



2025 Canada Summer Games Swimming Technical Package



Technical Packages are a critical part of the Canada Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the Host Society by detailing competition formats and scoring procedures, assist Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Chefs de Mission in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coach certification by stating minimum requirements, and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "Train to Compete" phase of its Long Term Development (LTD) model, or other suitable phase of LTD as justified by the NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to the Canada Games primarily by NSOs, following the Canada Games Council's (CGC) [Principles that Govern Technical Packages](#). As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO.

Relevant Games stakeholders, specifically Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (P/TSOs) and P/T team staff, are encouraged to review the Technical Package in detail to ensure a thorough understanding. If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC for consideration. Timelines for requesting changes to major elements of the Technical Package (i.e. team sizes, age categories, eligibility restrictions, events, competition formats) are outlined in the Principles that Govern Technical Packages. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six [6] months of the Games. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package by Games stakeholders early.

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1. SPORT: SWIMMING

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Athletes

Women: 16

Men: 16

Two (2) of the women's team positions and two (2) of the men's team positions are reserved exclusively for Para swimmers classified under the WPS Swimming Classification procedure: classes S1 – S10 physical impairment; classes S11 – S13 visual impairment; class S14 intellectual impairment.

Two (2) of the women's team positions and two (2) of the men's team positions are reserved exclusively for Special Olympics Canada registered swimmers.

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event.

2.2. Staff

For 18 or fewer total athletes;

- 4 coaches / 1 manager, OR 3 coaches / 2 managers
- If there are women-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a woman
- If there are men-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a man
- If bringing Special Olympics athletes, 1 coach may be designated as a Special Olympics Coach

For more than 18 total athletes;

- 5 coaches / 1 manager OR 4 coaches / 2 managers
- If there are women-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a woman
- If there are men-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a man
- If bringing Special Olympics athletes, 1 coach may be designated as a Special Olympics Coach

Tappers: P/T Teams with athletes of an S11 classification will be permitted to bring tappers (1 tapper per athlete in 50m events, 2 tappers per athlete in events of 100m or longer). Please refer to WPS Swimming Rules & Regulations June 2023 – 10.8 *Support Staff*.

2.3. Additional Team Staff*

- Apprentice Coach
 - See [Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program](#)
 - See [Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program](#)
 - Apprentice coaches have the same access as athletes and team staff.
- Venue Pass Holder
 - See [Venue Pass Holder Policy](#)
 - Venue Pass Holders do not have access to the field of play
 - Venue Pass Holders' venue access
 - Sport Operational Zone (Zone 2)
 - Back of House Zone (Zone 3)

* Additional team staff positions are administered by the P/T Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Team's process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

2.4. Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy

The [Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy](#) recognizes the challenges that exist in para and Special Olympics sport and the level of participation needed to ensure meaningful and quality competition. Should the para and/or Special Olympics athlete quota permitted to each team not be filled by each jurisdiction, the Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy will be followed to allocate additional para and/or Special Olympics athletes to the competition.

2.5. Support for Participants

The Canada Games Council recognizes there can be barriers to participation/attendance at the Canada Games. The below policies have been developed to provide support to participants when required:

- [Support for Breastfeeding/Chestfeeding Parents Policy](#)

- [Participant Assistant Policy](#)
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3. CLASSIFICATION

Olympic Program:

- Men's: 17 and under as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2008 or later
- Women's: 16 and under as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2009 or later

Paralympic:

- 13-25 as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2000-2012

Special Olympics:

- 13-25 as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2000-2012

Swimmers with a Physical, Intellectual or Visual Impairment

- Para swimmers must be classified by Swimming Canada classifiers at the national level under classification guidelines as set by Swimming Canada prior to the Games (with no review or review 2025 or later).
 - There will be no classifications done at the Canada Summer Games.
 - Classification must be completed and submitted to Swimming Canada by May 1, 2025.
 - A swimmer with an intellectual impairment may choose to compete as a Special Olympics Canada swimmer OR in sport class S/SB/SM14 but not both. Swimmers choosing to compete in the Special Olympics Canada events must meet the participation guidelines determined by Special Olympics Canada.
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4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Athletes

All swimmers must be registered and be members in good standing of Swimming Canada.

