



Lifesaving Society

Pool Admissions Standards... How to make them work



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Admissions Standards

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Admissions Standards

- Welcome
- Session logistics
 - Why was this done in the first place
 - Work with the right partners
 - How the standard should be implemented
 - Questions please...please interrupt
 - Cell phones...off or vibrate mode ...please
 - Informal session!



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- Session Objectives
 - To review the history of this standard
 - To detail recent developments to the operators' approach to this standard and the rationale for these changes
 - To illustrate affiliate application of the standard



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History of the Standard

- Drowning occurs in 2002 at St. Albans Boys & Girls Club
- Regulation 565/90 has no admittance standards at this time



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■ History

As a result of the drowning, the Coroner met with the Lifesaving Society, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, and various members of the aquatic community to make recommendations to the Ministry of Health with regards to pool admittance standards across the province.



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■ Application

- The safety of children is of paramount importance. Owners/operators should ensure procedures are in place to reduce the risk of incidents.
- Owner/operators should encourage the use of the “Buddy system”.
- “Non-instructional swim settings” include: recreational swims, instructional tapering off activities, birthday parties, rentals, etc.
- “Direct supervision” is defined as being able to render immediate assistance.



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■ Rationale

- Municipalities had created standards that worked for their patrons and in most cases had a swim test in place.
- In some cases, the recommended changes were vastly different, i.e. height requirement as opposed to age requirement.
- Integrating existing standards to the recommended standard had to apply to all settings where children under 10 years of age were in a water environment.



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Points to consider:

- Timelines or critical path: Health Inspectors have been pushing this issue through the summer, so sooner is better.
- Surveys can help “sell” to your Council: neighbors are already following recommended “standards”.



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- Staff education as well as public education include all staff particularly frontline.
- Rentals, schools, day camps must follow procedures for all programs.
- Media, flyers, website... Contact your local TV, radio to do a feature.



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- Facility swim tests



- Facility log sheets



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John Dolson Centre Swim Test 2008

Revised April 2008

Name	Birthdate D/M/Y	Color attained R/Y/G	Facility	Date/Tester



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- Meeting Area and Wrist Bands



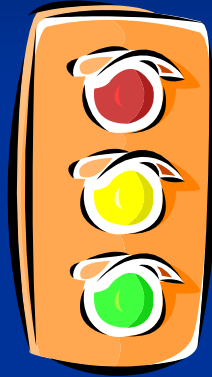
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Meeting Area





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Red – Non-Swimmer, who cannot meet the swim requirement, may wear a lifejacket or use a buoyant aid and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water within arm's reach in the shallow end only.
**Lifejacket or PFDs may be used in the deep end only on specific swims.
(Swim to Survive Swims)

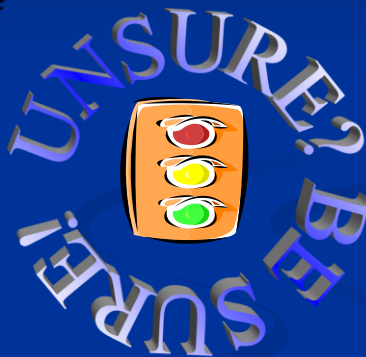
Yellow – Weak Swimmer, who does not meet the swim requirement, or who does not wish to participate in the deep end swim test, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water within arm's reach in the shallow end only.

Green – Strong Swimmer, has either successfully passed the Red Cross Swim Kids Level 4 or equivalent, or has met the swim requirement in the deep end.



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- Create buttons for Staff and/or public to wear.
- Can also be made into tattoos.





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The Lifesaving Society

- conducts annual drowning research and public education campaigns
- establishes and consults on Aquatic Safety Standards
- represents Canada in the International Life Saving Federation and the Commonwealth Royal Life Saving Society
- check out our website...www.lifesavingsociety.com

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- Wrap up
- Questions