

MEMORANDUM

Whatever it takes

To:	Branch Member Services Directors
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Subject	Junior Preliminary Skills Evaluation – Swim and Float Verification

It has recently been raised by clubs and branches that the sign-off process for the junior preliminary skills evaluation (consisting of a swim and float) is unclear. Clarity is specifically sought concerning accredited swimming instructors 'assessing' this evaluation.

The following process is an additional option for Clubs, who may choose to either support or reject this process. This is not a compulsory process.

Members may wish to have an accredited swim coach confirm the member is able to complete the junior preliminary skills evaluation by providing a letter of confirmation to the Surf Life Saving Club. This letter must outline the swimming coaches contact details and Australian Swimming Teachers & Coaches Association (ASTCA) accreditation number. Also to be included in this letter is the child or children's names, dates of birth, distance and float times completed, date of swim as well as the coach's signature.

This letter must be presented to the designated junior assessor who must be confident the information is valid and reliable. The assessor can then sign-off on the coloured proficiency card or ask for more information. To confirm a coaches ASTCA accreditation number, please call the ASTCA office on (03) 9555 7020.

Please note that the junior preliminary skill evaluation must be signed-off by an assessor on the coloured proficiency card, before the member is able to participate in any junior activities. Eligible 'assessor's' are outlined in the junior preliminary skills table in the pre-season information pack. **Accredited swimming coaches are NOT able to sign the coloured proficiency card.**

Please do not hesitate to contact your Branch Member Services Director, Branch Junior Activities Chairperson or SLSNSW for more information.

