



WINTER WAVES CLASSIC

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



ONTARIO 
ARTISTIC
SWIMMING

FACILITY INFORMATION

VENUE ACCESS

The building will be open to athletes and coaches at 6:30 AM each morning.

DECK ACCESS

The pool deck will be open to athletes 30 minutes ahead of the first warmup of each competition day. On Friday and Saturday, this will be 7:30AM. On Sunday, this will be 7:00AM.

LAP WARMUP

Subject to lifeguard availability and go-ahead, athletes may be permitted to enter the pool 10 minutes before the first scheduled event of each day for lap warmup.

This will be communicated to coaches via WhatsApp.

GELLING TOUCH UPS

When possible, athletes should apply gel at home or at their hotel/ accommodation. Please note that gelling is not to be done in hallways or in the Richmond Room.

GEL REMOVAL

Gelling will be permitted on Sunday, January 11th only. Please follow all de-gelling guidelines provided by host club and ensure that shower and change room areas are left as they were found to ensure we can maintain de-gelling privileges at the Nepean Sportsplex.

Should gelling guidelines not be followed, the facility reserves the right to revoke this privilege at any time.

DRYLAND SPACE

The Richmond Room will be open to athletes and coaches at the following times:

Friday: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Saturday: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Sunday: 6:45AM - 5:00PM

WARM UP POOL

The warm up pool will be available throughout the event for warmup and additional training, noting the following guidelines:

- The warmup pool is restricted to only competitors during official warm ups and Team events.
- No acrobatics are to be performed in the warmup pool
- No tapping, music or loud counting is to be used in the warmup pool

While there will not be a warmup pool access schedule provided for this event, we ask coaches to please use discretion when using the warmup pool for additional training, as the warmup pool is not intended to substitute full club practice.

The Referee reserves the right to close the warmup pool to only competitors if needed.

STREAMING & RESULTS

DRAWS

National and Provincial streams of the same event will be separated into two distinct draws. In the case of OWG Qualifier events (11-12 and Youth Team), events will also be separated by Non-OWG and OWG.

ORDER OF SWIM

For each streamed event, National Stream competitors will compete first, followed by the same Provincial Stream event.

In the case of OWG Qualifying events, draws will be separated by routines entered in the qualifying event and routines not entered. Routines not entered will be drawn randomly, and will swim before the OWG Qualifying event.

In the case of Youth Team, Provincial and National Stream athletes will continue to be drawn separately. The order of swim will be: (1) National Youth Team (non-OWG), (2) Provincial Youth Team (non-OWG), and (3) Youth Team OWG Qualifier.

RESULTS

As separate events, results will be provided separately for National and Provincial Stream events, as well as OWG Qualifying events and non-OWG Qualifying events.

AWARDS

As a reminder, routine events will not be awarded at this competition.

OWG QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION EVENTS

Based on interest expressed in event registration, all Adapted Duet and Solo athletes will qualify to Ontario Winter Games under Step 1 of the qualification procedure.

11-12 Team and Youth Team will be qualification events for Ontario Winter Games.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA: 11-12 & YOUTH TEAM

The championship scores obtained at the Lisa Alexander Figure & Skills Meet & Winter Waves Classic will be the mark used to qualify for Ontario Winter Games. In this context, "Championship score" will consist of:

1. Figures score from regional Lisa Alexander Figure & Skills Meet
2. Routine Score from the Winter Waves Classic

Please note that for teams with athletes who did not compete at Lisa Alexander (due to injury, illness or other bye criteria), figure scores will be created using the figure scores of only athletes who competed.

The top two teams in each age group from the East, Central and West regions will qualify to attend the Games. The top team in each age group from the North will qualify to attend the games.

WILDCARD PROTOCOL: 11-12 & YOUTH TEAM

Dependent on availability of athlete spots, or should a region be unable to field a team, Wild Card spots may be awarded. To ensure fairness of assessment, Wild Card spots will be awarded to the next highest **Routine Score** received at the Winter Waves Classic.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION

Following each qualifying event, a list of qualified teams will be provided in addition to results.

RULES REMINDERS

COACH CARDS

All coach cards submitted ahead of the deadline are considered final except for in the following cases:

Medical Issue

Clubs who need to change a coach card because of a medical issue that prevents them from performing a routine as per submitted coach card will be allowed to change their coach card up to 2 hours before the start of a session (event blocks will be considered one session). These changes will need to be approved by the Referee.

Last Resort Desperation Move

Clubs who want to change coach cards for reasons other than the 2 above will be allowed to do so no later than 8:00 PM the night before an event, but will need to pay a \$100 fine to do so.

New coach cards will always need to be submitted by email to Laura Steacy and Lauren Lindner. Confirmation of submission will be provided by email reply.

BASEMARK PROTOCOL

Please note that as per 2025-2026 Technical Memo #1, all Solo and Duet events (excluding Adapted & Mixed Ability) will now be held under full base mark protocol.

Provincial stream Team events will continue to be held using the following partial base mark protocol.

The Youth Team OWG qualifier event will be held using Provincial base mark rules (partial basemark protocol).

CHANGES TO 11-12 SYNCHRONIZATION ERROR CALCULATION

Please note that as per 2025-2026 Technical Memo #1, synchronization errors for 11-12 Duet and 11-12 Team will now be applied using the following guidelines:

- Small synchronization errors will be worth a deduction of 0.1
- Obvious synchronization errors will be worth a deduction of 0.5
- Major synchronization errors will not be applied (however these will be noted as obvious errors)
- There will be no deduction cap to synchronization errors

TIMING PENALTIES

As routines may not be finished, timing penalties will not be given to routines for this competition, however coaches will be notified for future meets.



MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

SPORTITY

The Sportity code for this event is WinterWaves2026. Draws, results, warm up maps and other resources will be posted to the channel as they are made available.

SPORTITY RESULTS DELAY

Please note that to allow for coaches to share results with athletes appropriately, results will be emailed to coaches directly following the event, and posted to Sportity following a slight delay.

COACHES WHATSAPP

OAS will be continuing to use WhatsApp to communicate on-site event updates. The "OAS Coaches Info" chat which was created last season will continue to be the group used for this.

If you have not been added to the OAS coaches chat and would like to be, please email your number to Lauren Lindner or Shamara Ameer.

LIVE STREAMING

OAS will be live streaming all routine events on our Facebook Page. Please note that streaming may occasionally be interrupted and that we will resume as soon as possible.



VENDORS & MERCHANDISE

ON SITE VENDORS

Jolyn Canada will be hosting a pop-up shop on Saturday afternoon.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

OAS photographers will be on site capturing photo and video content during this event. Photos will be available for viewing and purchase following the event with details to follow.

During events, flash photography is prohibited.