All swimmers participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and Swimming

Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada or Swimming Canada.

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Senior National Team Members - Defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at the following events:
 - Olympic / Paralympic Games
 - Commonwealth Games
 - Pan Am / Parapan Am Games
 - FINA World Aquatic Championships
 - FISU Games
 - Professional Tours
 - Pan-Pacific Championships
 - Senior World Cups (athletes who competed at the 2022 FINA World Cup but did not represent the Canadian Team remain eligible)
 - World Para Swimming Championships
 - Pan-Pacific Para-Swimming Championships

Special Olympics athletes who have previously competed at the Special Olympics World Games are eligible to compete.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event on May 11th, 2025 or later, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2025 Canada Games).

Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport & Games Committee.

All athletes must meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC's [Eligibility Policy](#).

4.2. Coaches

All coaches must be registered with Swimming Canada, their Provincial or Territorial sport association, and be a member of the Canadian Swimming Coaches Association (CSCA).

Head coaches named on the official registration form must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Senior Coach (certified status) in Swimming.

Assistant coaches named on the official registration form must be either NCCP Age Group Coach certified, or NCCP Senior Coach trained.

NT, NU, PE, YT:

A maximum of one assistant coach named on the official registration form may be NCCP Fundamentals Coach certified.

Coaches must be so certified no later than 90 days prior to the opening ceremony (May 11, 2025).

The exception to the above are coaches designated as Special Olympics Coaches (maximum 1 per P/T) who must be certified under the NCCP to at least Fundamentals Coach (certified status), and have completed the Special Olympics Canada Competition-Introduction course.

Please note that “NCCP Senior Coach Certified, Not Renewed” / “NCCP Age Group Coach Certified, Not Renewed” / “NCCP Fundamentals Coach Certified, Not Renewed” does not qualify under the coaching standards for the 2025 Canada Summer Games.

Please refer to the CGC’s [Coach Certification Policy](#) for additional information.

For more information on the coach certification pathway, please see Appendix 1.

All Team Staff are encouraged to complete the *Canada Games Coaching* eLearning module available in [The Locker](#) (under *Multi-sport*).

5. COMPETITION

5.1. Safe Sport

Swimming Canada believes that athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive sport environment that is free of abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Swimming Canada is dedicated to providing a safe and inclusive environment, which involves promoting Open and Observable Environments. This means making meaningful and concerted efforts to avoid situations where a coach/official/staff member, etc. might be alone with an athlete. All interactions between an athlete and an individual who is in a position of trust should normally, and wherever possible, be in an environment or space that is both 'open' and 'observable' to others.

All participants in this event are reminded that they are subject to the abuse-free sport policies and procedures of their Provincial/Territorial Team.

5.2. Venue

- The Aquarena - Memorial University - St. John's, NL
- 8-lane 50 m competition pool
- Starts will be conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics (formerly FINA) 4.1 and 16.1.1.
- For Para swimming events starts will be conducted as per WPS Appendix two, rule 1.2.3.1 and WPS 11.1.

5.3. Events

Olympic Program Events

Events will be swum according to Swimming Canada rules however information contained in this technical package shall supersede Swimming Canada rules where a discrepancy exists.

Swimmers will swim time finals for the Men's and Women's 800 and 1500 m freestyle; 3 km open water, and all relays. All other events will include preliminaries, and a "A" final followed by an "B" final.

Paralympic & Special Olympics Events

“PS” designates events for Para-swimmers (classes S/SB/SM1 – S/SB/SM14). These events will be swum according to WPS Swimming Rules and Regulations. The Swimming Canada scratch rule will apply to PS events.

“SOC” designates events for Special Olympics Canada swimmers.

PS and SOC swimmers will swim preliminaries and an “A” final only, regardless of the number of entries per event (with the exception of the PS 200/400m freestyle on day 1, which will be a time final event).

There are seven (7) Para-swimming events. Para-swimmers are to enter their sport class event as listed below.

Order of Events

<u>Day 1</u> W 1500m free (time final) M 800m free (time final) PS 200m (S1-5, S14) / 400 (S6-13) free (time final) 4 x 200m free relay (time final)	<u>Day 2</u> 400m IM (B & A final) 50m free (B & A final) PS 100m free (S1-14) SOC 100m free 200m back (B & A final) 50m breast (B & A final) SOC 50m breast 4 x 100m MIXED medley relay (time final)
<u>Day 3</u> PS 50m (S1-5) / 100m (S6-14) back SOC 100m back 100m fly (B & A final) 400m free (B & A final) 200m breast (B & A final) 50m back (B & A final) PS 50m (S1-7) / 100 (S8-14) fly 4 x 100m free relay (time final)	<u>Day 4</u> 200m free (B & A final) 100m breast (B & A final) PS 50m (SB1-3) / 100m (SB4-9, SB11-14) breast 200m fly (B & A final) SOC 50m back 100m back (B & A final) 4 x 100m medley relay (time final)

<u>Day 5</u> M 1500m free (time final) 100m free (B & A final) PS 50m (S1-14) free SOC 50m free W 800m free (time final) 50m fly (B & A final) 200m IM (B & A final) PS 150m (SM1-4) / 200m (SM5-14) IM 4 x 100m MIXED free relay (time final)	<u>Day 6</u> W 3 km open water (time final) M 3 km open water (time final)
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The pool events will be swum long course.

Entries

A Province/Territory may enter:

- One team per relay event;
- Up to four (4) swimmers in the preliminaries of individual events;
- Up to two (2) swimmers in the time final events (800m free, 1500m free and 3km open water).

Based on preliminary results, the two (2) top-ranked swimmers per Province/Territory shall advance to the finals (A or B), including alternates (total of 18 athletes).

If a P/T scratches a finalist prior to the scratch deadline, their next fastest athlete will be eligible to advance to finals if ranked in the top 18 by time.

If a P/T scratches or withdraws a finalist after the scratch deadline, their next fastest athlete will not be eligible to advance to finals and the alternate will come from another P/T.

An Olympic program competitor may compete in up to seven (7) individual events (including Open Water) plus relays.

A PS competitor may compete in up to seven (7) PS events.

A SOC competitor may compete in all five (5) SOC events.

Procedures and deadlines for event entries are outlined in section 7.2. Additional registration requirements and deadlines set by the Canada Games Council (and coordinated through the Provincial/Territorial Chefs de Mission) can be found in section 7.1.

Seeding

The 800m (men) and 1500m (women) freestyle events (time final) will be seeded fastest to slowest and swim alternating heats women/men.

The 800m (women) and 1500m (men) freestyle events (time final) will run the fastest heat during the finals session. All remaining heats will be run fastest to slowest in the preliminary session.

Relay time finals will be seeded slowest to fastest. Relay events on Day 2, 3, 4 and 5 will swim in the finals session.

Scratches

The scratch deadline for all heats on the first day of competition will be 30 minutes following the end of the Technical Meeting.

The scratch deadline for preliminary heats and time finals on days 2 to 5 shall be 30 minutes after the start of the previous night finals session. This also includes the fastest heat of time final events that will be swum in the final session.

The scratch deadline for finals shall be 30 minutes following the conclusion of the preliminary session.

Rankings

Swimmers in the A final will be ranked 1st - 8th in order of finish in the A final.
Swimmers in the B final will be ranked 9th - 16th in order of finish from the B final.

Swimmers who do not advance from the preliminary round will be ranked 17th to 52nd based on their times.

The PS 'A final' swimmers will be determined by ranking individual preliminary performances 1 – 8 utilizing the Canadian Paralympic Points chart.

Warm-ups

Swimming Canada Competition Warm-up Safety Procedures will be in place. The full document can be viewed [here](#).

