

OFFICIATING FOR BRONZE PARENTS

Each year, ROW hosts at least 5 Swim Ontario sanctioned meets. To have the meets sanctioned by Swim Ontario, ROW is required to have specific numbers of certified officials at various levels. For this reason, as part of the ROW registration, parents are required to take part in officiating education. As the swimmer progresses to more competitive levels, the parent of the swimmer must also advance up the official ladder.

Officiating Requirements for Bronze Parents:

Once the swimmer gets to Bronze level, at least one parent should already have:

- ✓ Level I certification (i.e., completed Timekeeper/Safety Marshall clinic)
- ✓ Two successful on-deck evaluations as Timekeeper.

Next, Bronze parents must enrol in

- Stroke and Turn Judge/Head Lane Timer clinic
- Clerk of Course clinic
- Recorder Scorer clinic.

As the swimmer progresses through the Bronze program, parents should try to obtain successful on-deck evaluations at the above positions.

Notices for in class officiating clinics will be sent to families via email and postings on the ROW website. In addition, most of the Level II clinics can be taken on-line through the Ontario Swim Officials Association website at <http://www.osoa.ca/web/>. However, you must contact the Club Officials Chairperson, Angus Cunningham (acunningham@printer.com), for the “keys” to take the online clinics.

Home Swim Meet and ROW Series Meet Commitment

If your child is swimming in a ROW home meet, you are required to help in officiating at that meet. Officials are scheduled as soon as the ROW entries are finalized. In most cases, every effort is made to ensure that parents are scheduled to officiate for sessions that their child is swimming in. This means that the schedule is usually not out until the week of the meet. If you are aware of a conflict, please inform OFFICIALS COORDINATOR listed in the meet package as soon as possible. If you are not assigned in a session, you are required to be on standby and to fill in as necessary.

Bronze 2 swimmers will participate in ROW Series meets throughout the year where swimmers are timed in races and earn ribbons for swimming best times. The meets are designed to introduce swimmers to competitive meets in a fun environment. **These fun meets cannot be held without volunteers! If your child is swimming in the ROW Series meet, you are expected to help out with running the meet. Volunteers are required for timing, awards, electronics, starting, and many other positions. The coaches do not run meets because they are coaching the swimmers. Parents are responsible for running these meets.**