



Dear Swimmer/Parents,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 swimming season! Please take a moment to review this brief explanation on the registration process required of all swim clubs and individual members.

Kingston Sharks Swim Club is a member of the national governing body for swimming called Swimming/Natation Canada (SNC) and the provincial governing body called Swim Ontario. All governing organizations are required to report on membership in return for government sport funding. With your assistance, we can continue to benefit from strong government support, virtually all of which goes towards the support of swimmers, coaches and clubs.

All Swim Clubs across the province are required to submit all swimmer registrations to Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario.

The final step in your Swim Club's registration process is the confirmation and accuracy of contact and demographic information related to your family and swimmer(s). Once you complete the necessary information and pay the appropriated fees to your club, the Club Registrar will then activate your national swimmer/family account, which will send an auto-generated e-mail to your inbox. This e-mail will be from registration@swimming.ca (Note: this is a new e-mail address from previous years) and the subject line will be titled: **Swimmer Registration – FINAL STEP**. It only takes a couple of minutes to review and update your contact information and swimmer details. **Note: Please understand that you are only officially covered through our insurance policies once the online registration process is finalized. Similarly, the registration process must be completed before entries into a competition can be accepted.**

For the 2001-12 season, two new questions have been added for each swimmer:

1. **Is this a swimmer with a disability (Para-Swimmer)?** This question is a mandatory field that will have to be answered in order to complete and finalize the registration. It will require a Yes / No / Unsure answer. If you answer Yes, then you will be asked to provide additional details. These details will assist Swimming Canada Para-swimming staff with determining your swimmer's status. The additional details you will need to complete are to click the following disabilities that apply: Physical/Locomotor, Visual impairment/blindness or Intellectual. You will then be asked if you know the swimmer's classification number: S_, SB_, SM_
2. **Self Declare their Aboriginal Ancestry.** This will be a voluntary question. It does not have to answered in order to complete the registration information update. Answers available are Yes or No. If Yes is selected, you will be asked to choose one fo the following: Status/Treaty, Non-Status, Métis or Inuit.

Answers to the above two questions will help Swimming Canada, Swim Ontario and your swim club to direct opportunities that are specifically targeted at Swimmers with a Disability (Para-Swimmers). The voluntary Aboriginal Ancestry question is being asked so that the province knows which swimmers are eligible for North American Indigenous Games and to perhaps direct families and/or clubs with any possible financial assistance. IN some Provincial jurisdictions, this information is also required as part of government funding reporting requirements.

Some time after September 6, 2011 please watch for an e-mail from registrations@swimming.ca titled: **Swimmer Registration – FINAL STEP** and take a few moments to review and update your contact information and swimmer details.

Your information is held by your Club, Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada under privacy of information policies that can be reviewed at <https://www.swimming.ca/Privacy> and http://swimontario.com/index_au.php?id=1650.

We thank you for your assistance and wish you a very successful 2011-12 season!

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