

RICHMOND RAPIDS GUIDE TO BECOMING A SWIMMING OFFICIAL



Why Become a Swimming Official?

- Demonstrates that you value sport, the competitive experience and support your child's and others participation and development in swimming.
- It allows you to meet other people in the community and gain knowledge about the sport.
- Allows the club to host successful competitions and raise funds to cover operating expenses.
- Volunteer officials can earn Rapids Parent Volunteer Points (PPP).

Steps to Becoming a Swimming Official

1. Request a Swimming Canada Registrations and Event Management System (REMS) Account.

- **Click here to fill out the [Rapids New Official Request form](#).**
 - The REMS account registration is necessary for contact and demographic information and understanding and agreement of Swimming Canada policies.
 - Information is also by Swimming Canada and Swim BC to access government funding.
 - Your REMS account will help track your officiating progress and provide access to Swimming Canada's Learning Management System (LMS). The LMS is used for access to online E-modules.

2. Complete the REMS account registration.

- Once the Rapids Official Director registers you on REMS you will receive an email from noreply+RichmondRapidsSwimClub@sportlomo.com to complete your registration. Follow the steps provided in this email.

3. Sign up for a Swimming Canada Officiating Clinic.

- Clinics will be hosted by the Rapids and its volunteers. Sign up is via the Rapids website.
- **New Officials must start with the Intro to Swim Officiating Clinic & Safety Marshal.**
- Some clinics may be completed online via the Swimming Canada LMS.
 - E-modules are available for *Intro to Swim Officiating, Safety Marshal, Chief Timekeeper, Administration Desk and Para Swimming.*
 - [Click here for instructions logging into the Learning Management System.](#)
- Volunteers must gain on-deck experience before taking a new clinic.

4. Volunteer at a RAPIDS major swim meet.

- Major Rapids swim meets that are Swim BC sanctioned competitions are recognized for "on-deck experience" include time trials, Fast Swim, West Coast Open, LMR Open.
- RSS Mini meets and PASS meets are not sanctioned competitions.
- Volunteer sign up information will be emailed to members in advance of the competition.

Important Notes

- Go to the [Swim BC website](#) to view the Certification Pathway.
- More resources are available on the [Rapids Parent Info Page](#).
- Volunteers do not receive Rapids PPP for repeating clinics.
- Volunteers must sign in and complete volunteer job in order to receive PPP at all Rapids events.
- Got Questions? Email the Rapids Officials Director at officials@richmondrapids.com