5.4. Weather Protocol

The Open Water event will be swum using [Swimming Canada Rules 2023](#)

6. TIE BREAKING RULES - COMPETITION

The Swimming Canada rules in force at the time of the Games shall prevail.

7. REGISTRATION & EVENT ENTRIES

7.1. Canada Games Council Registration Deadline

All participants (athletes, coaches, managers and additional team staff) must be registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony (July 10th, 2025).

7.2. Event Entry Process

Meet Entry Deadline

- Tuesday, July 22, 2025 – 23:59 PST

Entry Process

- All Provincial and Territorial teams must submit entries via the Meet List on-line entries system – <http://www.swimming.ca/MeetList.aspx>.

Proof of Time

- All entries for Olympic Program and Paralympic Program events will be proven via the on-line entry system. All times not proven via the on-line entry system must be proven at or prior to registration. Coaches must provide proof of time prior to their arrival at the meet.
- Entries for Special Olympics events are not required to be proven via the on-line entry system. Coaches must provide proof of time prior to their arrival at the meet, if applicable.
- Meet management may challenge any entry time before or during the competition. It is the responsibility of the Province/Territory to prove any entry times if requested. Any Province/Territory not able to prove an entry time when challenged, will result in the swimmer being seeded as No Time (NT).
- Entry time upgrades or adding events will not be accepted past the entry deadline.
- Official split times for individual events can only be used for entry if proven by complete legitimate results.
- Relay times not displayed or proven on the online entry system must be proven as per Swimming Canada rules.

- Unproven individual event times will not be accepted for entry.

8. SPORT SCORING POINTS

Sport scoring points are a tool used to determine the performance of a P/T Team across all events within a sport. At the conclusion of an event, sport scoring points will be awarded using the following criteria:

8.1. Individual Events

- Swimmers in the A final will be ranked 1st - 8th in order of finish from the A final.
- Swimmers in the B final will be ranked 9th - 16th in order of finish from the B final.
- Swimmers who do not advance from the preliminary round will be ranked 17th to 52nd based on their times.
- If an athlete does not finish or is disqualified, the athlete will not receive sport scoring points.
- Only the top two (2) swimmers per Province/Territory per event will be awarded sport scoring points.
- The third (3rd) and fourth (4th) fastest swimmers from the same Province/Territory shall forfeit their sport scoring points, as only the top two (2) per P/T can score.
- If there is a tie, points will be shared equally between athletes (i.e. If two swimmers are tied for first then each would receive 137 points $[(150+124)/2]$ and 3rd place points would be awarded to the next finisher).
- The ranking of PS swimmers within each event shall be based on scores from the Canadian Paralympic Points chart. Once "order of finish" is determined by ranking Para-swimming points, swimmers will then score according to the chart below. See Appendix 4 for Para swimming protocols.
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the chart below.

A Final		B Final	
Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1st	150	9th	60
2nd	124	10th	50
3rd	96	11th	48
4th	80	12th	46
5th	76	13th	44
6th	72	14th	42

7th	68	15th	40		
8th	64	16th	38		
Preliminaries (only top 2 per event per P/T score)					
Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
17th	36	29th	24	41st	12
18th	35	30th	23	42nd	11
19th	34	31st	22	43rd	10
20th	33	32nd	21	44th	9
21st	32	33rd	20	45th	8
22nd	31	34th	19	46th	7
23rd	30	35th	18	47th	6
24th	29	36th	17	48th	5
25th	28	37th	16	49th	4
26th	27	38th	15	50th	3
27th	26	39th	14	51st	2
28th	25	40th	13	52nd	1

Example. If athletes from Team A finish ranked 2nd, 10th, and 17th, Team A will receive 174 (124+50) points (the 3rd finisher from the P/T will not receive sport scoring points). Therefore the points from rank 17th will not be awarded.

