

## OFFICIATING FOR SILVER 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 Silver Parents:

Once the swimmer gets to Silver 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
- completed
  - ✓ Stroke and Turn Judge/Head Lane Timer clinic
  - ✓ Recorder Scorer clinic
  - ✓ Clerk of Course clinic.
- Several successful on-deck evaluations at Stroke & Turn, Recorder Scorer and/or Clerk of Course positions.

Next, Silver parents need to obtain Level II certification as follows:

- Complete at least 3 additional Level II officiating clinics (Chief Timer, Chief Finish Judge, Chief Judge Electronics, Starter and/or Meet Manager)
- Have 2 successful on-deck evaluations as Stroke & Turn Judge/Head Lane Timer
- Have 2 successful on-deck evaluations in one of the other Level II 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](mailto: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.