# IPRO 310 Designing and Building Prototypes for Assisting Blind Swimmers

# Passive Team

#### PROBLEM

- There are 15 million blind and visually impaired people in the North America
- 99% or more of blind people do not participate in any kind of athletic activity because they don't feel safe and secure when exercising
- Current methods that blind and visually impaired swimmers use, have many problems:

Restrictive – swimming only when no other swimmers are present

Unsafe – constantly hitting lane dividers with their arms

Expensive and dependent – hiring human Tappers

### OUR MISSION

Provide a safe, effective, and reliable assistive device for blind and visually impaired swimmers

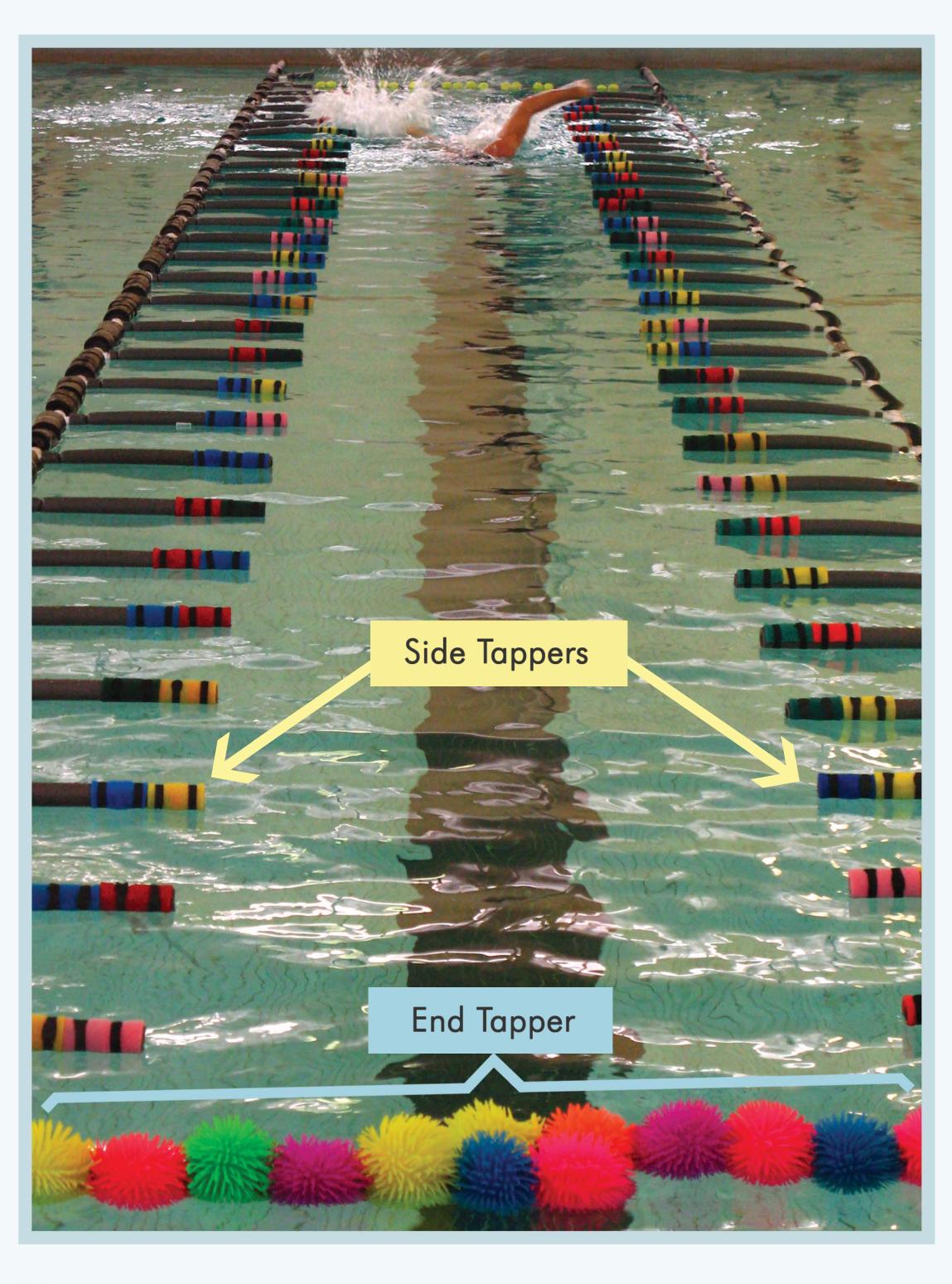
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Code of Ethics: Over-arching principle

We are:



# OUR PRODUCT: eyeSwim

**eyeSwim** is a passive device used by blind swimmers to position themselves in the pool and execute corrective maneuvers.



#### Main Features:

Side tappers guide the swimmer toward the center of the lane

End tappers alert the swimmer when he/she reaches the pool end

# ADVANTAGES of eyeSwim

- ✓ Alerts swimmer to pool sides and end
- ✓ Swimmer Independence no Tappers required
- ✓ Safe made of soft and flexible materials
- ✓ Affordable cheaper than hiring Tappers
- ✓ Orients minimizes zigzagging along lanes

## TESTIMONIALS

After testing our product with blind swimmers, we got many positive responses:

For the first time I actually did a backstroke without hitting anything

- Ann Brasch, blind swimmer







- Mazen Istanbouli, blind swimmer



- Timothy J. Paul, blind swimmer



- Tim Spencer, blind swimmer

