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## **Event Winners, Festivals & Standards**

### *Provincial Competition Changes for the 2018-2019 Season*

Swim Alberta and the Alberta Technical Program Committee, in consultation with Dr. Stephen Norris, have reviewed the provincial competitions and will be phasing in changes to ensure meaningful competitions appropriate for the age and stage of each swimmer. Event winners, Festivals and qualification requirements are the major changes for next season. Future changes will include an adjustment to the competition dates. In addition to the changes outlined below, the time standards will be reviewed in order to set appropriate standards for Provincials and the Festivals. Standards are expected to be published in September. The highlights of each competition are below with a summary of the competitions on the attached document.

#### Swim Alberta Championships

There are two significant changes to the Spring and Summer Championships. The first significant change is the way swimmers qualify. Swimmers will require two championship time standards to be eligible for the competition, swimmers with one championship standard will be eligible to race at Provincials. The second change will be the number of events swimmers are eligible to race. All swimmers qualifying for championships will be eligible to race up to a maximum of seven events, with qualification required for the distance events.

#### Swim Alberta Provincials

Event winners qualify for Championships! The age groups at Provincials will be the same as the Championship age groups. In order to create the best possible racing opportunity, the provincial competitions will no longer be in a North / South format but as a single event, with a heats and finals format. The single event ensures that finals will create a deeper and closer field racing for the opportunity to qualify. Swimmers with one championship standard will be permitted to race that event at Provincials in order to qualify. One provincial qualifying time will permit swimmers to swim six events, with qualification required for the distance events.

#### Swim Alberta Festivals

The festivals are a new addition to the Swim Alberta competitions. Beginning in late fall of 2018 with a focus on the younger developing swimmers in the province. The Festivals will be for females age 10 & under and males age 11 & under in order to provide provincial competition exposure for swimmers at this age. The competition will include time final events of 50 and 100 meters over two sessions (Saturday afternoon / Sunday morning). Additionally, there will be one heats and finals event per day, starting and ending each session. The Festivals will run twice per year, late fall and late spring. Swimmers who achieve one qualifying standard will be eligible to swim all nine events.