



2024 SWIM BC SUMMER LEAGUE MANUAL



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INTRODUCTION

The Swim BC Summer League is an exciting initiative aimed at promoting the growth of swimming across various communities in BC. By offering customizable components, such as a simplified registration process, increased community involvement, and non-traditional competition formats, the Summer League empowers Swim BC clubs to tailor their programs according to their specific needs and preferences.

For clubs that already have existing summer programming, the Summer League presents an opportunity to further enhance the experience for current members by introducing alternative challenges and formats. Additionally, it allows clubs to attract new members from demographics that may not typically engage in year-long swimming activities. Even clubs without current summer programming can benefit from the Summer League by expanding their scope and reaching a broader audience.

The Summer League is designed to foster inclusivity, flexibility, and innovation within the swimming community, enabling clubs to thrive and extend their impact throughout BC. In the following sections, this manual will provide comprehensive guidance on setting up and running the Summer League program, ensuring a successful and enjoyable experience for both clubs and their members.

PROGRAMMING DATES

This season's Summer League Program will be in effect from **May 1, 2024**, through **August 31, 2024**.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Summer league programs offer an excellent opportunity for club development, most notably with new membership opportunities, and coaching.

New Membership Opportunities

To ensure the success and expansion of the Summer League program, it's essential to target and engage various groups of potential new swimmers. The following demographics present excellent opportunities for attracting new participants who may not have previously considered competitive swimming:

1. **New Canadians:** By offering shorter-term programs within the Summer League, Swim BC clubs can welcome and accommodate new Canadians who may have limited exposure to swimming. This inclusionary approach helps promote diversity and integration within the swimming community.
2. **Indigenous Communities:** Engaging Indigenous communities is a valuable way to promote swimming and its benefits. The Summer League provides an avenue for clubs to develop outreach programs specifically tailored to these communities, fostering inclusivity and cultural appreciation.
3. **Summer Availability:** Many young individuals participate in school or winter-based sports and activities, which may limit their availability for year-long swimming commitments. The Summer League's shorter duration allows these youth to participate in swimming during the summer months without conflicting with their other pursuits.



4. **Outreach Programs:** Collaborating with local outreach programs, such as community centers, youth organizations, or social initiatives, can help attract individuals who may not have considered swimming before. The Summer League's flexible and accessible nature makes it an ideal platform for such partnerships.
5. **Para Swimming:** The Summer League embraces inclusivity by providing opportunities for para swimmers to engage in competitive swimming. By adapting the program to accommodate different abilities and needs, Swim BC clubs can create an inclusive environment for para swimmers to thrive.

To assist clubs in reaching out to these target groups, the handbook's appendix includes valuable resources and guidance on finding and collaborating with organizations that work closely with these demographics.

Coaching

Summer League Coaches

The Summer League offers a unique opportunity for the involvement of seasonal coaches, enabling older swimmers or younger coaches who have been away at school during the regular season to return and gain valuable coaching experience. This arrangement allows for a dynamic coaching team, bringing fresh perspectives and expertise to the program.

Year-Round Coaches

Traditionally, senior coaches often take time off during specific periods of the year. The Summer League provides an ideal window for more junior coaches to assume leadership roles within clubs. By empowering junior coaches, Swim BC clubs can foster their growth and development while maintaining a high standard of coaching throughout the year.

The utilization of seasonal and year-round coaches ensures a comprehensive coaching staff and creates valuable learning opportunities for aspiring coaches within the Swim BC community.



REGISTRATION

Swimmers, coaches, and officials who are participating in Summer League programs will be required to register with Swim BC.

Swimmer Registration

There are three types of swimmer registration:

- Summer League: Summer Skills
- Summer League: Summer Racing
- Year-Round Swimmers

To participate in the Swim BC Summer League and gain access to Swim BC or Swimming Canada sanctioned competitions, swimmers must complete an annual registration in the RTR (Registration, Tracking, and Reporting) system. The following guidelines apply to the registration process:

1. **Annual Registration:** Swimmers must register in the RTR system every year to maintain their membership status. This ensures that swimmers are eligible to participate in Swim BC and Swimming Canada sanctioned events.
2. **Registration Deadline:** Swimmers are required to complete their registration within two weeks (14 days) of commencing their participation in the Summer League program. Timely registration allows for efficient administration and ensures that swimmers can fully benefit from their club's membership.
3. **Provincial Boundary Registration:** Swimmers are only permitted to register with a club that is located within the provincial boundary of their permanent residence. This ensures compliance with the appropriate jurisdiction and facilitates effective management of club affiliations.
4. **Gender Identity and Registration:** Swim BC promotes inclusivity and recognizes that swimmers may identify with a gender that differs from their assigned sex at birth. Swimmers have the right to register and participate in competitions according to their self-identified gender. If a swimmer undergoes a gender identity change, the club can contact Swim BC to make necessary adjustments to the swimmer's profile.

For additional information regarding inclusivity and equality in swimming in British Columbia, please refer to the following policies: [Gender Equity Policy](#) and [Equity and Access Policy](#).



Summer League Swimmers

Swimmers who participate exclusively in the Swim BC Summer League program are Summer League Swimmers. The following apply to Summer League Swimmers:

Summer Skills

Summer Skills swimmers can participate in all Summer League Practices and Summer League Skill Sessions.

Summer Racing

Summer Racing swimmers can participate in all Summer League programming, including all Summer League Practices, Skill Sessions, Time Trials, and Summer League Meets. Summer Racing swimmers are also eligible to compete in Swim BC sanctioned swim meets, excluding national-level competitions.

