

Club Info Session

June 17, 2025



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Topics:

1. Update of Aquatic Infrastructure Push
2. Grants
3. Club Outreach - New Initiative
4. Swimming Updates



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Update of Aquatic Infrastructure Push



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Ontario municipalities need help to build 50-metre aquatic facilities

Ontario can help invest in more and larger recreational aquatic facilities to enhance health outcomes, stimulate the local economy, and provide complete communities.

Ontario is the only province where 50m pools developed by institutions and for major games outnumber those built by municipalities.

Ontario needs to take a proactive approach to pool construction, anticipating future needs rather than reacting to them.

Ontario should also support municipalities in building more sport friendly 25-metre pools

A 50-metre pool can bring three times the programming for twice the pool size.

These 50m pools allow municipalities to offer low-cost drop-in and recreational access, while enabling them to generate greater revenues for permitted and sport training uses.

A well-designed facility anchored by a 50m pool could attract large-scale competitions and events that smaller venues cannot accommodate.



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The Ministry of Sport can partner with Ontario's aquatic leaders to develop a plan to build new regionally significant 50m aquatic centres in Ontario communities.

The province of Ontario needs to play a role in supporting studies to identify gaps in funding, developing, and investing in recreational aquatic facilities.

The Ministry of Sport can play a pivotal role in promoting and supporting amateur and professional sporting events through various funding programs.

By providing funding, the Ministry of Sport can support the development of recreational facilities and subsequently promote economic benefits to surrounding businesses through hotel and restaurant use.



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The 'Push'

[Community Letter Template](#)

[MPP and Local Officials Template](#)

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Grants



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How Do You Find Grants to Apply For?

- Government of Ontario – [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca)
 - [Transfer Payment Ontario – app.grants.gov.on.ca](https://app.grants.gov.on.ca)
 - [Ministry of Sport - ontario.ca/page/ministry-sport](https://ontario.ca/page/ministry-sport)
 - [Community Sport & Recreation - ontario.ca/page/sport-and-recreation](https://ontario.ca/page/sport-and-recreation)
 - [Ministry of Tourism Culture & Gaming - ontario.ca/page/ministry-tourism-culture-and-gaming](https://ontario.ca/page/ministry-tourism-culture-and-gaming)
- Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) – otf.ca
 - [Community Building Fund – otf.ca/our-grants/community-building-fund](https://otf.ca/our-grants/community-building-fund)
 - [Resilient Communities Fund – otf.ca/our-grants/resilient-communities](https://otf.ca/our-grants/resilient-communities)
 - **Seed Grant:** otf.ca/our-grants/community-investments-grants/seed-grant
 - **Grow Grant:** otf.ca/our-grants/community-investments-grants/grow-grant
 - **Capital Grant:** otf.ca/our-grants/community-investments-grants/capital-grant
 - **Youth Opportunities Fund:** otf.ca/our-grants/youth-opportunities-fund



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How Do You Find Grants to Apply For?

- ❖ Government of Canada – Canada.ca
 - Ministry of Culture, Heritage & Sport - canada.ca/en/services/culture/sport
 - Canada Summer Jobs Program - canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs

Coaches Association of Ontario

- Funding for Coaches – coachesontario.ca/programs-resources/funding-for-coaches
- Funding for Coaches Salaries - coachesontario.ca/programs-resources/funding-for-coach-salaries
- Coaches Association of Canada - coach.ca
- Parasport Ontario - parasportontario.ca
- Canada Paralympic Committee - paralympic.ca/funding-opportunities
- Sport For Ontario - sport4ontario.ca/accessing-funds
- Parks and Recreation Ontario – prontario.org
- The Grant Portal Canada – Ontario-Canada.thegrantportal.com/awards
- Ontario.grantwatch.com
- Canada.grantwatch.com



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Club Toolkit and Club Outreach



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Club Toolkit Working Group

These will be clickable links housed in the club section of the S.O. website

Club Conduct – Incident Checklist
Club Conduct Procedure
Club Workplace Safety, Violence and Harassment, Policy
Financial Controls Procedure
Privacy Policy



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Club Outreach Initiative

This program will provide new services and resources to Swim Ontario member clubs aimed at improving operations and overall club health & resiliency.



Naomi Paterson



Trevor Cowan

HOW CAN WE HELP?!

<https://forms.gle/FLkEhkTgAHYBYue18>



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Swimming Updates



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2025 Canada Summer Games Project

Spring 2024

- Beginning in March 2024 following the Ontario Swimming Championships approximately 150 Olympic/Paralympic stream games eligible swimmers.
- Olympic stream swimmers were identified based on their percentage off of the World Class On-Track. These swimmers represented approximately 40 clubs.
- Paralympic stream swimmers were identified based on level of classification and IPC points total.

