



YMCA of the USA and National Swimming Pool Foundation Cooperate on Delivering Operator Training

[YMCA of the USA](#) (Y-USA) is phasing out the current Pool Operator on Location (POOL) training program and replacing it with a training option aligned with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention’s Model Aquatic Health Code. As part of this commitment, Y-USA signed a Preferred Vendor Agreement with the [National Swimming Pool Foundation®](#) to deliver the [Certified Pool/Spa Operator® Certification](#) (CPO® Certification). This agreement allows the Y-USA and local Ys to focus on their mission and to leverage the world’s leading operator training and certification program.

“Adopting the CPO® Certification program makes sense. It facilitates our compliance with the national standard of care outlined in the Model Aquatic Health Code issued by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC),” said Cindy McDermott, National Director of Membership YMCA of the USA. “Collaborating with the National Swimming Pool Foundation opens the door to a full spectrum of educational opportunities including online training, Spanish materials and facility management courses.”

The CPO® Certification program is considered the most widely accepted pool operation certification around the world, having trained more than 400,000 people in 93 countries.

“The Y engages more people in aquatic programs than any other organization in the world. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve more of their staff to help them keep their pools safer, running more efficiently — and to bring healthier lives to a greater number of people through aquatics,” said Michelle Kavanaugh, NSPF Mission Development Director, US/Canada.

“This collaboration allows the Y to do what they do best and NSPF to do what we do best. The result is a win for the Y, win for NSPF, and most importantly, a win for the people enjoying those great facilities,” stated Thomas M. Lachocki, Ph.D., CEO of the National Swimming Pool Foundation.