8.2. Team Events

- Teams will be ranked from first through last place by time.
- If a team does not finish or is disqualified, the team will not receive sport scoring points.
- Teams that scratch from finals will not score.
- If there is a tie, points will be shared equally between teams (i.e. If two teams are tied for first then each team would receive 274 points $[(300+248)/2]$ and 3rd place points would be awarded to the next finisher).
- Each event will be scored separately.
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the chart below.

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	300	6th	144	11th	96
2nd	248	7th	136	12th	92
3rd	192	8th	128	13th	88
4th	160	9th	120		
5th	152	10th	100		

9. FLAG POINTS

Games to Games performance by a P/T Team at the Canada Games is measured by accumulated Flag Points. Every P/T Team is awarded Flag Points for its ranked performance in each sport in which it competes.

In Swimming, Flag Points will be awarded separately for women's and men's events based on the total of sport scoring points awarded.

After ranking the P/T Teams from first to last, and after any ties have been resolved as detailed in Section 10 (Tie Breaking Rules - Flag Points), Flag Points will be awarded as follows:

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	10	6th	5	11th	1.5
2nd	9	7th	4	12th	1
3rd	8	8th	3	13th	0.5
4th	7	9th	2.5		
5th	6	10th	2		

10. TIE BREAKING RULES - FLAG POINTS

In the event of a tie between two or more Provinces/Territories, the team winning the most gold medals will be awarded an extra swimming point. If there is still a tie, the team winning the most silver medals will be awarded the extra swimming point, if still tied, the team with the most bronze medals, etc.

11. MEDALS

11.1. The Canada Games will award medals to athletes only. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented for each event.

11.2. For PS events determination of medals will be based on the Canadian Paralympic Points chart and will be awarded using the combination of same stroke events and ranked. The following are the combination of PS event and sport classes for medals:

- 50 Free
- 100 Free
- 200 and 400 Free
- 50 Back and 100 Back
- 50 Breast and 100 Breast
- 50 Fly and 100 Fly
- 150 IM and 200 IM

11.3. Gold: 92 Silver: 92 Bronze: 92

12. COMPETITION UNIFORM

All swim suits worn in official training and competition shall comply with the Swimming Canada Competition Rules and the clothing specifications set by the Canada Games Council. In the event of a conflict between the two the clothing specifications set by the Canada Games Council shall prevail.

Provincial/Territorial Team clothing must be worn for the opening, closing, and medal ceremonies as well as on pool deck prior to and post competition. Additional information on each Provincial/Territorial team's colours can be found in Appendix C of the CGC's [P/T Team Uniform and Sponsorship Policy](#).

13. EQUIPMENT

14. PROTEST & APPEALS

14.1. Canada Games Council Protest Policy & Appeal Policy

Appeals relating to this Technical Package or any decisions made by the CGC will be made in accordance with the CGC's [Appeal Policy](#).

Protests relating to disputes between and among Provincial/Territorial Teams as it relates to the Canada Games Council (CGC) Policies, Procedures and Principles that Govern Technical Packages (PTGTP) will be made in accordance with the CGC's [Protest Policy](#).

14.2. Competition Protests

[Swimming Canada Rules 2023](#), I.13.1 (13.1.1, 13.1.2, 13.1.3, C13.1.6.1, C13.1.6.2) and I.13.2 (C13.2.3.1-C13.2.3.8) will be in effect.

15. ANTI-DOPING

The CGC adopts the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Covenant as a fundamental commitment to engage in a cooperative and collaborative effort to eliminate doping in sport and to support harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping measures in Canada. Any Canada Games participant (athlete, coach, manager, technical support, or other person) found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation at the Canada Games (as determined pursuant to the CADP) will be subject to all of the penalties and consequences, as outlined in the [Canadian Anti-Doping Program](#).

16. APPENDICES

Please review the attached appendices as they form an integral part of this technical package.

- APPENDIX 1 - Coach Certification Requirements
- APPENDIX 2 - Performance Guidelines

- APPENDIX 3 - Age Dispensation
- APPENDIX 4 - Swimming Canada Para Swimming Protocols
- APPENDIX 5 - Para & Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Process

APPENDIX 1 - COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Coaches are directed to the Coach Development Pathway for comprehensive information coaching certification and the certification pathway found [HERE](#).

APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

The following Performance Guidelines have been established by the respective NSO, at the request of the CGC and the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC) to reflect the expected training and/or performance parameters of a typical Canada Games athlete in the Training to Compete phase of Long Term Development (LTD). These Performance Guidelines have been developed as a tool for P/T teams to use at their discretion in the training and selection of their Canada Games teams. These Guidelines are not required selection criteria.

Swimming Canada encourages Provincial/Territorial organizations to consider baseline minimum standards when selecting their respective Canada Games Teams. At all steps of athlete identification and selection, P/Ts are asked to ensure athletes are prepared for the competitive environment of Canada Games. When in doubt Swimming Canada recommends utilization of Canadian Junior Championship Time Standards as a benchmark for minimum performance levels of all athletes. These standards may be reviewed at <https://www.swimming.ca/en/standards-and-preliminary-competition-information/>.

APPENDIX 3 - AGE DISPENSATION

Swimming Canada Age Exemption Procedure 2025 Canada Games

All underage Paralympic and Special Olympics athletes (2013 or younger) must be approved by Swimming Canada (SC) prior to their acceptance for participation in the 2025 Canada Games (CG).

Swimming Canada sets a minimum age for participation in CG to ensure the participation of all involved is of an equal, safe and supportive environment. As CG will host Paralympic Program and Special Olympics Program events in 2025, Swimming Canada must be confident that all attendees have had the appropriate training and race experience to participate in the events which are scheduled.

Swimming Canada recognizes that the safety of all individuals within the field of play is of the utmost importance and identifies that younger athletes may not have the experience needed to participate at this level of competition. Younger athletes should be continuing to train and gain experience through racing in more age and skill level appropriate environments.

Therefore, in order to receive approval from Swimming Canada to participate as an underage athlete, the athlete's province/territory must present evidence that the nominated athlete(s) has the appropriate experience, skill (physical) and mental performance level to obtain success in a Games competition environment across all disciplines.

In order to be considered for underage exemption, the following items must be submitted along with the completed exemption form signed by all parties involved:

- Letter of recommendation for nomination by coach (with reason)
- Letter of recommendation for nomination by province/territory
- Letter of recommendation for nomination by parent
- Evidence of athlete's experience 'racing up' with Games-aged athletes including results
- Copy of athlete's results from January 2024 – April 2025

Swimming Canada reserves the right to deny any request for underage participation.

APPENDIX 4 - SWIMMING CANADA PARA SWIMMING PROTOCOLS

Preliminaries

- Swimmers will be Senior seeded (not circle seeded) by time in each of the eligible events for preliminary heats.
- Performances from preliminaries will be assigned a point score from the Canadian Paralympic Points chart; the 8 highest point scores will advance to the A final. (this means a total of 8 swimmers will swim in the combined events, not 8 in each)

Finals

- All finals will be seeded by time and there will be an A final for the sport classes in the 50 backstroke and an A final for the sport classes in the 100 backstroke, up to a maximum of 8 swimmers in the combined events. For example:
 - o The performances from the 50 backstroke A final and the 100 backstroke A final will be scored using the Canadian Paralympic Points chart.
 - o The scores from all swims in the two A finals will be merged and ranked from highest to lowest point scores to determine medal positions and final ranking order.
- For example

o John Smith S7	100 back	989 pts.	Gold
o Bill Black S5	50 back	900 pts.	Silver
o Jeff Blue S5	50 back	895 pts.	Bronze
o Fred Williams S14	100 back	841 pts.	4 th
o Sal Gonzalez S10	100 back	800 pts.	5 th
o Matt Walker S14	100 back	766 pts.	6 th
o Sean Gordon S11	100 back	732 pts.	7 th
o Greg Watts S13	100 back	658 pts.	8 th
- This protocol will be applied to the 200/400 freestyle event; 50/100 backstroke event; 50/100 breaststroke event; 50/100 butterfly event and 150/200 Individual Medley event as outlined above.

