



July 9, 2025

Council Members,

We hope this message finds you well.

We would like to submit the attached letters for the Special Meeting of Council - July 10, 2025, 9:00 am - 9:30 am for item 10.1.

1. Swim Canada Letter - confirmation of good standing
2. Swim Canada Letter – Para program inclusive programming
3. Swim Ontario Letter – confirmation of good standing

Additionally, we would like noted for the record:

Presently, we have 13 para swimmers registered in our organization, including:

- 4 Internationally Classified athletes (International Classification)
- 1 Nationally Classified athlete (Level 3 Classification)
- 5 Level 1 classified athletes (Level 1 Classification)
- 3 athletes currently beginning the classification process

Please let us know if you require any further information.

Warm regards,

GHAC



April 14, 2025

To whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that the Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club is an Age Group Swimming Club in good standing with Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada for the 2024-2025 season. They have met all registration requirements in order to meet this status.

Best Regards,

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Heather Birenbaum
Associate Director, Operations, Swimming Canada
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter attesting to the Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club (GHAC) for its long-standing commitment to inclusivity and excellence in Para swimming.

For over a decade, GHAC has consistently demonstrated its dedication to creating an inclusive environment for swimmers of all abilities. The club has welcomed Para swimmers at every stage of the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model—from introducing athletes to the fundamentals of Para swimming, to supporting international high-performance competitors, and fostering lifelong participation through Active for Life Masters programming.

The coaching team at GHAC has actively engaged with Swimming Canada's Para swimming initiatives and has played a meaningful role in athlete development, education, and competition opportunities. Their athletes have benefitted from a clear and supported pathway, allowing them to reach their potential both in and out of the pool.

GHAC's inclusive culture and depth of support building welcoming and high-performing environments for all swimmers is a rare example. Their sustained efforts have not only impacted athletes but also helped to grow awareness and capacity for Para swimming across the region and nationally. I have had the opportunity to work with, and invest in, the coaches and programs at GHAC because of their systematic support and commitment to growing new opportunities for swimming.

Swimming Canada is proud to support our clubs. Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club in their contribution to the growth and success of Para swimming in Canada is an exceptional example.

Sincerely,

Janet Dunn



Para Swimming Performance Pathway Coach & National Classification Lead
Swimming Canada



April 13, 2025

City of Burlington Parks and Recreation Department
Email: city@burlington.ca

Re: Letter of Support and Confirmation of Good Standing- Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club (GHAC)

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to confirm that the Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club is a long-time member club of Swim Ontario and is in good standing.

GHAC currently has registrants in the following categories: Pre-Competitive, Competitive, Masters, & Para swimming.

GHAC has coaches on multiple Swim Ontario Committees and actively participating in Swim Ontario events and professional development.

If you have any further questions pertaining to this matter please contact me, Dean Boles dean@swimontario.com or my colleague Darin Muma, darin@swimontario.com.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Boles', is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Dean Boles
Chief Executive Officer
Swim Ontario