



2026-2027 Volunteer Points Requirement

WELCOME!

It takes an enormous number of volunteers to run our club – from year-round decision-making, to organizing and running a swim meet. Hosting swim meets allows 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 facilitate hosting fun and efficient swim meets.

ANNUAL POINT REQUIREMENT FOR EACH GROUP

- Families are required to meet the point commitment of the highest-level swimmer in the family.
- Most volunteer hours are needed at hosted swim meets which bring in considerable revenue to help offset the rising costs of competitive swimming.
 - This year, hosted meet revenue will account for about 10% of our income.
- You may need to help at a swim meet where your swimmer is not qualified to attend
- Older swimmers and other family members are permitted to volunteer towards your family total.

Group	Points Required	Ways to earn points
Intro Competitive	7	• Help at hosted meets *Less popular sessions (Thursday & Friday mornings) will be worth more points this year • Help with fundraising/ bottle drives etc • Become a member of the Board of Directors • Chaperone team travel
Regional	10	
Provincial	13	
National	15	
CSI	15	

HOSTED MEET SCHEDULE 2026 – 2027

Meet	Dates	Format
Bennett Cup	November 6 – 8, 2026	5 sessions: Two on Friday, Two on Saturday, Sunday morning
December Time Trial	December 12, 2026	1 session: 9am – 2pm
Winter Provincial Champs	February 25 – 28, 2027	8 sessions: Thursday – Sunday. Heats in the morning, finals in the afternoon
Medley Challenge	May 14 – 16, 2027	5 sessions: Friday afternoon, two on Saturday, two on Sunday

** Canadian Swimming Trials will be hosted in Victoria early April 2027. We don't yet know the competition dates or volunteer opportunities. Any shifts worked at Trials will count towards your overall point total for the season.

PENALTIES & FEES

We would rather have you share the work and help run excellent swim meets.

- Families that don't meet their minimum point requirement will be fined \$50 per point missed. Members who complete fewer than 25% of their required points will be charged \$100 per point missed.
- Charges will be billed to your swimmer account on your June invoice which is due June 15

HOW TO EARN & CHECK YOUR VOLUNTEER POINTS

PLEASE NOTE

- **You must be LOGGED IN to the website when you sign up, or your volunteer points will not be credited to your account.**
- Sign in at the Admin Desk before each swim meet shift
- Be sure to periodically check your points to ensure all credits have been applied. Points can be viewed under My Account/ Job Credits.

SWIM MEET JOBS		
Meet Manager	10/meet	• 40 – 50 volunteers are needed per swim meet shift • Longer preliminary sessions will be worth more points • Shifts on Thursday & Friday morning at Provincials (February 25 & 26) will be worth extra points
Hospitality Coordinator / prep	5/meet	
Awards Team lead / prep	4/meet	
Starter or Referee	3/shift	
Admin Desk	6/day *may need to work through session break	
Booth (Quantum, Hytek)	1.5/shift	
Stroke & Turn	1.5/shift	
Timer, Safety Marshal, Runner	1/shift	
Hospitality, Awards etc	1/shift	
OTHER VOLUNTEER JOBS		
Board president	6/year	• 10 meetings per year, 60 – 90 minutes
Board member	4/year	
Chaperone	1 point per full day of travel	• additional 20% off team travel (excluding flights)
Fundraising	Based on event	• Opportunities vary by event.

NAVIGATING THE OFFICIALS' PATHWAY: Learning swim meet roles

OFFICIALS TRAINING

At the start of the season, Jeff Stevens (Club Officials Director), will activate your officials account in the Swimming Canada REMS system.

- You will be emailed a link and be required to **login and sign the Assumption of Risk** waiver form to activate your account. This account will be used to track your progress through the Officials Pathway. It is also used to sign up for officials' courses and to access online options.
- The Swim BC website has new, easy-to-follow information about becoming an official – including info for those coming from summer clubs here: <https://swimbc.ca/officials/how-to-become-an-official/>

The club expects 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 allowing newer families to start with the entry level roles.

- If you are new to officiating or want to learn a new role, opportunities to shadow and learn from more experienced officials can be arranged by contacting the **Officials Coordinator**.

During the season, we will host a number of training clinics to help diversify skills. This allows for maximum flexibility when organizing a swim meet. If you have specific questions about the Officials Pathway or your certification status, you can contact Jeff at officials@islandswimming.com