



## Background

1. SNB is responsible for organising an annual calendar of competitions and training opportunities, for establishing criteria for these events and for approving (sanctioning) the program for each event. Member clubs of SNB are responsible for organising events in accordance with the calendar and criteria established in this policy. Swimming Canada is responsible for sanctioning all competitions, following advice from SNB and conformity with National requirements.

## Principles

2. The event calendar should be organised in accordance with the following principles:
  - Encourage development of swimmers at elite, competitive and development levels.
  - Encourage club development by holding events in as many parts of the province as possible.
  - Respect Swim Canada guidelines for long-term athlete development, while recognising that only a minority of swimmers will compete outside the province.
  - Include training opportunities for coaches and officials in conjunction with competitions where possible.
3. All SNB clubs are expected to contribute to hosting events and providing coaches and officials for collaborative efforts as appropriate.
4. If a competition or an event is not sanctioned by Swimming Canada, then results are not considered official or valid for rankings, and insurance policies held by Swimming Canada and SNB are not applicable.
5. The annual calendar usually includes events in five categories: Premier, Invitational, Cups, Championships and Special events. Training camps should be organised in conjunction with appropriate meets in the Calendar, to the extent possible.
6. All events are open to being hosted by any club, provided that the technical requirements for the swimming pool are met.
7. Pools must meet the safety requirements established by Swimming Canada and the technical requirements for the appropriate type of competition, as set by the Technical Committee.
8. Individual clubs may organise one House Meet each year on a date of their choice, if this does not interfere with or replace the club's participation in another event on the SNB calendar.
9. Clubs may propose alternative formats for approval by the Technical Committee. Such events should not interfere with or replace other events in the SNB calendar.
10. The SNB Calendar will be set through an open and consultative process so that the SNB Board can adopt the calendar by May 15<sup>th</sup> each year.