly mounted			X
Event is certified by USA Triathlon			X



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Shooting

Requirements	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Intra-team shooting competitions; recreational shooting “SH2 Modified,” etc.; (minimum results of 3 matches for individual ranking.)	X		
Inter-team competition		X	X
Minimum qualifying scores needed to compete (200 points for Open, SH1 and SH2 divisions; SH3 (VI) division 100 points.			X
Minimum staff	1 – Level 1 coach 1 – Range Safety Officer (RSO)	1 – Event Director 1 – Level 1 coach 1 – Certified Range Safety Officer (RSO)	1 – Event Director 1 – Level 1 coach 1 – Certified Range Safety Officer (RSO)
Manual paper, electronic, or Orion scoring	X		
Electronic or Orion scoring		X	X
Equipment meets ISSF, USA Shooting, and Move United standards		X	X
Coach certifies scores and equipment	X		
Visual timing required		X	X
Follows USA Shooting qualifying and elimination round formats			X

*We recommend that you have one range safety officer (volunteer) for every 5 shooting lanes.



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Swimming

Requirements	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Minimum 25m/25yd pool required with a diving area of at least 4 feet depth	X	X	
50m pool desired with a diving area of at least 4 feet depth. Pool must be able to be converted to a 25m/yd set up.			X
Minimum 1 certified USA Swimming/YMCA/High School official required	X		
Minimum 2 certified USA Swimming/YMCA/High School officials required		X	
Minimum 4 certified USA Swimming and/or WPS certified officials required with at minimum 2 of the 4 officials being WPS certified			X
Hand timing (minimum of 2 timers per lane) or electronic timing is acceptable	X	X	
Electronic timing is required			X
Starting requirement(s):	Whistle or starting horn	Starting horn or electronic starter	Electronic starter
Lap counters required for events 500 yd/m or longer		X	X



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Track and Field

Requirements	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
A legal distance and approved track surface 400 meter track must be used. ("Mondo" like surface is highly recommended).		X	X
A track survey must be submitted for approval			X
Track lanes must be a minimum of 42" (unless an exception is given)		X	X
The event must run a full ATFUSA complement of events for all Para athlete classes. (Exceptions can be made if approved and published in advance)			X
The event may add events not in a traditional track program (ie: powerchair 100m)	X	X	X
All events must be Electronic timed (events longer than 1500m may be hand timed).			X
Events may be hand timed or electronically timed.	X	X	
Wind gauge must be used for the 20m, 40m, 60m, 100m, 200m, long jump, and triple jump.			X
Seated field may be offered on a turf field for open, master, or junior athletes	X	X	X
Ambulatory field must be offered in legal concrete circle venues		X	X
Ambulatory long jump, triple jump must be contested on a suitable runway with a legal takeoff board (wood or taped).		X	X
Ambulatory high jump must be run in an approved high jump venue		X	X
Ambulatory and seated discus & club must be contested in a protective cage	X	X	X
All lead officials on the track and at each field pit must be USATF (or foreign officials certified by their governing body) or WPA certified officials.		X	X
There must be a minimum of 1 certified field official per pit with a strong suggestion to have 2 or more.		X	X
There must be a minimum of 5 track officials (Referee/finish line, starter, umpires, and wind gauge [if not provided by timing company]).		X	X
The Track and Field Referees must have WPA certification or be approved by ATFUSA/Move United.		X	X
All officials utilized should be SafeSport certified and in good standing with their certification organization (ie: WPA, USATF, etc.).	X	X	X
Weights and measures official(s) is required.			X



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Volunteer officials with no certification from USATF/ High School/ NCAA may be used for either field or track events.	X		
Volunteer officials with no certification from USATF/ High School/ NCAA may be used as volunteers as 2nds or the third official in a pit.		X	X
Results may be used as proof of performance to qualify for national level competitions such as Move United Nationals or US Paralympics nationals/trials.		X	X
Results for junior age athletes may be submitted for national record consideration			X
Results for Open and Master 35, Master 50 or Master 60 age groups may be submitted for national record consideration.			X