



## **FREE TICKETS TO SWIMMING AT CANADA SUMMER GAMES !**

Dear Swimming Parent & Swimmers 16 years of age and older:

How do you access the fastest junior swimming competition in the country, **for free?** Follow the steps below. In addition to minor officials, we also require volunteers to assist with the medal presentations, block wipers, spectator marshals, and much more.

## **INVITATION TO OFFICIATE AT 2009 CANADA GAMES**

As you are aware, PEI is hosting the 2009 Canada Games from August 15 to August 29, 2009.

For our swimming community, all the focus will be on the second week of the Games (August 23 to 29) when we host Canada Games Swimming at the CARI Pool in Charlottetown and the 10 kilometer Open Water Swim in the South West River in Clinton. Swim PEI has been working over the past two years to provide training through clinics and on deck mentoring to ensure that any member of our swimming community that wanted to be involved with the 2009 Games would be certified.

Recently some people have asked what they can do at Canada Games Swimming. Here are the details:

1) Canada Games in conjunction with Swim Canada is responsible to select the Major Officials (Referee, Starter, Chief Inspector, etc) from people across the country.

2) Swim PEI is responsible to select the Minor Officials (**LANE TIMERS, HEAD LANE TIMERS, SAFETY MARSHALLS, RECORDERS/SCORERS and RUNNERS**). This means that we will need to have 34 people for each of our 10 swimming sessions during the week. It is our intent to fill these positions with Swim PEI members first then to offer unfilled remaining positions to officials in our neighboring provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

To be a Minor Official, we ask that you be Level II certified. This means you need to have completed three courses. They are: Timekeeper, Stroke and Turn and one other from the list below)

- Clerk of Course;
- Chief Timekeeper;
- Meet Manager;

- Chief Finish Judge/Chief Judge Electronics/Recorder Scorer (counts as 1 position);
- Starter.

Many of our members have already achieved this level, however some have asked if there are any refresher sessions available to complete courses they might not have to allow them to achieve their Level 2 designation. These sessions will only deal with Timekeeper, Stroke and Turn and Chief Timekeeper.

If you have any questions regarding your current level please contact Gardiner MacNeill, Swim PEI Chair - Officials, at [agmacneill@islandtelecom.com](mailto:agmacneill@islandtelecom.com).

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

Registration is simple. Go to the Canada Games Volunteer web page at <http://www.2009canadagames.ca/en/volunteers.php>, click on the "APPLY NOW" button then answer the questions. It takes approximately 15 minutes.

Some hints on registering

- 1) When you get to the Section SKILLS, click on Swimming
- 2) When you get to the Section SKILLS; Education, type Swimming Official
- 3) When you get to the Section AVAILABILITY; Swimming occurs in the Morning and Evening
- 4) When you get to the Section INTERESTS; click on Swimming

## **WHY REGISTER**

- 1) Best Seats in the house to watch one of the most popular Canada Games sports.
- 2) A great way to support Swim PEI in hosting their largest event ever (so far...)
- 3) Terrific way to feel the excitement of Canada Games.

## **CLINIC "REFRESHER" DATES WILL BE FORWARDED TO ALL NEXT WEEK.**

