

Competition Types, Deadlines & Requirements

The following are the types of competition, deadlines and requirements for competition sanctioning. All competitions must meet the requirements of the [Swim Alberta Competition Sanctioning Policy](#) and the respective [Requirements for Meet Packages](#) (Year Round, Varsity, Masters or Summer).

Competition Types & Deadlines

Each competition sanction requires the selection of a Meet Type and a Sanction Type. Some meet types and sanction types will naturally be selected together while others may be mix and match. For example, Virtual would be selected for both meet type and sanction type while a meet type of Level 1: Time Final Single Session could have the sanction type of Club Champs, Dual/Tri, Open or Closed Invitational. The deadline for a sanction application is determined by the sanction type. Varsity and masters sanctions do not have deadlines.

The Meet Type is the style of competition displayed on the monthly view on the Swimming Canada meet list. The Sanction Type is the style of competition displayed on the meet information page on the Swimming Canada meet list.

Sanction applications must be submitted prior to the deadlines listed below, late applications will be subject to the late fee as outlined in [Competition Sanctioning Policy](#).

Category	Meet Types	Sanction Types – Deadline*
Year Round	Class 1 Time Trial Level 1: Time Final Single Session Level 2: Time Final Multi-Session Level 3: Heats & Finals Level 4: Provincial Series Level 5: Provincial Championships Virtual	Time Trial – 3 Business Days Single Club Competition – 3 Business Days^ Dual / Tri Competition – 10 Business Days Virtual – Business 10 Days Open Invitational – 8 Weeks Closed Invitational – 8 Weeks
Varsity	Varsity	Varsity
Masters	Masters	Masters
Summer	Class 1 Time Trial Summer	Time Trial – 3 Business Days Summer – 4 Weeks

** Each deadline listed is the minimum number of days or weeks prior to the first day of the competition.*

^ Clubs requesting a sanction for a Single Club Competition with multiple groups must ensure there is enough time to receive all entries through the Swimming Canada meet list.

Meet Type - Definitions & Requirements

The Meet Type is the style of competition displayed on the monthly view on the Swimming Canada meet list. Year Round competition sanctions have meet types indicated by level, which reflects the type of competition. Most swimmers will begin at level 1 however individuals will enter the sport at various ages and stages of development. Competition levels are a guide to assist coaches when developing a competition schedule.

Meet Type	Definition & Requirements
Class 1 Time Trial	A record attempt for a single swimmer or a single relay team. Only one heat of one event may be held during a Class 1 Time Trial. Entry fees are not permitted.
Level 1: Time Final Single Session	A time final, single session competition.
Level 2: Time Final Multi-Session	A time final competition where swimmers participate in more than one session including Swim Alberta Festivals.
Level 3: Heats & Finals	A heats and finals competition. It is not recommended for a Level 3: Heats and Finals competition to occur in the same city as one of the Level 4: Provincial Series events.
Level 4: Provincial Series	A heats and finals competition that has been identified by Swim Alberta as part of the Provincial Series. Competitions must use a time standard and age groups approved by Swim Alberta. All para swimmers with a provincial para time standard are permitted to participate at any of the provincial series. Additional requirements for the provincial series will be outlined and communicated by Swim Alberta.
Level 5: Provincial Competitions	Swim Alberta provincial competitions including Provincial Trials SC, Provincial Championships LC and Summer Provincials LC.
Virtual	A competition held in multiple facilities that may be held during the practice setting. Each facility must be approved for competition and selected on the Swimming Canada meet list. Each club / location must provide a referee and competition officials.
Summer	A competition for summer swimmers. The Summer Requirements for Meet Packages must be included in the meet information package.
Masters	A competition for masters swimmers. The Masters Requirements for Meet Packages must be included in the meet information package.
Varsity	A competition for varsity swimmers. The Varsity Requirements for Meet Packages must be included in the meet information package.

Sanction Type - Definitions & Requirements

The Sanction Type is the style of competition and is displayed on the meet information page on the Swimming Canada meet list.

Sanction Type	Definition & Requirements
Time Trial	A record attempt for a single swimmer or a single relay team. Only one heat of one event may be held during a Class 1 Time Trial. Entry fees are not permitted.
Single Club Competition	A competition for a single club which may include one or more training groups within the club. As with all other competitions, all entries must be submitted through the Swimming Canada meet list.
Dual / Tri Competition	A competition for two or three clubs.
Virtual	A competition held in multiple facilities that may be held during the practice setting. Each facility must be approved for competition and selected on the Swimming Canada meet list. Each club / location must provide a referee and competition officials.
Open Invitational	A competition open to all clubs.
Closed Invitational	A competition for invited clubs.
Summer	A competition for summer swimmers. The Summer Requirements for Meet Packages must be included in the meet information package.
Masters	A competition for masters swimmers. The Masters Requirements for Meet Packages must be included in the meet information package.
Varsity	A competition for varsity swimmers. The Varsity Requirements for Meet Packages must be included in the meet information package.