

Age Group (Year-Round) Requirements for Meet Packages

The information below will assist you in developing meet packages that adhere to the competition sanctioning requirements of Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta.

Additional Competition Requirements

In addition to the competition requirements of the Swim Alberta Competition Sanctioning Policy and the requirements outlined below, all [Swim Alberta Requirements and Recommendations for Training and Competition](#) must be followed.

The following information must be included in the meet information package:

Dates and Times of competition; Facility; Entry Deadline; Entry Fees; Entry Process; Seeding Information including events 400m or longer; Event List; Eligibility; Rules and Diving Rules; minimum and maximum number of entries permitted; number of available entries and/or number of reserved entries.

The following clause must be included for all competitions without time standards or time standards slower than published Swim Alberta standards.

Competition and Diving Readiness Standards

Entry for the competition is limited to participants who have passed Swim Alberta's Competition Swim Test. During the competition, swimmers should dive at the Dive Readiness Progression skill level they have achieved.

Optional Statement for Verification Form:

The submission of the Competition Readiness – Club Verification Form, stating that all swimmers entered in the competition have completed Swim Alberta's Competition Swim Test, is required prior to entries being accepted.

The following are standard clauses that must be included in meet packages sanctioned by Swim Alberta:

Safe Sport

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.

Rules

The meet will be conducted under published World Aquatics and/or World Para Swimming rules and regulations supplemented by published and approved Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta rules and regulations. In addition, this meet package shall outline all changes to and specific application of the published rules. Swim Alberta policies and procedures, where appropriate will also apply.

Diving Rules

One of the diving rules below must be included, for competitions using multiple pools or starting ends more than one clause may be included to distinguish between starting ends.

1. Starts will be conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics Facility Rule 16.1.4, 16.1.8 and Swimming Canada's Swimming Rule 4.1.
2. Starts will be conducted from the Deck or Bulkhead as per Canadian Facility Rule C16.1.4.1 and Swimming Canada's Swimming Rule 4.1.1.
3. In-water starts will be conducted as per Swimming Canada's Swimming Rule 4.1.2.

Eligibility

This competition is open to all swimmers currently registered with Swimming Canada or a World Aquatics affiliated club.

Scratches

The Swim Alberta scratch rule will be in effect for this competition.

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted through the Swimming Canada online system.

Swimmer Deck Entries may be permitted by Meet Management. Deck entries must include proof that the swimmer is fully registered with Swimming Canada.

Swimwear at Competitions

All swimmers are permitted to race in the swimwear of their choosing at all competitions sanctioned by Swim Alberta. It is not required to declare the choice of swimwear to the Referee if the fabric of the swimwear is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to create a technical advantage in terms of speed, buoyancy, or endurance.

Requirement for Time Trial Sanctions

A Time Trial sanction is intended for a record attempt and is limited to one (1) event with one (1) swimmer or one (1) relay team. No entry fees are permitted for Time Trials.

All other items must follow the criteria set out in the Swim Alberta Competition Sanctioning Policy.

Photography/Videography

To minimize risk, all photographs and video taken at Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta sanctioned competitions, whether taken by a professional photographer or videographer, spectator, team support staff or any other participant, must observe generally accepted standards of decency. Under no circumstances are cameras or other recording devices allowed in the area immediately behind the starting blocks during practice or competition starts, or in locker rooms, bathrooms, or any other dressing area.

The full details on the Event Photography and Videography Procedure can be found [HERE](#)