



SWIMMER - 2021-2022 REGISTRATION



Dear Swimmer/Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 swimming season! Please take a moment to review this brief explanation of the swimmer registration process required of all swim clubs.

Each swim club in the province of Swim Ontario is a member of the national governing body for swimming called Swimming Canada and the provincial governing body or Provincial Section (PS) called Swim Ontario. In return for government sport funding, all governing organizations are required to report on membership. Non-identifying statistics are obtained directly from the data collected in the Registration Tracking and Results system (RTR). With your assistance to provide accuracy, we can comply with our requirements and continue to benefit from strong government support, virtually all of which is directed towards the support of swimmers, coaches and clubs. All swim clubs are required to process all registrations to Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada via the RTR.

The final steps of registering with your swim club includes answering four mandatory questions:

1. Signing the Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks Form
2. Agreement to abide by Swimming Canada's policies
3. Indication of your preference to receive emails of a commercial nature
4. Confirmation of primary contact and demographic information related to your family and swimmer(s) in the RTR.

In addition to the mandatory questions, there are four optional declarations to be completed in the RTR. Providing this information is voluntary and will be used for statistical and informational purposes. It will not be used by your Provincial Section or Swimming Canada for any prohibited purpose as per The Canadian Human Rights Act and Provincial Human Rights legislation.

1. **Indigenous Descent** – asked so that the Provincial Section knows which swimmers are eligible for the North American Indigenous Games and to perhaps direct families and/or clubs toward any event or funding opportunity within the Province. In some Provincial jurisdictions, these statistics are also required as part of government funding reporting requirements. You have four options to choose from:
a) Status/Treaty, b) Non-Status, c) Métis or d) Inuit.
2. **Impairment Declaration** – helps Swimming Canada, Swim Ontario and your swim club to direct opportunities that are specifically targeted to swimmers with a disability (Para Swimmers) There are three options to choose from: a) Physical, b) Visual or c) Intellectual.
Refer to: <https://www.swimming.ca/en/resources/> see: RESOURCES/PARA-SWIMMING
3. **Hard of Hearing** – assists in identifying individuals who may be eligible for participation in events specifically targeted to swimmers who are deaf/hard of hearing.
4. **Citizenship** – identifies individuals who are not eligible to set National records or represent Canada in an international competition. If the swimmer is not a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (Landed Immigrant) please be sure to indicate this as the default to this question is Canadian citizen.

NOTE: It is only upon answering the above questions in the RTR that you/your swimmer are considered officially registered and a member of Orillia Channel Cats Swim Club and then covered by insurance. This registration process must be completed before entries into a swim meet can be submitted and accepted. Your information is held by the Club, Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada in compliance with the [Swimming Canada Privacy Policy](#).

Thank you and have a great swimming season!

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