

ST. CATHARINES ROWING CLUB HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEST PROTOCOL

All student athletes must complete the swim test annually unless they can provide certification of Bronze Medallion or higher.

Inability to pass the swim test will result in the student/athlete being ineligible to row. It is the responsibility of the student/athlete to obtain their own swim test if unable to attend the provided test date/time.

Each athlete will prepare for the test by wearing:

Shorts (bathing suit)	Tight fitted long sleeve shirt
Socks	Tight fitted pants

Each athlete will complete all of the following steps:

1. Enter the pool deck wearing the listed clothing, have a quick shower to make sure you are completely wet. The organizer will put you into small groups to complete the test
2. On direction from the organizer, enter the pool by sitting sideways to the pool and roll into the deep end of the pool.
3. Tread water for four minutes without touching the bottom, side walls or another person in the water.
4. After successfully treading water for four minutes, complete 4 lengths of the pool swimming any stroke continuously ending up back in the deep end.
5. Successfully put on a personal floatation device (PFD).
TEST IS COMPLETE ONCE THE PFD IS PUT ON SUCCESSFULLY
6. Remove the PFD, swim to the shallow end and exit the pool.
7. Check in with the swim test organizer or Lifeguard to ensure you are recorded as passing the test.

Guidelines provided by:

<http://www.lifesavingsociety.com/swim-to-survive.aspx>

<http://safety.ophea.net/safety-plan/165/1409>

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