

UNIT SWIM CLASSIFICATION RECORD AND INSTRUCTIONS

SWIM CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. These swim classification tests are a foundational unit of the Aquatics Continuum.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the individual's circumstances in the water.

SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

APPROVED TEST ADMINISTRATORS

The swim classification test done at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following:

- BSA Aquatics Instructor
- Aquatics Cub Supervisor
- BSA Lifeguard
- BSA Swimming & Water Rescue
- Other Nationally Recognized Lifeguard Certification

NOTES FOR THE TEST ADMINISTRATOR

REGARDLESS OF WHERE OR WHEN THE SWIM TEST IS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

THE TEST IS GIVEN ONE-ON-ONE. The test administrator and the swimmer are buddies during the administration of the test.

EACH COMPONENT OF THE TEST IS IMPORTANT. The test must not be changed either to assist the Scout or to expedite the process.

THE TEST MUST BE COMPLETED WITHOUT AID OR SUPPORT. Aid includes lifejackets, wetsuits, fins, etc. Swim goggles may be used to avoid eye irritation.

SWIM TESTS MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY, preferably at the beginning of the outdoor season.

HOW TO ADMINISTRATION THE TEST

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below:

SWIMMER'S TEST: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

BEGINNER'S TEST: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

NON-SWIMMERS: Anyone who has not completed the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a non-swimmer.

UNIT SWIM CLASSIFICATION RECORD

This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date (i.e., non-swimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer) would require a reclassification test performed by an approved test administrator. Changes and corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test administrator.

SPECIAL NOTE: WHEN SWIM TESTS ARE CONDUCTED AWAY FROM CAMP, THE CAMP AQUATICS DIRECTOR RETAINS THE RIGHT TO REVIEW OR RETEST ANY OR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO ENSURE THAT STANDARDS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED.

UNIT NUMBER

DATE OF SWIM TEST

	FULL NAME (PRINT) (DRAW LINES THROUGH BLANK SPACES)	MEDICAL RECHECK	SWIM CLASSIFICATION		
			NON-SWIMMER	BEGINNER	SWIMMER
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PERSON CONDUCTING THE TEST	
NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE
TYPE OF QUALIFICATION/TRAINING	EXPIRATION DATE IF APPLICABLE

UNIT LEADERS APPROVAL	
NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE