

## PARA Gate Judge Education & Incentive Program

If you choose the option of becoming a certified gate judge, you must attend an educational clinic OR study the educational materials linked from the PARA Gate Judge web page, and pass the online gate judge certification exam. Exams will be graded by the PARA gate judge coordinator within two weeks of submission. Members who pass the exam will be eligible for the additional incentive of two complimentary lift tickets OR one complimentary lift ticket and one day of free race registration when you are accepted as a gate judge at races where the Race Organizing Committee (ROC) requests PARA's help in filling the gate judge positions. The clinic and online self-study course both take approximately 60 minutes, and the exam takes about 30 minutes. **Only gate judges that have passed the certification exam will be eligible for the additional incentives explained above.**

Certified gate judges will be added to a secure email distribution list and will be notified when a ROC is requesting additional volunteers for their race. If you are certified and selected as a Gate Judge by a ROC that has requested recruiting help from PARA, you will be eligible for the additional incentive explained above (at that race only). Additionally, PARA is recommending that ROCs offer the additional incentive to certified Gate Judges who volunteer on the day of the race. Certified volunteers have an obligation to their own clubs to volunteer at home races. **You should not expect any additional incentive when volunteering at a race hosted by your own club even if other non-members have been offered the incentive.**

Note: where two complimentary lift tickets are offered, **one of them must be used by the Gate Judge and one by his/her spouse, child or athlete.** Where one complimentary lift ticket and one refunded race registration fee are offered, **the lift ticket must be used by the Gate Judge. Complimentary lift tickets may not be sold or returned for a refund.** Certified Gate Judges who volunteer but do not fulfill their duties will lose their certification.

### Chief Gate Judge Certification

PARA is strongly encouraging all ROCs to use only certified Chief Gate Judges (CGJ) at their USSA races. The CJG certification program requires passing the Gate Judge exam, studying additional online educational material about the duties and responsibilities of a CGJ, and passing the CGJ exam. PARA is recommending that ROCs provide Chief Gate Judges the additional incentives explained above for every race where they function as a CGJ (unless they are members of the host club). Chief Gate Judges are required to help monitor the success of this program by submitting a short report after each race.

Thank you for your interest.