

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC - AQUATICS

Criteria for Sanctioning of Competition

SPORT RULES

Refer to SOC Sport Rules and SOBC Exceptions to the SOC Sport Rules (if applicable). Rules can be found on the Special Olympics BC website www.specialolympics.bc.ca at

Resources → Sport Rules, Resources and Videos → Swimming

DIVISIONING

Due to the facility and time restrictions often faced at a Regional Qualifier the following divisioning procedure is suggested.

1. Local Coaches identify times generated by their athletes at events no earlier than three (3) months prior to the regional qualifier or a personal best time within the past year whichever is faster
 - Should an athlete produce a time faster than the seed time submitted to the organizing committee prior to the regional qualifier the coach is obligated to submit the new time to the organizing committee prior to the start of the event.
2. The Competition Coordinator and a SOBC Staff Representative will division athletes based on the Special Olympics Canada Divisioning Process.

FACILITY

Pool Specifications - (Host communities are required to complete the attached Swim BC Pool Depth Certificate prior to applying for sanctioning from the Provincial Office - certificate must be included with application for sanctioning).

The minimum length of the pool will be 25.0meters from end wall to end wall when automated timing equipment is to be used Fina Rule 2.1.2 which states:

- 25.0 meters. When touch panels of Automatic Officiating Equipment are used on the starting end, or additionally on the turning end, the pool must be of such a length that ensures the required distance of 25.0 meters between the two panels.

The minimum depth of the pool shall be 1.35 meters according to FINA rule 2.3, which states:

- A minimum depth of 1.35 meters, extending from 1.0 meter to at least 6.0 meters from the end wall, is required for pools with starting blocks.

Exception to FR 2.3 - CFR 2.3.1 which states:

- The minimum pool depth of 1.35 meters extending from 1.0 meter to 6.0 meter from the end wall where the starting platforms are installed shall only apply to new pools beginning construction after December 31, 2002 in Canada. For pools already constructed before that date, the minimum depth shall remain at 1.2 meters from 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters out from the end wall as stated in the 1998 rulebook.

In addition to the facility requirements detailed in the FINA Rule Book and the Swimming Rules of Swimming/Natation Canada the following should be kept in mind when securing an appropriate facility:

- Access to washroom facilities for Male and Female participants
- Separate changing facilities for Male and Female participants
- Fully accessible to all participants, i.e. participants with a physical disability.

SPORT OFFICIALS

Due to the technical nature of the sport of aquatics the following officials, (refer to attached form) must be in place prior to applying for sanctioning from the Provincial Office, (form must be included with the application for sanctioning). For assistance in recruiting individuals appropriate for these roles please contact the SOBC Provincial Office. Brief job descriptions for each of these positions can be found in the SOBC Event Planning Guide for aquatics.

REGISTRATION ENTRY FORM (Excel)

Please email jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca for an excel template to use for your registration form.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Special Olympics Canada has established Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) for the following Aquatics events: 200M Freestyle, 400M Freestyle, 800M Freestyle, 1500M Freestyle, 200M Backstroke, 200M Breaststroke, 200M Butterfly and the 200M Individual Medley.

Distance	Qualifying Time (Female)	Qualifying Time (Male)
200M Freestyle	5:24	4:22
400M Freestyle	11:38	9:14
800M Freestyle	23:28	19:10
1500M Freestyle	44:20	35:46
200M Backstroke	6:34	5:20
200M Breaststroke	7:14	5:52
200M Butterfly	7:20	4:46
200M Individual Medley	6:24	4:50

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum requirements for medical coverage at sanctioned Special Olympics BC Aquatics competition.

- On Deck - provided by pool - (certified lifeguards)
- Spectators - two (2) first aid attendants (standard certification)

**Special Olympics – Aquatics
Primary Officials Registration Form**

The Officials listed on this form must be certified under the 'Official Certification Program' of their respective National/Provincial Sport Organisation. Officials not presently registered with Special Olympics BC must complete the 'Special Olympics BC – One Day Volunteer Form' to be covered under the organizations insurance policy.

POSITION	NAME	HOME TELEPHONE	ALTERNATE TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
Meet Referee				
Head Stroke Judge				
Head Turns Judge				
Clerk of Course				
Starter				

