



SWIM BC DIVISIONALS TIME STANDARDS REVIEW (2025-2026)

Following a review of the time standards over the course of the season, Swim BC has implemented a series of adjustments to address identified inconsistencies, imbalances, and entry thresholds from the most recent competition cycle.

These standards were reviewed by our Competitions Committee.

Methodology

Benchmarking: Divisional time standards were derived from a percentage adjustment from the season's Provincial standards. The adjustments are consistent with previous percentage adjustments used.

	ICVD/ VFD		NID	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
12 & Under	11%	10%	17%	16%
13 – 14	7%	7%	13%	12%
15 – 16	5%	4%	11%	10%
17 & Over	5%	4%	11%	10%

Age Group Updates: The 15 & Over age group has been split into 15-16 and 17 & Over categories, maintaining consistent percentage changes relative to past provincial standards.

Order of Adjustments: Standards were revised first in Short Course Metres (SCM), with Long Course Metres (LCM) derived subsequently.

Rounding

For simplicity and ease of reference, all SCM standards have been rounded to the nearest tenth of a second.

Long Course Standards

LCM standards were calculated directly from the SCM benchmarks using a 2% conversion factor ($SCM \times 1.02$).

This aligns with the default conversion applied in Hytek Meet Manager, enabling automated recognition of BC Championship qualifications at Divisional meets.

Implementation Notes

Adjustments were undertaken sequentially, ensuring continuity with prior standards while addressing identified concerns from the most recent competition cycle.

To ensure alignment with Swim BC's principle that standards should not regress, 200 Butterfly standards were held at 2024–2025 levels for the following categories:

- **ICVD / VFD:** Male & Female 12 & Under, 13–14, and 15–16
- **NID:** Female 15–16 and 17 & Over | Male 15–16

Average Percent Change from 2024-2025

The table below shows the average percent change by age group from last year's Divisional standards (note: 17 & Over is compared to last year's 15–16 standards):

	ICVD / VFD		NID	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
12 & Under	1.4%	1.3%	2.7%	2.5%
13 – 14	1.6%	0.7%	2.2%	2.2%
15 – 16	1.0%	1.2%	1.6%	1.8%
17 & Over	4.3%	2.1%	5.0%	2.6%