

## Swim Meet Officiating

Attending swim meets is an important part of a swimmer's development. Swim officials are required at meets to ensure a safe and fair environment for the swimmers.

Many swim clubs in Canada run swim meets. Swim meets are an important source of revenue, they allow clubs to determine a meet's events and timing and they are a way to give back to the swim community.

All officials at swim meets in Canada are unpaid including at the highest level national meets.

Swim Ontario has minimum officiating requirements that clubs must meet in order to be allowed to run swim meets. Thanks to the efforts of our officials, including some alumni and senior parents, Whitby Swimming is currently allowed to run the highest level of meets in the province. In order to keep that designation we need parents to work their way "up the ladder".

There are 5 levels of officials in Ontario. Anyone who has registered as an official and taken the Introduction to Swim Officiating and Safety Marshal clinics is a level 1 official.

To become a level 2 official you must take the following clinics and get the corresponding deck sign offs:

| Clinic                                                                                                                         | Number of deck sign offs        |
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| Introduction to Swim Officiating (timekeeper)                                                                                  | 2                               |
| Safety Marshal                                                                                                                 | 0                               |
| Inspector of Turns                                                                                                             | 2                               |
| Judge of Stroke                                                                                                                | 1                               |
| Any one of:<br>Administration desk<br>Starter<br>Chief Timekeeper<br>Chief Recorder<br>Chief Judge Electronics<br>Meet Manager | 2 (at any one of the positions) |

We currently have a few parents who are very close to level 2 and we will work with them to ensure that they get the appropriate assignments to complete their level 2 certification.

You can check your own progress by logging into your officials account on REMS (Swimming Canada) and clicking on the red “certifications” button under your name. If there is something missing please email [office@whitbyswimming.ca](mailto:office@whitbyswimming.ca) to get it added.

You can take online e-clinics on your own time by clicking on the grey login to LMS button, choosing “official” as your group and then clicking the blue status button to see the available e-clinics. You can also register for instructor-led courses by clicking on the blue “clinics” button.