



RTC Outreach Program

Selection Criteria

2017-18 RTC Outreach Program Overview

Synchro Swim Ontario is proud to be continuing the Regional Training Centre (RTC) Outreach Program for the third year in a row in the 2017-18 season. RTC Outreach targets talent-identified athletes in the critical 13-15 age group (specifically athletes aged 14 & 15, with some athletes aged 16 included as per the criteria below – all ages as of December 31, 2018), with a planned intake of approximately 15-18 athletes. The aim of the program is to align with RTC-Ontario Programming and support the Ontario high performance pathway by selecting athletes who may qualify for RTC-Ontario in the next 1-2 years, and to create a link between Ontario Clubs/coaches and the RTC-Ontario for the purposes of maximizing athlete development.

2017-18 RTC Outreach Program Plan:

The 2017-18 RTC Outreach Program will encompass the following program components:

PROGRAM COMPONENTS		
Competition Feedback	Club Visit	In-RTC Joint Training
Individualized technical feedback (figures and/or extra routines) from the following competitions: Lisa A/Provincial Qualifier Provincial Championships National Qualifier	Visit(s) to the home Club from an RTC Coach or HP/Tech Lead (or designate) To be scheduled with the Club Head Coach to take place in November, December, or early January Visit will include observation and analysis of the athlete's daily training environment with recommendations and feedback given to the athlete's coaches/Club	One visit to RTC at TPASC during scheduled practice to work with RTC Coaches and Support Staff; additional programming resources to manage identified skill gaps Training Plan is to be outlined before the visit (collaboration between the RTC Coach and the Club Coach to tailor to individual athlete needs) Individualized training to focus on specific areas of improvement (extra routines, figures, etc.)

Fees and Payment Schedule:

The 2017-18 RTC Outreach Program athlete registration fee will be as follows:

Athlete Registration Fee = \$280.00

Note – All RTC Outreach athletes have been selected and registered for 2017-18 SSO Programs (either T2T HPAD or CGT-Training Pool). Therefore, RTC Outreach fees will be appended to the previously communicated payment schedule as follows:

	Payment	Original Payment Amount	NEW Payment Amount (including RTC Outreach)	Processing Date
T2T HPAD	Payment #1	\$300.00	Unchanged	Tuesday August 8, 2017 (processing date passed)
	Payment #2	\$200.00	+ \$180 = \$380.00	Thursday November 2, 2017
	Payment #3	\$175.00	+ \$100 = \$275.00	Thursday February 1, 2018
	Payment	Payment Amount		Processing Date
CGT-TP	Payment #1	\$300.00	Unchanged	Tuesday August 8, 2017 (processing date passed)
	Payment #2	\$200.00	+ \$280 = \$480.00	Thursday November 2, 2017

Selection:

Selection for the 2017-18 RTC Outreach Program will be based on athlete results at 2016-17 competitions and is contingent upon being a registered participant in either the Train to Train High Performance Athlete Development Program or the Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool. Specific selection criteria will be as follows:

Eligibility:

Selection is open to athletes who are 14, 15 or 16 years of age as of **December 31, 2018** and who are members in good standing of Synchro Swim Ontario:

- Athletes who have **already been selected** and registered for either:
 - Train to Train High Performance Athlete Development Program (T2T HPAD)
 - Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool (CGT-TP)
- Athletes aged 14, 15 or 16 as of **December 31, 2018** (who will be competing in either their 2nd/3rd year of 13-15, or 1st year Junior in the 2017-18 season).

Note: *The RTC Outreach Program is **not** intended for athletes who are registered members of RTC-Ontario in the 2017-18 season, therefore 2017-18 RTC-ON athletes are ineligible.*

Selection Criteria:

- 1) Any athletes selected to the 2017 National 13-15 Team as per the Synchro Canada Selection Criteria, who meet the eligibility requirements above.

- 2) Any athletes selected to the 2017 13-15 Provincial Team as per the 2017 13-15 Provincial Team Selection Criteria, who meet the eligibility requirements above.

- 3) After the members of the 2017 13-15 National and 2017 13-15 Provincial Teams are accounted for, the next-ranked athletes **aged 14 or 15 ONLY**, as of December 31, 2018, ensuring there are at least 15 athletes total, will be selected to the program. Selection shall be based on an analysis of figure results by the Synchro Swim Ontario HP/Technical Lead at the 2017 Provincial Championships, 2017 National Qualifier, 2017 Age Group Championships, 2017 Espoir Championships and the 13-15 Provincial Team Trials (if applicable).

Authority for Selection:

The final decision-making authority to determine which athletes will be selected to the 2017-2018 RTC Outreach Program will rest with the Synchro Swim Ontario HP/Technical Lead. The Sport Development Manager is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates. The Sport Development Manager reserves the right to ask other Synchro Swim Ontario representatives to help and support her in this task.

Notification of Selection & Registration:

Selection to the 2017-2018 RTC Outreach Program will be communicated following the registration deadline for the T2T HPAD & Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool Programs. Once registration for these two programs is completed, selected RTC Outreach athletes will be notified and asked to confirm their participation.

Notification of successful selection to RTC Outreach will take place no later than **August 30th, 2017**.