



SWIM CLASSIFICATION POLICY

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification test and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The *Swimmer's Test* demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer.

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 feet first into the 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: side stroke, breast stroke, Trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. 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 feet first into the 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.

THE SWIMMER'S TEST MAY BE ADMINISTERED ONLY BY THE FOLLOWING:

-  BSA AQUATICS INSTRUCTOR
-  BSA LIFEGUARD
-  AMERICAN RED CROSS WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR
-  AMERICAN RED CROSS OR YMCA CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD

A PHOTOCOPY OF THE CREDENTIALS OF THE TESTER MUST ACCOMPANY THE UNIT SWIM CLASSIFICATION RECORD FORM, TO BE CONSIDERED VALID.

SPECIAL NOTE: WHEN SWIM TESTS ARE CONDUCTED AWAY FROM CAMP, THE AQUATICS DIRECTOR SHALL RESERVE THE AUTHORITY TO REVIEW OR RETEST ALL PARTICIPANTS TO ENSURE THAT STANDARDS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED. THIS RECORD EXPIRES UPON DEPARTURE FROM THIS YEAR'S TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP.



UNIT SWIM CLASSIFICATION RECORD

This is the individual's swim classification as of this time. Any change in status after this date i.e. non-swimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer, would require a reclassification test by the Camp Aquatics Director or his/her designee.

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Unit Number: _____

Date of Swim test: _____

Please Print or Type all information on this form

TESTER WILL INITIAL IN THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATIONS

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Name of person conducting test (please print)

Signature

Unit Leader Name (please print)

Unit Leaders Signature

(Photocopies of this form are acceptable; however, it must be exactly as shown with the instructions appearing on one side and the names of participants on the reverse).