	Summer Skills	Summer Racing
Definition	Swimmers who are participating in the Summer League, a summer development program, or a summer camp.	Swimmers who are participating in the Summer League, including Time Trials and Summer League Meets.
Eligibility	Any swimmers participating in a summer-based program with a Swim BC Club.	Any swimmers participating in a summer-based program with a Swim BC Club.
Registration Period	May 1 st through August 31 st	May 1 st through August 31 st
Registration Class	Summer	Summer-Open
Fee	\$10.00	\$22.00

Year-Round Swimmers

Swimmers who have been registered during the regular season with a Swim BC club in a Pre-Competitive, Competitive, Varsity-Open, or Varsity Year-Round category will be considered Year-Round Swimmers. Year-Round Swimmers are fully registered and will not need any further registration.

There are two sub-categories of Year-Round Swimmers:

Year-Round Pre-Competitive

Swimmers who have been registered through the regular season as a Swim BC Pre-Competitive category can participate in all Summer League Practices and Summer League Skill Sessions in the same fashion as a Summer Skills swimmer.

Year-Round Competitive

Swimmers who have been registered through the regular season as a Competitive, Varsity-Open, or Varsity Year-Round category can participate in all Summer League programming, including all Summer League Practices, Skill Sessions, Time Trials, and Summer League Meets.



	Year-Round Pre-Competitive	Year-Round Competitive
Definition	Swimmers who are participating in the Summer League, a summer development program, or a summer camp.	Swimmers who are participating in the Summer League, including Time Trials and Summer League Meets.
Eligibility	Any swimmers participating in a summer-based program with a Swim BC Club.	Any swimmers participating in a summer-based program with a Swim BC Club.
Registration Class	Pre-competitive	Competitive, Varsity-Open, or Varsity Year-Round

For additional information on swimmer registration, please see the **2023-2024 Swim BC Registration Manual**.

Coach Registration

All coaches, volunteer or paid, must be registered with Swim BC. There are four types of coach registration:

- Summer League: Summer Skills Coach
- Summer League: Summer Racing Coach
- Year-Round Coach: Category D
- Year-Round Coach: Category C or Above

Summer League Coaches

Summer League coaches are those who coach the Swim BC Summer League season, between May 1st and August 31st. There are two types of Summer League Coaches:

Summer Skills Coach

A Summer Skills Coach includes any coach who is registered to coach in the summer only, or who has registered to coach at any point during the current season, as a Swim School Coach. Summer Skills coaches may coach, under the supervision of a registered coach at a minimum Fundamentals Trained certification, Summer League Practices, and Summer League Skill Sessions.

Summer Racing Coach

Summer Racing coaches may coach all Summer League programming, including all Summer Practices, Skill Sessions, Time Trials, and Summer League Meets. If a Summer Racing Coach has been fully registered as a Category C level coach in the regular season, they will not be required to re-register for the summer.



	Summer Skills Coach	Summer Racing Coach
Definition	Coaches, volunteer or paid, who are coaching Summer League Practices or Skill Sessions. Skills coaches work under the supervision of a coach at a minimum Fundamentals Coach Trained certification.	Coaches, volunteer or paid, who are coaching Summer League Practices, Skill Sessions, Time Trials, and Summer League Meets.
Minimum Certification	1 st season: Community Sport Coach In-Training 2 nd season and on: Community Sport Coach Trained	1 st season: Fundamentals Coach In-Training 2 nd season and on: Fundamentals Coach Certified
Registration Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 15 Years of Age • Criminal Record Check • Safe Sport Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 16 Years of Age • Criminal Record Check • Safe Sport Training • Swimming Canada Registration • Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk • CSCA Registration and Screening
Registration Category	Swim School	Category C or Higher
Fee	Swim BC - \$52.00	Swim BC & Swimming Canada Fees -\$86.00 CSCA Fees – check CSCA website for info on fees

Year-Round Coach

Any coach who has been fully registered for the current season at a minimum Category D level will not require further registration. There are two types of Summer League Coaches:

Category D Coach

A Category D Coach is a pre-competitive coach and during the Summer League, the coach may coach Summer League Practices and Summer League Skill Sessions.

Category C or Above Coach

A Category C or Above Coach may coach all Summer League programming, including all Summer Practices, Skill Sessions, Time Trials, and Summer League Meets.

For additional information on coach registration, please see the **2023-2024 Swim BC Registration Manual**.

Officials Registration

All Summer League Time Trials and Summer League Swim Meets require a Swim BC Sanction and qualified officials. Officials are registered annually through the RTR (Registration, Tracking, and Reporting) system.

For additional information on officials' registration, please see the **2023-2024 Swim BC Registration Manual**.



Invoice Payments

Swim BC invoices are due 30 days post-transaction. Swim BC accepts two methods of payment:

- **E-Transfers:** Accepted for all invoices. E-Transfers can be sent to payments@swimbc.ca. It is set up for direct deposit, and you should not have to use a security question. **Please include your invoice number in the comment of the E-Transfer to ensure that your payment is applied to the correct invoices.**
- **Cheques:** Accepted for all invoices. Cheques must be made out to “Swim BC”. Cheques can be mailed to our office at 305 – 4420 Chatterton Way, Victoria, BC V8X 5J2.

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The Summer League program provides the opportunity for clubs to host club and inter-club events to support the continued development of their swimmers.

These events include Summer Skills Sessions and a variety of Swim Meet formats which can be run in an afternoon or across a weekend and can serve to support both Summer Skills Swimmers and Summer Racing Swimmers.

For additional information on the summer league formats, please see the **2024 Swim BC Summer League Technical Guide**.