



2024-2025 Volunteer Points Requirement

WELCOME!

It takes an enormous number of volunteers to run our club – from year-round decision-making and planning, to organizing 40+ positions that need to be filled to run a swim meet. Hosted swim meets are big portion of our annual budget and allow us to compete at home, avoiding costly travel. The family point system ensures we have enough volunteers to keep the club running smoothly, have proper supervision during team travel, and to host fun and efficient swim meets.

This year is going to be a big one. In addition to hosting Bennett Cup and Medley Challenge, we are also hosting Winter Provincials (March 6 - 9) and Co-Hosting World Trials (June 6 – 12). Revenue from these meets will account for almost 10% of our annual budget which is why we ask families to volunteer even if your swimmer isn't participating.

POINTS REQUIREMENT: for hosted meets and other volunteering

Meet & Date	Intro Comp	Regional	Provincial	CSI & National
Sign Swimming Canada online Risk Waiver for Officials Early in the season	1	1	1	1
Bennett Cup Nov 8 – 10, 2024	2	3	3	3
Medley Challenge February 14 – 16, 2025	2	3	3	3
Winter Provincials March 6 – 9, 2025	1	1	4	5
World Swimming Trials June 6 – 12, 2025	1	1	2	3
Additional volunteer points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LC Time Trial Dec 14 • Masters Meet - February • Other Volunteer Positions • Spillover from meet points 	1	1	2	2
Total Annual Points	8	10	15	17

Families are required to meet the point commitment of the highest-level swimmer in the family.



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PENALTY SYSTEM: We would rather have your help running excellent swim meets!

- Families that don't meet their minimum points obligation will be fined \$50 per point missed
- Charges will be billed to your swimmer account in early June and are payable with your June 15 fees

NOTES: Requirements may change once final registration numbers are known in October
 Hosting swim meets funds our competitive program. The minimum required per meet applies even if your swimmer is not attending the meet

HOW TO EARN VOLUNTEER POINTS

The easiest way to earn volunteer points to is sign-up online for shifts at your required swim meets. The more volunteers, the easier it is for everyone involved. **You must be LOGGED IN to the website when you sign up or your volunteer points will not be credited to your account.**

Additional points can be earned at other meets such as time trials and other volunteer jobs listed below.

SWIM MEET VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

This is the primary way in which points are earned for the swim season. The Officials Coordinator may increase the point value for shifts that are difficult to fill.

SWIM MEET JOBS			
ORGANIZING ROLES	POINTS EARNED	DAY-OF-MEET ROLES	POINTS EARNED
Meet Manager	10/meet	Booth (Quantum, Hytek, CFJ)	1.5/shift
Time Trial Meet Manager	5/meet	Clerk of Course	3/shift
National meet chair	10/meet	Volunteer Check In	1/shift
National meet committee	4/meet	Starter or Referee	3/shift
Officials Coordinator	2/per meet session	Chief Timer	2/shift
Hospitality Coordinator/Prep*	5/meet	Stroke & Turn	1/shift
Awards/Prizes Coordinator*	2/meet	Timer, Timer/Safety Marshal	1/shift
		Hospitality	1/shift
		Meet Clean Up	.5/meet

** To learn new roles, shadow shifts (generally once per job) can be arranged at the discretion of the meet management team.



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OTHER VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

These points can be attributed to the overall annual total. If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities, please contact Cathy in the office – we are always looking for more volunteers.

OTHER VOLUNTEER JOBS			
Board President	6/year	Chaperones	2/event & 20% off team travel (excl flight)
Board Members	4/year	Club Officials Director	8/year
Event Coordinator (eg. club party)	6/event	Swim Officials Clinic Teacher	4/clinic
Event/ Board Committee Member	2/event	Fundraising – various	Based on event

NAVIGATING THE OFFICIALS PATHWAY: learning swim meet roles

OFFICIALS TRAINING

Swimming Canada is in the process of updating the Officials Pathway for the first time in 50 years. The aim is to make it more user friendly and easier for officials in all roles.

At the start of the season, our Club Officials Director, will activate your officials account in the Swimming Canada system. You will be emailed a link and be required to **login and sign the Assumption of Risk** waiver form to activate your account – **when you do this, you will receive 1 volunteer point**. This process will be reviewed at the early season parent meeting.

It is the expectation of the club that members will diversify their skills to help in many areas of running a swim meet. It is also expected that when a swimmer moves to a higher competitive group, their family will take on higher level volunteer positions. If you are new to officiating, opportunities to Shadow and learn from more experienced officials can be arranged by contacting the Officials Coordinator for any meet.

During the season, ISC will host a number of officials training clinics to help diversify officiating skills. This allows for maximum flexibility when organizing a swim meet. More information about the official's pathway and how to upgrade your skills is available on the Island Swimming website under Member Info.

If you have specific questions about the Officials Pathway or your certification status, you can contact the COD at officials@islandswimming.com



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POTENTIAL TRAVEL MEETS ON THE 2024/25 SCHEDULE		
Meet & Location	Length of Travel	Groups Attending
Winter Divisionals, Feb 28 - 30	3 nights	All Divisional qualifiers
Canadian Open, Edmonton April 9 - 14	4 – 6 nights	Qualifiers
Mel Zajac, UBC, TBC	3 - 4 nights	National Performance
Summer Divisionals, July 4 – 6	3 nights	All Divisional qualifiers
Summer Provincials, July 17 – 20	4 nights	All Provincial qualifiers
SC Nationals, Sherbrooke	6 – 7 nights	National qualifiers