

Welcome Swimmer!

Different Strokes Calgary - 2020 - 2021 Season

Thank you for your interest in swimming with Different Strokes Calgary this swim season. Different Strokes is a Masters Swim Club that operates under the provincial chapter of Masters Swimming Canada. It is limited to those swimmers that are 18 years of age or older. The regular season runs from September 2020 through June 2021. There is a summer season that follows in July and August 2021.

As you know, Different Strokes Calgary (DSC) is a non-profit, volunteer run swim club inclusive of LGBT swimmers and their supporters, dedicated to the masters swim program philosophy of "fun and fitness for life" in an environment that is both positive and supportive.

Swim practices are held at the Repsol Sports Centre, which is located just south of downtown Calgary along Macleod Trail, at 2225 Macleod Trail South. Practice times are Friday from 6:45 to 7:45 pm, and Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. There are no practices on the Sunday of long weekends.

Free parking is available, and is generally plentiful, but sometimes events being held at the sports centre can make finding parking a challenge.

There are two fee structures available:

- An annual pass for **\$350** (includes Swim AB, GST). This pass covers from September through August.
- Drop-in blocks of 10 for **\$137** (includes Swim AB, GST). Swimmers using the drop in fee structure will receive emails from the membership registrar (Joe Richard) when their balance falls below \$20.

10 passes must be used within 12 months of purchase.

Subsequent passes in the same season just payments of \$100.

The Swim Alberta/Canada fee collected by Swim Alberta for \$37 includes club/swim/coach registration and insurance for our swim club.

For students in the current academic year starting September, with a valid Student ID, there is a 50% discount on the annual fee. The Swim Alberta fee remains full price, since that is set by Swim Alberta. Purchase price for student annual pass is \$193.50 (includes Swim AB, GST).

Payments:

- Cash or cheque ("Different Strokes Calgary")
- E-transfer fees@differentstrokescalgary.org

Membership forms

- Email to info@differentstrokescalgary.org

The membership registrar is Joe Richard and can be reached at info@differentstrokescalgary.org for membership inquiries.

For general information, consult our website at www.differentstrokescalgary.org.





SWIMMER - 2020-2021 REGISTRATION

Dear Swimmer/Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 swimming season! Please take a moment to review this brief explanation of the swimmer registration process required of all swim clubs.

Each swim club in the province of Alberta is a member of the national governing body for swimming called Swimming Canada and the provincial governing body or Provincial Section (PS) called Swim Alberta. In return for government sport funding, all governing organizations are required to report on membership. Non-identifying statistics are obtained directly from the data collected in the Registration Tracking and Results system (RTR). With your assistance to provide accuracy, we can comply with our requirements and continue to benefit from strong government support, virtually all of which is directed towards the support of swimmers, coaches and clubs. All swim clubs are required to process all registrations to Swim Alberta and Swimming Canada via the RTR.

The final steps of registering with your swim club includes answering four mandatory questions:

1. Signing the Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks Form
2. Agreement to abide by Swimming Canada's and Swim Alberta policies
3. Indication of your preference to receive emails of a commercial nature
4. Confirmation of primary contact and demographic information related to your family and swimmer(s) in the RTR.

In addition to the mandatory questions, there are four optional declarations to be completed in the RTR. Providing this information is voluntary and will be used for statistical and informational purposes. It will not be used by your Provincial Section or Swimming Canada for any prohibited purpose as per The Canadian Human Rights Act and Provincial Human Rights legislation.

1. **Indigenous Descent** – asked so that Swim Alberta knows which swimmers may be eligible for the North American Indigenous Games and to perhaps direct families and/or clubs toward any event or funding opportunity within the Province. In some Provincial jurisdictions, these statistics are also required as part of government funding reporting requirements. You have four options to choose from:
a) Status/Treaty, b) Non-Status, c) Métis or d) Inuit.
2. **Impairment Declaration** – helps Swimming Canada, Swim Alberta and your swim club to direct opportunities that are specifically targeted to swimmers with a disability (Para Swimmers) There are three options to choose from: a) Physical, b) Visual or c) Intellectual.
Refer to: <https://www.swimming.ca/en/resources/> see: RESOURCES/PARA-SWIMMING
3. **Hard of Hearing** – assists in identifying individuals who may be eligible for participation in events specifically targeted to swimmers who are deaf/hard of hearing.
4. **Citizenship** – identifies individuals who are not eligible to set National records or represent Canada in an international competition. If the swimmer is not a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (Landed Immigrant) please be sure to indicate this as the default to this question is Canadian citizen.

NOTE: It is only upon answering the above questions in the RTR that you/your swimmer are considered officially registered and a member of Different Strokes and then covered by insurance. This registration process must be completed before entries into a swim meet can be submitted and accepted. Your information is held by the Club, Swim Alberta and Swimming Canada in compliance with the [Swimming Canada Privacy Policy](#) and [Swim Alberta Privacy Policy](#).

Thank you and have a great swimming season!

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Govern, lead, and support competitive swimming.



Different Strokes Masters Swim Club Registration Form - 2020-2021 Season

Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club collects personal information from prospective members for the purposes of administering the Club's functions. Specifically the personal information we collect from you on this form is collected, used and disclosed for the following purposes: confirming eligibility, club registration requirements, registering with Swim Alberta, swim meet registration and programming, facilitating membership communication related to club administration and upcoming events and activities, delivering requested Club products and services, processing payments to the Club, and organizing volunteers for the Club's swim meet and other activities. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information, please speak with or email the Membership Registrar at info@differentstrokescalgary.org.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth(YYYY-MM-DD): _____

Membership

In order to participate with Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club, each member must be registered as a masters swimmer with an affiliated organization.

___ Please register me as a masters swimmer with Swim Alberta. I have paid the Swim Alberta set annual fee.

___ I am already a masters member for the current season through the following organization: _____.

Club E-Mail List

The club maintains an e-mail distribution list to keep members informed of Club activities or things which may be of interest to members.

Please check your preference:

___ I would like to receive club e-mails. Please include me on the e-mail list.

___ I do not want to receive club e-mails. Please exclude me from the e-mail list.

Photographs

Anyone in attendance during Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club activities and other related events may take photographs of individuals or club members at an activity or event. Before the Club uses or discloses any photographs of its members, we will tell members what will be done with the photograph and will ask for permission to use and disclose the photograph for the purpose(s) identified.

Assumption of Risk

As a registrant with Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club, I acknowledge that:

1. Swimming, like other sports, involves hazards and risks that can result in personal injury to me, including death.
2. It is my responsibility to discuss any health conditions or concerns I have with a health care practitioner to determine their impact on my ability to safely participate in a masters swimming club such as Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club.
3. If at any point during any Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club practice or swim meet I believe the work out/activity is beyond my own abilities and that I cannot safely participate, I will inform the coach and will stop participating immediately.

I hereby agree not to sue Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club, its officers, employees, volunteers or agents as a result of any injury, including death, suffered by me because of my participation in the Club.

I hereby also consent to Different Strokes Calgary Masters Swim Club using and disclosing the information collected on this registration form for the purposes outlined on the form.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For office use			
Annual Membership	Yes	No	
Initial Fee paid	\$	_____	
	Cheque	Cash	Electronic
Electronic payment to	_____		
Payment is joint with	_____		
Payment to accounting	Yes	No	