



Purpose of provincial standards

1. Standards should represent viable steps for age group athletes; supporting development of athletes in early development in the sport and progressing to standards set to allow smooth transition to National standards.
2. Standards should reinforce the principals of LTAD; support the development versatile multi event swimmers.
3. Standards should help athlete development in areas where Swimming NB swimmers are weak.
4. Standards should allow for the running of competitions that offer optimal competitive environments while being financially viable for the club.

Evaluation

1. Standards will be reviewed annually by the technical committee to ensure the standards meet the stated purpose.
2. Every second year the standard will be reviewed with the goal of improving the standards incrementally (% as determined by the tech committee) until the provincial standards represent a stepwise progression to the National standards.
3. The process for setting standards will be reviewed every four year. A four year cycle being considered sufficient to evaluate the standards developed from the current process. Evaluation of the process will be based on progression of swimmers between standards, support of LTAD principals, development in areas of weakness and viability of competitions.
4. The process by which the standards are reached must be transparent and available to the Swimming NB membership. The evaluation process of the standards must also be made available to the membership.

Process

B STANDARD

The current B standard will remain the same for 2016-2017.

Long course B standards will be developed using the straight 2% conversion factor. For the 2017-2018 season the technical committee will investigate developing a new B standard from the reference CAG 12&U standard to bring the B standard into line with the new A and AA standard.

Please see standard document

NEW AA STANDARD

An AA standard will be developed from the Canadian Age group (CAG) standard.

For the Females

Starting with the 12& U CAG standard as a reference, the standard for all other age groups was developed; a factor of 25 % was added to the reference for the 11 & U, +20%= 12 yr, +17.5% =13, +15%= 14, +12.5% =15, +10% =16 & Over.

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For the Males

A 12& U CAG standard is approximated by adding 3.5 % to the 13& U CAG. The resulting reference standard was used to develop the AA standard for all age groups in the same manner as that of the females; a factor of 25 % was added to the reference for the 11 & U, +20%= 12 yr, +17.5% =13, +15%= 14, +12.5% =15, +10% =16 & Over

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NEW A STANDARD

An A standard will be developed based off the AA standard of the next youngest age group. The A standard for the 12 yr will be the 11yr AA standard.

Please see the standard document.

2016-2017 season

Premier meets - No standard

Invitational meets - Three B standards

MLT Cup - one A standard

Spring Championships - one A standard

Summer Championships two A standards

NB open Cup - one AA standard