



High Performance Centre Policy

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Policy Statement

Swim BC recognizes that Swimming Canada High Performance Centres (HPCs) create beneficial opportunities for swimmers from across Canada. Swim BC also recognizes that the HPCs can have an indirect impact to BC swimming. Swim BC is focussed on the positive impact of the Centres and mitigating wherever possible the negative impact. To that end, this policy intends to address Swimming Canada HPC's influence on Swim BC clubs and ensures they do not create an imbalance in BC program competitiveness.

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a) *"Swimming Canada High Performance Centre"* – swimming centre providing exclusive coaching, training and competitive opportunity as determined by Swimming Canada with locations in Victoria and Vancouver
 - b) *"HPC"* – High Performance Centre

HPC swimmer status

2. Those swimmers training at an HPC in BC must register with Swimming Canada in one of three ways:
 - a) As a member of the Canadian club (club of origin) they were registered with prior to attending the HPC; or
 - b) As a member of a Varsity program as defined by Swimming Canada registration rules and Swim BC policy; or
 - c) As a direct member of the HPC (see HPC Club status clause below)
3. HPC swimmers from a non-BC club of origin are not permitted to transfer to a BC club. HPC swimmers from a BC club of origin are not permitted to transfer clubs unless to the HPC (see below), or by approval by the Executive Director of Swim BC under the principle of fairness.

HPC Club status

4. In order to facilitate swimmer representation and to permit access to BC sanctioned competition, HPC's must register as a club with Swim BC as per club registration rules. If no swimmers choose to represent the HPC and all swimmers retain club of origin or Varsity registration, the HPC is not required to register as a club.