

10006.8 – Swimming:

When Scout Councils/Groups provide swimming programs/activities, it is their responsibility to ensure that the person(s) in charge is competent to operate a swimming program/activity in the waters to be used, and ensure that Scouts Canada's procedures are adhered to.

When Sections provide swimming programs/activities, it is the responsibility of the Group Committee to ensure that the person(s) in charge is competent to operate a swimming program/activity in the waters to be used and to ensure that the regulations that follow are observed.

During any swim period (except in public regulated pools), the following must be met:

1. **(i)** Before beginning a swim period, the safety of the swim area shall be established.
2. **(ii)** At least one water activity supervisor for every ten (10) swimmers must be on duty.
3. **(iii)** The minimum qualification for youth members who are acting as water activity supervisors is the Bronze Cross and they must be a minimum of 16 years of age.
4. **(iv)** Water activity supervisors should be identified to the swimmers prior to the commencement of swimming activities, and suitable attire is to be worn by the supervisors while on duty.
5. **(v)** Suitable rescue and reaching aids must be available at all times.
6. **(vi)** All swim groups must be organized under the paired "buddy system".
7. **(vii)** The physical condition and swimming ability of each member should be known by the water activity supervisor before the activity/program begins.
8. **(viii)** Water activity supervisors are to be positioned within easy reach of swimmers.
9. **(ix)** No member shall be permitted to swim unless under responsible supervision.
10. **(x)** Each swim period shall be under the supervision of a qualified person to whom the water activity supervisor is responsible.

10006.9 – Recognized Agencies:

The following agencies are formally recognized by Scouts Canada as an authority in their respective fields:

Canadian Red Cross Society (Swimming); The Lifesaving Society (Lifesaving); St. John Ambulance (First Aid).