

Placement of Officials for Swim Alberta and Summer Swimming Designated Competitions

The placement of advisory referees, session referees, associate referees (a referee who is a developing referee who has completed their first evaluation but is not yet ready for a second evaluation), starters, and those requiring evaluations will always be done in a way to ensure a technically proficient meet that allows for the highest level of performance by the swimmer. Swim Alberta will place the above listed roles for all Swim Alberta and Summer Swimming Designated Competitions. Swim Alberta will consult with the Alberta Summer Swimming Association (ASSA) regarding the placement of officials for all Summer Swimming Designated Competitions.

Swim Alberta Designated Competitions include the following:

- Swim Alberta Provincial Trials (Short Course)
- Swim Alberta Provincial Championships (Long Course)
- Swim Alberta Summer Provincials (Long Course)
- Swim Alberta Festivals (Winter and Summer; North and South)

Summer Swimming Designated Competitions include the following:

- Alberta Summer Swimming Regionals
- Alberta Summer Swimming Provincials

Placement of Advisory Referees for Swim Alberta and Summer Swimming Designated Competitions

Eligible Advisory Referees will be contacted by Swim Alberta of upcoming opportunities. The Provincial Officials Committee Chair, Swim Alberta Executive Director or their designate and one other member of the Provincial Officials Committee will form a sub-committee that places Advisory Referees for all Swim Alberta Designated Competitions. The list of Advisory Referees will be approved by the Provincial Officials Committee and the ASSA will be additionally consulted for Summer Swimming Designated competitions. Swim Alberta at its sole discretion has the authority to appoint advisory referees.

Advisory Referee Eligibility for Swim Alberta and Summer Swimming Designated Competitions

Advisory Referees must be active in officiating at the provincial level and have experience officiating at the national level.

Advisory referees for Summer Swimming designated competitions are not required to have national experience. Swim Alberta and the Provincial Officials Committee will approach suitable Referee's to discuss the opportunity to become an advisory referee for the Alberta Summer Swimming Provincials. The decision with respect to an official being eligible will rest with the Provincial Officials Committee in consultation with the ASSA.

The Role of the Advisory Referee is available on the [Swim Alberta Website](#). An Advisory Referee should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Previous experience in the role of Advisory Referee for club hosted competitions.
- Experience working different types of competitions – development, age group and senior level championships.
- Experience working with different clubs in different pool settings where possible.

- Strong mentorship skills.
- Collaborative leadership.
- Effective Communication.
- Technically proficient in understanding the rules and working of the pool deck during a meet.
- Has taken the Swimming Canada Para-swimming clinic.
- Advisory referees placed at Summer Swimming Designated Competitions will ideally have a strong understanding and experience within ASSA competitions.

Placement of Session Referees and Starters for Swim Alberta and Summer Swimming Designated Competitions:

Swim Alberta, through its designated Provincial Officials Committee and in consultation with the Advisory Referee, will request and place session referees and starters for all Swim Alberta and Summer Swimming Designated Competitions. Requests to place starters from the host club will be considered.

Swim Alberta will put out a call directly to referees and to the Club Official Administrators for starters to confirm interest and availability. The Advisory Referee will confirm the final roster which will be sent to the Provincial Officials Committee for approval. The roster for Summer Swimming Designated Competitions will be finalized in consultation with the ASSA. The final roster should be available a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the competition.

Session Referee and Starters Eligibility for Swim Alberta and Summer Swimming Designated Competitions

- Session Referees at Swim Alberta designated Competitions should in most cases have completed their second evaluation. Consideration will be given to all qualified referees for the Swim Alberta Festivals.
- Session Referees at Summer Swimming designated competitions are not required to have completed an evaluation however for regional events at least one session referee must have completed two evaluations.
- Starters should be experienced and not new to “starting.”
- Referees should be placed for only one day of a provincial meet wherever possible. This helps ensure the development of other referees and also ensures a fair competition for our athletes.
- In the case of a heats and finals competitions the Referee and Starter must be available for heats and finals. If two pools are running for prelims, one Referee and Starter should be placed at each pool. They will then work together at finals. If just one pool is running at prelims, two Referees/Starters can be identified - one for boys and one for girls.
- Swim Alberta will identify potential referees if needed.

Swim Alberta, through the designated Provincial Officials Committee, may choose to place one or two referees requiring their second evaluation at a Swim Alberta Designated Competition to be eligible to work at Provincial Competitions. In addition, Swim Alberta through its designated Provincial Officials Committee may work with the Meet Manager to place Associate Referees to provide them with experience and mentorship at a Swim Alberta Provincial Trails, Provincial Championships or Summer Provincials.

Requests for referee evaluations and associate referee placement should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the date of the competition. The Chair of the Provincial Officials Committee, upon consultation with the designated provincial official's committee, will communicate to the Meet Manager and/or Advisory Referee any evaluation or associate referees.