

OFFICIATING FOR GOLD AND SENIOR 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 Gold and Senior Parents:

Once the swimmer gets to Gold or Senior levels, at least one parent should already have:

- ✓ Level II certification.

Now, the parents should work towards Level III certification and beyond by:

- Complete all Level II official clinics
- Get experience in senior officiating positions at away meets
- Obtain 2 successful on deck evaluations in any 3 remaining Level II positions
- Conduct an officiating clinic.

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 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. Please check in the Officials Room at the start of the session warm up time. See you on deck.