

2024-2025 Officiating Information



WELCOME

Welcome to the Edmonton Keyano Swim Club's 2024-25 Season. We look forward to hosting Keyano's signature meets, as well as Swimming Canada's Canadian Open in April. It is exciting to be chosen as hosts for this National Competition which will draw many members of Canada's National Swim Team. Newcomers will be surprised that each meet we host requires hundreds of volunteers depending on the length of the meet. Meets are a whole club effort and require everyone's assistance. It is the responsibility of all members to help support swimmers in every level of the program, not just the level which your child swims. All members must be diligent in helping and earning the required points for your account.

KEYANO HOSTED MEETS

REFER TO THE EKSC WEBSITE AND EMAILS FOR MORE DETAILS.

The following are meets hosted by Edmonton Keyano which members are required to officiate/volunteer.

**October 12, 2024 - Octoberfest
PRIORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT PARENT OFFICIALS**

**December 6-8, 2024 - Candy Cane
PRIORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT PARENT OFFICIALS**

**January 17-19, 2025 - Blue Bears
PRIORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT PARENT OFFICIALS**

**January 31-February 2, 2025 - Edmonton Open
PRIORITY FOR PERFORMANCE PARENT OFFICIALS**

**April 10-12, 2025 - CANADIAN OPEN
PRIORITY FOR ALL MEMBERS**

**July 3-6, 2025 - EKI
PRIORITY FOR ALL MEMBERS**

***members (SILVER and above) will be required to work at least 1 shift at EKI**

***members (SILVER and above) will be required to work at least 1 shift of Canadian Open**

OFFICIATING CLINICS

REFER TO THE EKSC WEBSITE AND EMAILS FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Officials Administrator will provide direction as to which official's clinics you should sign attend. This is a guideline only.

In person clinics:

**November 2024 - Date TBA
Introduction to Officiating Clinic
This is where it begins. No experience necessary.
PRIORITY FOR SILVER PARENTS**

**November 2024 - Date TBA
Inspector of Turns Clinic
PRIORITY FOR GOLD AND ABOVE PARENTS**

**January 2025 - Judge of Stroke Clinic
PRIORITY FOR JR PROV AND ABOVE PARENTS**

Swim Alberta Virtual Clinics:

Some Clinics are offered virtually in the month of October. You can reach out to the officials administrator if you are interested in Starter, Administration Desk (formerly Clerk), CJE, or the Introduction to Swimming Officiating.

CONTACT

**EKSC OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATOR:
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I can help you with any questions/concerns regarding officiating or participation points such as: Points requirements, how to sign up to help, how to sign up for clinics, training opportunities, adjustments to participation points, or guidance on how to find someone to work your points, etc.

PARTICIPATION POINTS EXPLAINED

When you register with the Edmonton Keyano Swim Club, you will be allocated a number of Participation Points you will need to work each season. As your children progress up the ladder, your participation commitments increase. There is no buy-out option for this commitment. You can have someone work your shifts for you or bring a relative or a friend to help you (14&over), but each family is responsible to fill this requirement. Our swim meets depend on our volunteer parents and if you choose not to work your points, it falls on the other members to work your shifts or we risk having to cancel events. If everyone works their requirement, this responsibility is shared equally. Please contact the officials coordinator if you are having trouble fulfilling your obligations.

As review, the commitments are as follows:

- **Bronze Group: 5 points**
- **Silver Group: 35 points**
- **Gold Group: 65 points**
- **Jr Provincial Group: 80 points**
- **Sr Provincial Group: 80 Points**
- **Jr National Group: 80 Points**
- **Sr National Group: 80 Points**

Members work their points by officiating/volunteering at swim meets. As your child progresses, the roles you work should also increase in point value so you do not normally work more shifts, but you work roles worth more points. Different roles will have different time and training requirements so points do vary by job signed up for. Here are some examples:

- **Timer: 5 points (must take the Introduction to Swimming Officiating Clinic)**
- **Security: 5 points (no experience necessary)**
- **Set Up/Take Down: 5 points (no experience necessary)**
- **Hospitality assistants: 5-7 points (no experience necessary)**
- **Stroke Judge or Inspector of Turns: 7 points (Stroke or Turn clinic must be taken)**
- **Safety Marshal/Relief Timer: 7 points (must be a timer with experience)**
- **Starter: 10 points (pre-requisite: Stroke Judge)**
- **Chair roles: 10 points/shift**
- **Meet Manager: 15 points/shift**

***please do not confuse participation points with your bingo commitment. Bingos and Participation points are two different commitments.**



HOW TO GET STARTED

In October, returning officials will receive a link to 'Activate' their Swimming Canada/Sportlomo Officials Account for the season. Please log into your account when you receive the link and update and confirm all information. If you have not received that link by the end of October and you have officiated before, please reach out to the Officials Administrator for help. You must be 'active' in the system before you work your first shift of the season.

