

COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE: TIER 1 - 7

DEFINITIONS

Recreational swimmer - a swimmer who is registered with a Provincial association and Synchro Canada; is participating in a Synchro Canada program.

Competitive swimmer - a swimmer who is registered with a Provincial association and Synchro Canada; is participating in a Synchro Canada program and competes.

Compete - participate in an event where there is ranking with others.

Competitive season - the competitive season shall be from January 1st - June 30th.

Off-season - those meets that take place from July 1st to December 31st.

Varied Team Event - a team event in which teams may be comprised of swimmers of any age in Tier 6, 7&8 (in 2002 called the 'Open' team event)

Open or Open Age Category - no age restrictions

BASIC PRINCIPLES

1. Each competitor will compete at her/his personal ability level.
2. In order to establish the swimmer's ability level, the competitor must pass Star tests prior to December 15th, 2006:

Tier 1	Star 3	Pass Mark 4.5
Tier 2	Star 5	Pass Mark 4.5
Tier 3	Star 7	Pass Mark 5.0
Tier 4	Star 9	Pass Mark 5.0
Tier 5	Superstar 1	Pass Mark 5.5
Tier 6 (Pre-Elite)	Superstar 3	Pass Mark 5.5
Tier 7 (Elite)	Superstar 5	Pass Mark 6.0

3. Age Groups (age as of December 31, 2007)
 - Tiers 1 & 2: 12 & Under (1995); 13 & Over (1994)
 - Tiers 3, 4 & 5: No age groups
 - Tier 6: 15 & Under (1992); Open Age
 - Tier 7: Junior (1989 - 1992); Senior; Open Age

4. Swimmers wishing to participate in National and/or Divisional Championships must be in the corresponding Tiers and Age categories:
 - Tier 6 (Pre-Elite) - 15 & under or Open Age
 - Tier 7 (Elite) - Junior (maximum of 18 years), Senior or Open Age

5. There are no age restrictions for the Open team category, however swimmers must be at a minimum of Tier 6.

6. Tier 6 swimmers can swim on a Tier 5 team. The team average must be Tier 5.