



# Summer Swim 2026 Technical Package

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## 1. Introduction

**1.1** The goal of the Summer Swim program is to enable communities to take their current swim programs one step further by providing youth with the opportunity to use their swimming skills in a fun, competitive nature.

## 2. General Rules

**2.1.** The Summer Swim Technical Package will govern the general running of Summer Swim Program Grand Prix Series competitions.

## 3. Management of competitions

**3.1.** The Management Committee appointed by the governing body shall have jurisdiction over all matters not assigned by the rules to the referee, judges or other officials and shall have power to postpone events and give directions consistent with rules adopted for conducting any event.

### 3.2. Duties of Officials – Canada

**3.2.1.** For each session there shall be a minimum of the following certified officials:

Referee (covered by Swim MB)	Chief Finish Judge	2 Judges of Stroke
Starter	Safety Marshal	Clerk of Course
Chief Timekeeper	False Start Rope Operator	Marshal
2 Timekeepers Per Lane	2 Inspectors of Turns Per Side	Recorded – Scorer

Note: In some meets, the officials may perform in several capacities where the duties of each position are not in conflict with one another.

#### **4. Officials**

**4.1.** The officials will be assigned by the MSOA following the Swimming Canada norms <https://www.swimming.ca/en/swimmingcanadarules/>

#### **5. Grand Prix Series Meets**

**5.1.** All Grand Prix Series meets are invitational meets.

**5.2.** Teams must be registered with Swim Manitoba in order to compete in the meets.

**5.3.** Swimmers must be registered with Swim Manitoba in order to compete in the meets.

**5.4.** Swimmers must compete in at least one Grand Prix Series meet in the season of and prior to the current season Grand Prix Championship meet to be eligible for the Championship meet.

#### **6. Age Categories**

**6.1.** Swimmers will compete with their age as of the year they were born.

**6.2.** Permissible age categories are now done solely as YEAR of Birth (age as of Dec 31, 2025):

**6.3.** The age categories are as follows:

- **8 & Under**
- **9 & 10**
- **11 & 12**
- **13 & 14**
- **15 - 17**

#### **6.4. Age Categories for relays**

All relays in the grand prix series are mixed and OPEN (any ages). Any combination of genders and ages are allowed as relays are not timed and do not score points for any teams.

#### **7. Swimmer Eligibility**

**7.1.** Swimmers that have been registered as a competitive swimmer in any provincial winter swimming program within the past 12 months prior to the beginning of the current summer season will be eligible to compete as exhibition only.

**7.2.** Swimmers will be restricted to certain events depending on their age for restrictions.

**7.3.** Winter swimmers must be below AA time standard to compete as an exhibition swimmer.

**8. Permissible Events**

**8.1.** The following events and no others will be offered at each swim meet.

<b>Free</b>	<b>Back</b>	<b>Breaststroke</b>	<b>Butterfly</b>	<b>I.M.</b>
25m	25m	25m	25m	–
50m	50m	50m	50m	–
100m	100m	100m	100m	100m
200m	200m	200m	-	200m

**8.2.** Indicated below are the restrictions based by age. **Entries that are submitted outside of these restrictions will not be accepted.**

<b>Free</b>	<b>Back</b>	<b>Breaststroke</b>	<b>Butterfly</b>	<b>I.M.</b>
25m (5+)	25m (5+)	25m (5+)	25m (5+)	–
50m (5+)	50m (5+)	50m (5+)	50m (9+)	–
100m (9+)	100m (9+)	100m (9+)	100m (13+)	100m (9+)
200m (13+)	200m (13+)	200m (13+)	-	200m (13+)

**8.3.** The following relays and no others may be offered at each swim meet.

<b>Free</b>	<b>Medley</b>
4 x 25m	4 x 25m
4 x 50m	4 x 50m

#### 8.4. Order of Events

8.4.1. The following is a list of events in the order they will be swam at any Grand Prix Series swim meet.

Women Event #	Event	Men Event #
1	100 Breaststroke	2
3	50 Backstroke	4
5	200 Freestyle	6
7	25 Butterfly	8
9	100 Backstroke	10
11	50 Freestyle	12
13	100 Butterfly	14
15	25 Breaststroke	16
17	4 x 50 Freestyle Relay (Mixed)	–
18	4 x 25 Medley Relay (Mixed)	–
19	200 Backstroke	20
21	100 Individual Medley (I.M.)	22
23	25 Freestyle	24
25	4 x 50 Medley Relay (Mixed)	–
26	4 x 25 Freestyle Relay (Mixed)	–
27	200 Breaststroke	28
29	50 Butterfly	30
31	100 Freestyle	32
33	50 Breaststroke	34
35	200 IM	36
37	25 Backstroke	38

## 9. Records

**9.1.** Summer Swim records may only be achieved at a Manitoba Grand Prix Series Swim Meet.

**9.2.** A Summer Swim record may only be achieved by a registered, Manitoba summer swimmer.

**9.3.** Summer Swim records will only be recorded for those scored events permitted by the Grand Prix Series.

**9.4.** A record breaking swimmer will receive a certificate stating the new record and updated record sheet from Swim Manitoba after the meet.

