

Mandatory Transition to Lifesaving Society from Red Cross

As of Jan 1, 2023, the Red Cross has closed its swimming program. The ASLC is transitioning to the Lifesaving Society of Canada* for Summer 2023 and onwards. For more info on this closure:

<https://www.lifesavingsociety.com/media/359943/swim%20transition%20news%20release%20en.pdf>

What does this mean for my child's swim progression?

- Do not worry, your child's progress has not been lost! They will pick up from where they left off. For example, if your child was in Red Cross Level 6 at the end of last summer, they should be enrolled into Lifesaving Swimmer 5 (see diagram).

Is there any action to take on my part?

- Refer to the transition diagram to determine the level you will be registering your child into this coming summer. No other action needed.

How will I know how which level to register my child?

- The diagram will indicate where your child needs to be enrolled and it will be made very clear within the registration course description.

What does this mean for Bronze-level certifications/courses?

- No change at all. The Bronze level certifications have always been administered through the Lifesaving Society.

Will badges and progress report cards look different?

- Yes! Your child will still receive a skills progress card detailing the skills they have accomplished and those yet to complete, but it will have a different look to it.

Why are Red Cross Levels 8, 9 and 10 now called Swim Patrol?

- Swim Patrol is the next step in the Lifesaving Society Learn to Swim Program. The Canadian Swim Patrol program provides enriched training for those who are ready to go beyond learn-to-swim. Swim Patrol's three levels – Rookie, Ranger, and Star – continue to develop participants' swim strokes and provide the skill foundation that prepares them for success in the Bronze-level medal awards.

* The Lifesaving Society's Learn to Swim program is an established nation-wide program.