

## **OFFICIATING FOR TOP PARENTS**

### **(or parents of swimmers in their 1<sup>st</sup> year with the club)**

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. Officiating education includes taking clinics and performing the officiating tasks learned in those clinics. As the swimmer progresses to more competitive levels, the parent of the swimmer must also advance up the officials ladder.

### **Officiating Requirement for Parents of TOP Swimmers or Swimmers in 1<sup>st</sup> year with the Club**

Parents of TOP level swimmer or parents of any 1<sup>st</sup> year swimmer with the club must take the Timekeeper/Safety Marshall clinic. Once completed, the parents will have Level I certification. Parents should try to obtain two successful on-deck evaluations at the Timekeeper position at sanctioned meets. For new members, after the 1<sup>st</sup> year, the parents should try to work toward the respective officiating requirements of the swimmer's level. Notices for in class officiating clinics will be sent to families via email and postings on the ROW website. In addition, the Timekeeper/Safety Marshall clinic 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.

TOP 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.**