

Outreach Committee Report

The 2007 Season saw a great deal of reorganization for the Outreach Committee. Not only were the Adapted and Outreach Committee's merged within Niagara at the end of last season, the new committee has now been re-assigned as the Diversity Committee and placed under the oversight of the Senior Vice-Chair within Niagara. Additionally, a number of the committee members have stepped aside, leaving vacancies to be filled.

Most importantly, we have at last updated our economic standards by which athletes qualify for financial support. The forms are now current and available on the Niagara website for use during the registration process. These benchmarks match the Federal Reduced School Lunch pricing, and will be updated annually to match those stated rates.

We continue to research innovative ways of making this sport more accessible to all populations in our LSC. Continued support from the Deep End Swim Shop in donations for our gear scholarships are helpful, and I hope that our limited supplies will begin to match the demand in both quantities and sizing. I anticipate further applications for this support with the new season.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Diversity Committee Chair