



Committee Summary Report **Competitions Committee**

June 2026 – August 2026

Terms of Reference for the Competitions Committee can be found [here](#).

Committee Members

Chair

Savannah King (Swim BC)

Acting Members

Andrew Woinoski (Coach – OS)
Darryl Rudolf (Coach – Rapids)
Naomi Antler (Coach – KISU)
Norma Lachance (Official – UN)
Mike Sanborn (Official – UVPCS)
Rob Smith (Official – HST)

Swim BC Representative

Melissa Webster
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Committee Meeting Dates

June 30, 2026
July 29, 2026
August 11, 2026

Implemented Actions

1) Review of Feedback from the 2026 Summer Divisionals

- a. Data indicated continued low participation in several 17 & O events and relays. The following changes will be made to Divisionals starting in 2027:
 - The 17 & O finals will be replaced with a 15 & O A and B Finals. 17 & O category will continue to have individual qualifying standards and will be recognized separately for medals.
 - The 17 & O relays will be removed, and we will maintain 15 & O relays as the highest relay age group at Divisionals.

2) Review of Feedback from the 2026 Summer Provincial Championships

- a. Bonus swims were perceived as a positive addition. However, only 1 bonus swim was too few.

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- An addition bonus swim will be added for those that are only qualified in one event. This will give all athletes 3 individual swims. 1 QT = 2 bonus, 2 QT = 1 bonus.
- The parameter that all bonus swims must be 200 m or less will remain. However, will be removing the parameter that the athlete must also be divisionally qualified in the bonus event to swim it. This was seen as unfavourable to those who specialize in events longer than 200m.
- b. Swim BC has determined the 2027 Winter provincials will be hosted in LCM.
 - The committee had many in depth discussion of the advantages and challenges of hosting winter provincials in LCM or SCM.
 - Many clubs desire a SCM championship to close out the SCM season, and others utilize provincials as a high-level competition to acquire national LCM QTs.
 - The decision was made due to several factors, including the proximity to the Swimming Canada Trials, which will be hosted in Victoria, BC.
 - More information can be found in the email sent to coaches on September 2nd.
 - For 2028 and 2029, Winter provincials are scheduled to be hosted in SCM.

3) Consistency in Officiating at Swim BC competitions

- a. To uphold the integrity of results from our competitions, a consistent level of officiating is required of Swim BC hosted competitions.
- b. Hosting agreements for next season will include clearer expectations for minimum numbers and levels of officials and volunteers, as well as timelines to communicate officials' grid with Swim BC.
- c. The Officials Committee and Swim BC will continue supporting clubs with registration, training and development of qualified officials.
- d. Discussion emphasized the need for clubs to collaborate and share officials rather than treating volunteers as club-specific resources.

4) Review of Time Standards for 2026-2027

- a. The review was undertaken to ensure that the qualifying standards continue to reflect current athlete performance trends, provide appropriate competitive opportunities across all age groups, and support the effective delivery of the Swim BC competitions.



- b. More information on the process for calculating this season's time standards, please see the [Divisionals](#) and [Provincials](#) review documents.

Ongoing and Upcoming Discussions

1) Inclusion of Para athletes at Divisionals

- a. Support for creating a stronger pathway from regional to provincial level for para-athletes.
- b. Current discussions are targeting only the NID Divisionals as the host for para-athletes at that level. This would create a more competitive environment for those athletes at the single competition.
- c. Discussion continues with the Para committee to ensure inclusion is done in a beneficial way for the targeted athletes.
- d. Discussion with the competitions committee continues the topic of including qualified officials for para competitions.

2) Reintroducing Swim BC Open Water Provincials in 2027

- a. Meet package template, and sanctioning requirement, and safety plan requirements are in final draft.
- b. Ongoing discussion for timing of event

3) Divisional Age Groups

- a. Age groups at Divisionals remains a topic for discussion.
- b. Highlighting the purpose of the meet and the progression from a regional to provincial level, there are considerations for adding a 10&U qualifying time to Divisionals. Discussions on the benefits and the structure of that inclusion continue.