

# SWIM ONTARIO

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## **Ontario Officials Bulletin:**

### **Dress Code**

With the new modernized attire initiatives from Swimming Canada included in the Intro to Swimming Officiating, many clubs are asking about the dress code for Ontario Officials. As was communicated on Aug. 6, the Swim Ontario Officials Committee (SOOC) will implement a transition period for Ontario officials to this new attire.

#### **Current Dress Code**

White tops over black bottoms with black footwear

#### **New Dress Code**

**Chief Timer:** White polo (top) over black bottoms with black footwear

**Timers:** White top over black bottoms

**All other officials:** Red Polos (top) over black bottoms with black footwear

- Includes Head Lane Timer **performing turn judge duties**

#### **Transition Plan**

##### **November 2015 to February 2016**

- Current Dress Code

##### **March 2016 to August 2016**

- Dress Code - Provincial Meets Only
  - Starting with SO Spring LC Championships March 3-6, 2016
- Current Dress Code - Regional & Club Meets

##### **September 2016 onwards**

- New Dress Code - All sanctioned competition in Ontario

Note that Clubs who wish to adopt the new dress code starting in March 2016 for their Invitational meets are welcome to do so, however this is optional. During this transition period, we understand that not all officials will have red polos and that a “red and white Canadian” look may result. Although polos are preferable, red tops are acceptable. It will be important for meet management to clearly communicate to its officials what dress code is expected at their meets beginning in March 2016.

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To help with the transition, Swim Ontario has acquired moisture wicking, red polos with screened Swim Ontario emblem on the left chest (see mockup below) in both men's and women's cut. The polos are based off the Swimming Canada polos. Clubs are not required to have these Swim Ontario polos. They may make arrangement through their distributors and sponsors for club based polos. The red used for both the Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario polos is called "classic red". Swim Ontario will have red polos available for purchase on site at Ontario Winter SC Championships or through merchandise order form beginning in January. The cost of the polos is \$30 including HST. Merchandise orders will have shipping charges added.

PREVIEW



ART

EMB Location: Left chest  
Colours: White, Red, Blue

Size: 2.5"H



## Officials Clinics

The official's clinics in PDF form, along with supporting documents are now on the website [HERE](#). Powerpoint presentations and answer keys are available upon request to [officials@swimontario.com](mailto:officials@swimontario.com).

The FINA videos, for those that do not have internet access while giving a presentation, are available upon request at [officials@swimontario.com](mailto:officials@swimontario.com). Dropbox links are provided as they are too large to send by email.

The Swim ON Sign In Form for attendance at clinics is now available in PDF fillable form with extra column for initials. COCs can enter participants ahead of time and Clinic Leader ensures they initial by their details.

You can find the form at following link <http://www.swimontario.com/page.php?id=2991#Forms>



### Officials Development Plan & Sanctions

On June 19, 2015, clubs were informed, that to begin the 2015/2016 season, if a club meets the sanctioning requirements of the Officials Development Plan (ODP) to host a meet as of June 1, 2015 that privilege will continue to begin the 2015/16 season.

For the purpose of sanctioning competitions, Swim Ontario will begin to monitor officials' registrations on the Swimming Canada system. If there are concerns, clubs will be asked to provide strategy for registration of officials to Swim Ontario. Both will work together to find acceptable solution.

In order to prepare clubs for the 2016-17 season and meeting compliance requirements to obtain sanctions for competitions, the current ODP, as listed below, will be used. The date to determine compliance is under review. Compliance of the ODP can only be determined through registration of officials on the Swimming Canada system. The club, ROR and Swim Ontario can work together to arrive at an acceptable strategy for official's development to ensure clubs remain in compliance for 2016-2017 season. The ODP as per [Swim Ontario Procedure Manual](#) (pg 36 & 37) is summarized here

- Two to Three options available to clubs
- Development meets are exempt of the ODP
- Club with less than 20 families are exempt but encouraged to develop officials
- Alumni can be independent official that agrees to work at that club's meets

<b>CLUBS &gt; 70 FAMILIES (competitive swimmers)</b>		
<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 1</b>	<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 3</b>
5 LEVEL II	5 LEVEL II	7 LEVEL II
1 LEVEL III	2 LEVEL III	1 LEVEL III
2 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V	1 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V	2 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V
<b>CLUBS 35 TO 69 FAMILIES (competitive swimmers)</b>		
<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 1</b>	<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 3</b>
4 LEVEL II	3 LEVEL II	4 LEVEL II
1 LEVEL III	2 LEVEL III	1 LEVEL III
1 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V	1 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V	2 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V

<b>CLUBS 20 TO 34 FAMILIES (competitive swimmers)</b>	
<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 1</b>	<b>YEAR 3 OPTION 2</b>
2 LEVEL II	3 LEVEL II
1 LEVEL III	
1 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V	1 (ALUMNI) LEVEL IV/V

CLUBS < 20 FAMILIES ARE EXEMPT  
BUT ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE AT LEAST 2 LEVEL II



### **National Officials Travel Expense Program**

#### **Level IV & V Officials & Level 3 Open Water Officials**

The deadline to submit claims for the [National Officials Travel Expense Program](#) was **Friday, November 13, 2015**. If you have not already done so, please send all claims to Swim Ontario as soon as possible. We will try to have them processed in time for the 2015 Tax receipts. If they arrive later, they can be claimed on 2016 Tax receipts.

Level IV & V officials and Level 3 Open Water officials can participate in this program. The details of the program and Swim Ontario procedures can be found [HERE](#). Please send all claim forms, along with total of donation cheque (payable to Swimming Canada) to Swim Ontario, 3 Concorde Gate Suite #206, North York, ON M3C 3N7.

Claims for all sanctioned competitions in 2015 have a mileage rate of \$0.45/km. If you have the older claims form simply calculate mileage claim based on \$0.45/km.

Sanctioned competitions in November and December can also be claimed, however, tax receipts will be issued for 2016. The deadline to submit claims for those competitions is **January 15, 2016**.

If you have questions in regards to the program please contact Nicole Parent at [nicole@swimontario.com](mailto:nicole@swimontario.com) or call 416-426-7220.

### **Review and Approval of Sanction Applications**

Please note that initial reviews of sanction applications and meet packages will not be done from Dec. 15, 2015 to January 3, 2016 due to staff holidays and closure of Swim Ontario offices during the Holiday season.

### **Swimming Canada Registrations**

If clubs have not submitted historical information for upload to the Swimming Canada registration system already, please contact Swim Ontario at [officials@swimontario.com](mailto:officials@swimontario.com) to make those arrangements. Visit the [FAQ page](#) and Registration Page for additional information on Officials Registration.

### **New Website and older bulletins**

Please note that older bulletins can be found [HERE](#). However, many of the links contained in those bulletins have been changed or updated with the revamping of the new website. We invite you to explore the new website, in particular the officials section.