**9.5.** Winter swimmers will not be credited with Summer Swim Records.

## 10. Meet Entries

**10.1.** Swimmers can swim up to 4 individual events plus up to 4 relays at all meets **or** 5 individual events and up to 2 relays at all meets

**10.2.** Entry fees are \$7.00 per event except for the Championship meet which has an entry fee of \$9.00.

**10.3.** No deck entries or “walk--up swimmers” shall be allowed.

**10.4.** Correction to entries shall be made if the coach or summer swim coordinator has made an error in the original entries. However, no extra heats will be made for accommodations.

**10.5.** Entries must be submitted on the Swim MB Summer Swim Program entry form.

## 11. Meet Safety Rules

**11.1.** Meet Safety is defined in the following link: The Swimming Canada Competition Warm-Up Safety Procedure link: [here](#)

## 12. Competition

**12.1.** All individual events will be swum as timed finals.

### 13. Scratches

**13.1.** Scratches shall be submitted to the Clerk of Course.

**13.2.** Scratches may be submitted at any time without penalty except for loss of entry fee. However, clubs are requested to submit their scratches at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first event.

### 14. Scoring at the meets

**14.1.** 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point(s) will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place, respectively, for each age category in each event.

**14.2.** Scoring shall be based on each swimmer's official time. In the case that an official time is not recorded for a swimmer, the Finish Judge will determine that swimmer's placing.

**14.3.** In the case of a tie in an event, those swimmers with identical times will receive identical placing and identical scores for that event.

**14.4.** Swimmers of all age groups are eligible to score in 25s.

**14.5.** No points will be awarded for relays.

**14.6.** Winter swimmers will be able to score, separate from summer swimmers. Depending on interest.

### 15. Awards

**15.1.** Grand Prix series (other than Championships) Ribbons for 1st to 5th place in each event for gender and age category.

**15.2.** Championship meet – Medals 1st to 3rd place

**15.3.** Grand Prix Champion: An award for the **highest point--scoring athlete** in each gender and age category (10 total) for most points accumulated throughout the season (including the grand prix championships).

**15.4.** A High Point banner shall be awarded to the "Small Club" , "Large Club"

**15.5.** "Small Club" requires a team to have an average of 20 or less swimmers compete at the Grand Prix series (see 5.16.6). A "large club" requires a team to have an average of 21 or more swimmers compete at the Grand Prix series (see 5.16.6).

**15.6.** The average for the small and large club award shall be determined by the total number of swimmers for that team that competed in the meets, divided by total number of meets the team attended for the team at the start of the last meet of the season.

## **16. Seeding**

**16.1.** Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest based on their entry times.

**16.2.** No time entries (NT) will be seeded last.

## **17. Technical Meeting**

**17.1.** A coaches' and/or officials' meeting **will** be held 30 minutes prior to the start of the session, at the time discretion of the Summer Swim Program Coordinator.

## **18. The Strokes**

**18.1.** The Swim Canada Rule book at the following link will provide all rules and regulations regarding each stroke:

<https://www.swimming.ca/en/swimmingcanadarules/>

## **19. Weather**

**19.1.** If weather prevents completion of a meet, the meet referees, in consultation with the meet manager, may "call" the meet. Such weather may be something like thunder.

**19.2.** The meet manager and the pool staff will monitor weather conditions.

**19.3.** If the meet is called, points will be awarded for those events that have been completed, providing half of the scoring events have been completed. Partially swam events will not be scored.

**19.4.** Whether or not refunds will be given for missed events will be at the discretion of meet management.

## **20. Selection of Meet Hosts and Dates**

**20.1.** Meets shall be booked at the conclusion of the Grand Prix Championship.

**20.2.** Meets will be held on the weekends. The date shall be determined by the host in accordance with the pool. It may be held on either Saturday or Sunday.

**20.3.** Meets are generally not booked on long weekends or on weekends with national meets in the province.

**20.4.** The dates for the 2026 Summer Swim season can be seen [here](#)

## **21. Selection of Grand Prix Series Championship host**

**21.1.** The championship meet is the last Grand Prix Series meet of the season.

**21.2.** Communities with the proper requirements to host a championship will be chosen on a rotational basis. They must confirm their availability and intentions to host with the Summer Swim Coordinator.

**21.3.** The non-host championship pools must have all of the following (minimum facility requirements): 4 lanes with lane ropes, 2 sets of backstroke flags (one at each end), a false start rope, and a starting block for each lane used in the competition setting, tables, 100 ft extension cord and umbrella or tent for electronics and referee/starter.

**21.4.** The host championship pool must have the minimum facility requirements of: 5 lanes with lane ropes, 2 sets of backstroke flags (one at each end), a false start rope, and a starting block for each lane used in the competition setting, tables, 100 ft extension cord and umbrella or tent for electronics and referee/starter.



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