



Lloydminster Riptides Swim Club Affiliate Swimmer Policy

Effective Date: May 2025

Purpose

The Lloydminster Riptides Swim Club (LRSC) acknowledges that some swimmers may seek full-time training opportunities outside of our program, including in other provinces or countries (e.g., the United States). This policy outlines the terms under which such swimmers may retain affiliate status with the club, ensuring consistency, fairness, and the protection of all club members.

Definition: Affiliate Swimmer

An *Affiliate Swimmer* is a registered member who:

- Is not actively training with LRSC programming or staff on a regular basis;
- Trains full-time with another club, school, or program (domestically or internationally);
- Wishes to maintain formal affiliation with LRSC for competition entry, recognition, or community connection.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for affiliate status, a swimmer must:

1. Submit written notice outlining:
 - Location of external training,
 - Name of club or program,
 - Estimated duration of training away from LRSC.
 2. Remain in good standing with Swim Alberta / Swimming Canada (e.g., Safe Sport, active registration).
 3. Pay applicable affiliate fees as determined by the LRSC Board.
 4. Have no outstanding volunteer hours or financial obligations to LRSC.
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Rights & Limitations of Affiliate Swimmers

Area	Affiliate Swimmer Status	Notes
Meet Representation	<div>✔ Permitted to represent LRSC at sanctioned meets (unless directed otherwise by provincial/national policy)</div>	Must follow RTR protocols
Coaching Services	<div>✘ Not entitled to LRSC coaching, training plans, or facility access</div>	Occasional drop-in requests may be considered.
Team Recognition & Awards	<div>✘ Not eligible for year-end awards, rankings or club records</div> <div>✔ May be acknowledged for national/international achievements</div>	Awards , rankings and club records reserved for active, locally trained swimmers
Volunteer Commitments	<div>✘ Not required unless family is involved in broader club support roles</div>	
Drop-in Training	<div>✔ May request occasional drop-in sessions in congruency with swim groups already training with Head Coach approval. .</div>	Subject to space, insurance, and discretion
Club Communications	<div>✔ Will continue to receive general communications</div>	Encouraged to remain informed and respectful of club operations
Board Participation	<div>✘ Affiliate families may not hold voting roles on the LRSC Board</div>	Ensures decisions reflect current active membership
Public Representation / Promotion	<div>✘ May not publicly advertise Riptides affiliation (bios, sponsorship, social media, interviews, fundraising, etc.) without written approval</div>	Protects brand and values
Coaching Oversight	<div>✔ Must train under accredited, insured, reputable coaches in good standing with recognized swim organizations (e.g., Swim Canada, USA Swimming) and coaches must demonstrate the appropriate experience and technical knowledge to meet the swimmers current stage of development, competitive level and training needs</div>	Coaching relationships must be disclosed and approved by both Head Coach and Board to ensure athlete safety, technical alignment and reputational integrity.

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✗ Coaches must not have sanctions or disciplinary history

Coaching Credit & Representation

To maintain fairness and transparency:

- Athletic performance will be credited to the swimmer's current training environment unless Riptides coaching directly contributed to the result.
- All public mentions (e.g., social media) must clearly indicate the swimmer's affiliate status when relevant.

Review & Duration

- Affiliate status is valid for one swim season (September–August) and must be renewed annually.
- The LRSC Board reserves the right to review, suspend, or revoke affiliate status at any time due to issues concerning fairness, compliance, or club representation.

Policy Intent

This policy is intended to:

- Respect the diverse training paths of athletes,
- Ensure fairness to active club members,
- Maintain the integrity and standards of the Lloydminster Riptides,
- Provide structure for affiliate swimmers without compromising club cohesion.

Contact

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