



SWAT NEWS

Mid October Update

*Team Pride – Integrity –
Dedication – Leadership*

Final Step for Swimmer Registration

Submitted by Glenda Sharples

Please look out for an email from Swimming Canada in the upcoming week. This is the final step in registering your swimmer. When you receive this email, please follow the instructions to verify your swimmer's information on the Swimming Canada website.

Note: Your swimmer will not be registered until the primary contact information has been validated and confirmed on the site.

COST RECOVERY: Sobeys Gift Cards

Submitted by Lisa Jardine

Orders are placed monthly for Sobeys gift cards in \$100 increments. The gift cards can be used at any Sobeys location (also at Fast Fuel, Needs, Lawtons, Foodland) and can also be used to buy any gift cards available at Sobeys for restaurants, gas stations, retail, NSLC, etc. Air Miles are earned when using the cards for purchases when applicable.

To participate, families write a monthly cheque made out to SWAT for the total gift cards they would like to purchase for the following month. For every \$100 purchased, a percentage (last year it was 5%, depends on order size), less \$0.25 cost recovery fee, goes to your cost recovery account.

If you are interested in ordering cards for November, please let Lisa Jardine (lisajardine@swatswim.ca) know and provide her with your cheque for November's order by Friday, October 18th. Please email her to arrange for pick-up of your cheque.

Funding Opportunities

For many families swimming is an expensive sport. There are a couple grants available through community partners that families are able to apply for each season.

KidSport – Support4Sport

Families can apply for up to \$300 per child, per calendar year (January 1 - December 31st) to help offset the cost of organized sport registration and equipment. If you are requesting funds only for equipment the grant cannot exceed \$200 per child. Applicants can only be approved once per calendar year for one sport. To be eligible to receive funding, the child must be 18 years or younger by the application deadline date they are applying for. Application deadline dates for 2019: *November 1st*.

For more information:

<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/nova-scotia/apply-for-assistance/>

JumpStart – Canadian Tire

To be eligible for funding for one or more children, families must first meet specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICO) chart. Children must fall between the ages of 4 - 18 years old. Funding is allocated to sustained programs that involve a sport or physical activity. Programs should be a minimum of five weeks in duration and include at least one session per week. Funding is up to \$300 per activity, subject to Chapter discretion and/or local demands. Applications must be submitted between January 15 and November 30. Funds will be distributed evenly over all spring/summer and fall/winter activities.

For more information:
<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>

Officiating News

Swim Nova Scotia will be offering a Mass Officials Clinic on Sunday October 20th in Halifax.

After two successful mass officials' clinic last season, Swim Nova Scotia has decided to move forward with a similar series of clinics to take place at the Sport NS Building in Halifax. These clinics are open to all Clubs.

There will be several courses offered, running out of two classrooms at the same time throughout most of the day. Please see attached [schedule](#). The schedule allows a new official to take level 1 first, and if they wish, they may proceed to Level 2 courses. We have also done a repeat of level 1 later in the day to allow flexibility for that specific course.

There will be breaks between courses and coffee and tea will be provided. If interested in signing up for any course, please send your name and which Club you are from to [Kelley](#). A confirmation and link to download the necessary materials, access to the building will be circulated prior to the clinic(s).

Equipment Orders

If you need to order any last minute equipment, please have your order into Dan Dobson by October 16th. His email is equipment@swatswim.ca. If you are unsure if your swimmer needs any additional equipment, please contact your group coach.



Upcoming & Important Dates

October 18th – November Sobeys Gift Card Deadline

October 20th – SWIM NS Official Clinic

October 21st – Sign Up Deadline, AGD #2

October 27th / 28th – Age Group Dev #1 Meet

November 2nd – Nova Tech #1 Meet

November 9th /10th – Age Group Dev #2 Meet

November 11th – Sign Up Deadline, AGD #3

November 18th – Sign Up Deadline, Nova Tech #2

****SWAT HOSTED EVENT**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to the winners of the Senior Group's second Annual Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt: Team Magical Unicorns! Great job Grant G, Ryan J, Natasha SQ, Grace B, Aline P & Sylvie A.