Fall 2024

- Identification transitioned to Olympic stream games eligible swimmers who were ranked within the Top 10 nationally in their events. This aligned with potential selection criteria.
- This dropped the number of swimmers to approximately 100 swimmers representing around 35 clubs
- Paralympic stream remained the same. Classification and performance levels continued to be monitored.



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Pre-Selection Activities

- Planned preselection camps were organized in November 2024, January and April 2025.
- Camps were focused on providing core details around team selection, combined training opportunities for those eligible for potential selection.
- Para opportunities were a challenge from a swimmer/coach engagement standpoint as well as issues around classification that affected swimmer eligibility.

Team Selection

- Performance Window: February 26-June 15, 2025
 - Any LC performance at a multi-day heats/finals competition is considered.
 - Selection will take place the week of June 16, 2025
- Team Size: 32 Swimmers
 - 24 Olympic Stream
 - 4 Paralympic Stream
 - 4 Special Olympic Stream
 - We anticipate that these swimmers will represent approximately 20 clubs across the province.
- Final team selection will be announced early next week.



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Swim Ontario Conference and AGM

AGM

- Tuesday September 16 over Zoom
- Nominations for the Board of Directors have to be submitted by June 30.
- Information [HERE](#)

Conference

- September 19-20 at the Toronto Airport Marriott
- Streams for Administrators/Presidents, Coaches (Performance and Grassroots) and Officials.
- Keynote Speaker - Wayne Goldsmith
- Information and Registration [HERE](#)



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Age Group Coach Pathway Update

- New Swimming 201 Pre Course Module launching soon in LMS
 - If someone has taken the old pre course module, but not Swimming 201 yet, they will be required to do the new module prior to the Swimming 201
- Pilot for revamped Swimming 201 running in August
- Anyone that has taken Swimming 201/old Technical 2 and has not finished the pathway has until **NOVEMBER 30** to submit their portfolio
 - ***if they do not meet this deadline, they will have to retake Swimming 201 if they are wanting to continue in the pathway***
- Anyone who has completed the Portfolio has until April 1, 2026 to do the in person evaluation step.



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Award Application Deadlines

- Elizabeth Collins Ralph Award - August 15
- Coach Service Award - August 31
- Lea Bredschneider Coach Award - August 31
- Swimfluencer Award - September 7

Links to nominate individuals will be included in our next newsletter



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Officials Clinic Management on LMS: Upcoming Changes

- Beginning July 15, 2025 Club Official Administrators and Officials will no longer be able to add clinic credentials in REMS from REMS as we switch to full management of clinics to the LMS.
- All clinics need to be added to the LMS and once completed, information can then be sent directly to the REMS from the LMS to add credentials for officials.
 - The COA user guide for the LMS can be found [HERE](#)
 - The official user guide for the LMS can be found [HERE](#)



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Swimming Canada Warm-up Safety Procedures

A reminder that Swimmers must enter the pool FEET FIRST in a cautious manner,, from a standing or sitting position.

- Jumping feet first into a crowded lane is not a cautious manner.
- Swimmers witnessed by a Safety Marshal diving or entering the water in a dangerous fashion may be removed, by the Referee, without warning from their first individual event following the warm-up period in which the violation occurred and the alternates in that event notified should that event be a final.



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Dive Starts

The Starter shall report a swimmer to the Referee for misconduct taking place at the start as a result of kicking the footrest/backplate of the starting blocks per Swimming Canada Section II C2.3.2. The Referee may disqualify a swimmer for such misconduct.

- Coaches must ensure swimmers are informed of this rule and its potential consequences.



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World Cup Volunteer Recruitment

- Dates where volunteers will be needed: **Monday, October 20 to Saturday, October 25, 2025**
- Racing days are: Thurs, Fri and Sat
 - Ages 14+. Great opportunity for high school volunteer hours
 - Airport welcome & logistics, Registration/Welcome, Security, Ticket Sales & Admissions, Speedo Mats, Awards, etc. Watch for details to come in July.
 - Clubs will be engaged to organize basket carriers for the event.
 - If interested and available, we are looking for people to take on leadership roles as part of the Local Organizing Committee working with volunteers for this event.
Contact [Nicole Parent](#).



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GRASSROOTS FALL EVENTS

- **October 4** Eastern Region Grassroots Leadership & Hybrid NCCP 101 - Perth
- **October 18/19** North East Region Grassroots Leadership, Hybrid NCCP 101 & 12 & Under Swim Camp - Sudbury
- **October 25/26** North West Region Grassroots Leadership, Hybrid NCCP 101 & 12 & Under Swim Camp - Dryden
- **November 1** Central Region Grassroots Leadership, 12 & Under Swim Camp - Milton
- **November 23** Huronia Region Grassroots Leadership, 12 & Under Swim Camp - Collingwood
- **November 29** Western Region Grassroots Leadership - Windsor



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Thanks!



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