APPENDIX 5 - PARA & SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE REALLOCATION PROCESS

The Canada Games Council (CGC) has a Para & Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy, the aim of which is to facilitate meaningful competition at Canada Games. This policy has been in place since 2011 and includes the sport of swimming.

If para-swimming and Special Olympics Swimming registrations are below **15 male swimmers or 15 female swimmers**, respectively, registrations will be reopened to include additional athletes, above the stated Technical Package team sizes, to ensure 15 men and 15 women swimmers for para-swimming and 15 men and 15 women swimmers for Special Olympics swimming.

Swimming Canada is required to develop and distribute the criteria to be used to reallocate athlete positions if the number of swimmers available for reallocation exceeds the number of available positions.

Reallocated athletes are eligible for aggregate sport scoring but must fit within the stipulations of the Technical Package.

Athletes nominated via reallocation are eligible to win medals.

Swimming Canada Criteria

Swimming Canada's philosophy (when looking at the reallocation spots for para-swimming and Special Olympics swimming) is to ensure the best competitive field by event thereby prioritizing reallocation to benefit events that have the lowest number of swimmers entered.

Only swimmers who are nominated by their provincial/territorial teams will be considered for the reallocation process.

For swimmers to be considered in the reallocation process they must meet all of the eligibility requirements as laid out in the Technical Package - including a valid Level 3 or World Para Swimming sport class for para-swimmers, or being a registered Special Olympics Canada swimmer.

Based on a provisional list of entries, Swimming Canada will determine which event(s) have the lowest number of swimmers entered.

Once the:

- CGC confirms the number of reallocated spots available; and
- Chefs de Mission confirm the extra swimmers available for reallocation,

Swimming Canada will rank the eligible pool of swimmers against the Canadian Para Swimming Charts in the priority events (with the lowest number of swimmers entered), and Special Olympic swimmers will be ranked by qualifying times.

The P/TSO nominated swimmer(s) who rank the highest on this list will be allocated the available spot(s) and will be required to enter in the specific event(s) identified with the lowest entries. The swimmer can also be entered in any additional events on the program up to the maximum number as indicated in the Technical Package

Additional Information

- As a reminder, the 200/400 free, 50/100 breast, 50/100 back, 50/100 fly, and 150/200 IM are each considered one event for scoring at Canada Games and, so, Swimming Canada consider these combined events (and the potential swimmer’s sport class) when ranking the eligible pool.
- According to the Swimming Technical Package:
 - Based on preliminary results, only two (2) swimmers per Province/Territory are eligible to advance to the finals (A or B).
 - A para-swimmer may compete in up to seven (7) para-swimming events; a Special Olympics swimmer may compete in up to five (5) Special Olympics swimming events.
 - Each Province/Territory’s two (2) best placings per event will count towards sport scoring points.
- Protests and appeals
 - If there is an appeal regarding how an athlete was identified through the reallocation process by Swimming Canada, the appeal would come to Swimming Canada.
 - If there is an appeal regarding how an athlete was selected based on the original selection process completed by the Provincial/Territorial section, the appeal would go to the Provincial/Territorial section.
 - If the Provincial/Territorial section does not accept a quota allocation for their athlete, and the athlete appeals, the appeal would go to the Provincial/Territorial section.

Timelines

June 25, 2025	Provincial/Territorial Chefs de Mission submit Reallocation Forms to CGC, confirming their final para & Special Olympics athlete numbers, as well as putting forward any additional athletes for reallocation. Provincial/Territorial Sections are to provide a list of their selected para-swimmers/Special Olympics swimmers and a provisional list of entries to Swimming Canada.
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July 4, 2025	If there are quota spots available for reallocation, CGC will work with Swimming Canada to identify and invite additional swimmers to attend the Games
July 10, 2025	All athletes (including any athletes selected through reallocation) must be registered in the Canada Games registration system.