Newcomers will need a Swimming Canada Officials account set up. Swimming Canada has recently moved to a new registration system so we are experiencing some delays in registering officials.

SIGN UP FOR SWIM MEET OFFICIATING

- JOB SIGN UP is located on the EKSC website under the EVENT (Swim Meet) listing. Usually JOB SIGN UP is available 2 weeks before the meet.
- Often we are asked if we have officials that can help the other clubs in the area when they have a swim meet. Those meets will not have a JOB SIGN UP on our website, but will be by email to that host club if help is requested.
- You can earn points at any meet, but you are responsible for checking your JOB CREDIT account and making sure those shifts worked at outside meets have been logged.
- The majority (at least 75%) of your points should be worked at Keyano hosted meets

WHICH MEETS SHOULD YOU WORK

- Certain meets are geared towards parents of SILVER AND GOLD swimmers. These meets are Oktoberfest, Candy Cane, and Blue Bears. If you do not work your requirement at these meets then you will be asked to work the spring meets. A shift at EKI and Canadian Open is a requirement for all members in SILVER and above.
- Performance parents are asked to leave timing spots for Development parents for the above meets and gear your volunteer commitments towards Edmonton Open, Canadian Open, and EKI wherever possible.
- **Every member (SILVER and above) will be required to work at least 1 shift at Candian open in April and 1 shift at EKI in JULY.**

WHAT IS NEXT

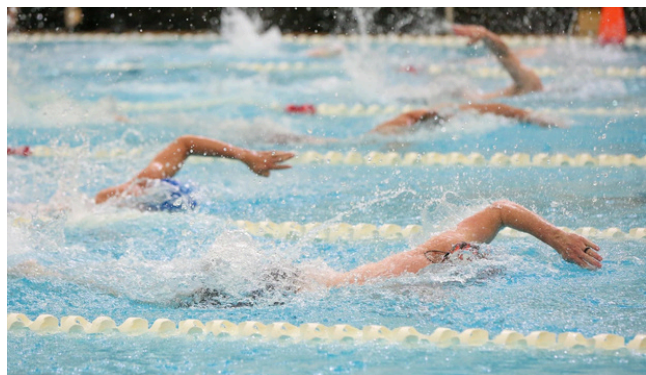
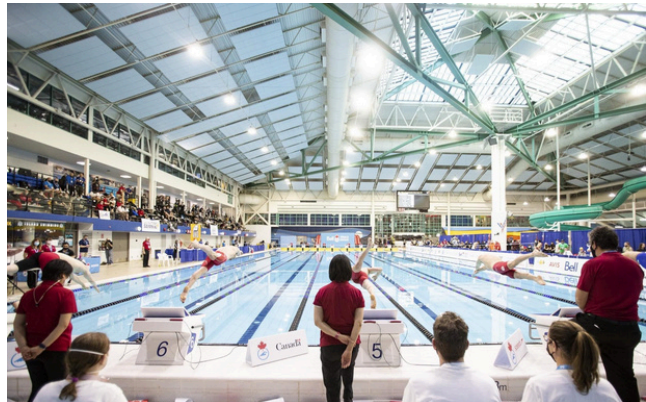
There are many ways you can further your Officiating Education or train for more involved volunteer roles at swim meets. Each Level of Certification requires officials to take associated clinics. A few clinics on offer are:

- **Introduction to Officiating**
- **Safety Marshal**
- **Inspector of Turns**
- **Judge of Stroke**
- **Starter**
- **Meet Manager**
- **Administration Desk (formerly Clerk)**
- **Chief Finish Judge**
- **Recorder/Chief Recorder (formerly Recorder/Scorer)**
- **Referee**

We also have parents who prefer to be in Chair/Assistant Chair Positions. We allow shadowing opportunities on deck to learn these roles. A certain level of meet experience is required to work some of these roles, but it varies depending on the position. These positions usually require a whole weekend commitment or a shared commitment with another family, however, a lot of parents prefer these positions as they are awarded a much higher participation point value (usually 10 pts per session accumulating often 60-80 pts for a meet). Most of these can be shared positions to ease the burden. Examples of those Chair/Assistant Chair roles are:

- **Facilities Chair**
- **Hospitality Chair**
- **Office Chair**
- **Officials Chair**
- **Electronics Chair**

* If any of the above positions interest you, please reach out to your Club Officials Administrator for further details.



WATCH FOR THE INTRODUCTION TO SWIMMING AND INSPECTOR OF TURNS CLINICS COMING SOON!

Do not hesitate to reach out with questions about participation points and officiating to:

officials@eksc.com or 780 607 0406