



Unit Swim Classification Record

This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date (i.e., non-swimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer) would require a reclassification test performed by an approved test administrator. Changes and corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test administrator.

NOTE When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

Unit Number _____ Date of Swim Test _____ Page ____ of ____

	Full Name (Print) (Draw lines through blank spaces)	Medical Recheck	Non Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
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PERSON CONDUCTING THE TEST

Print Name

Signature

Qualification

Council/Agency (Red Cross, YMCA, etc.)

UNIT LEADER

Print Name

Signature



Swim Classification Procedures

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. **The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season.** Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this be the only place the test can be conducted. It may be more useful to conduct the swim classification prior to a unit going to summer camp. All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water (e.g., the swimmer's test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12- foot depth).

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below:

SWIMMER'S TEST Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

BEGINNER'S TEST Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

Beginners (red on top):

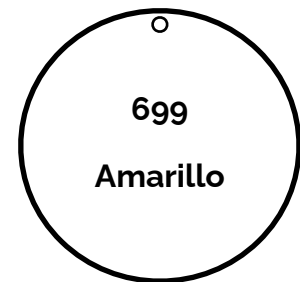
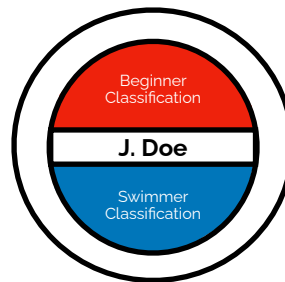
1. Jump into deep water
2. Swim 25 feet
3. Turn
4. Return

○ **Total: 50 feet with entry and turn**

Swimmers (red on top AND blue on bottom):

1. Jump into deep water
2. Swim 75 yards with strong forward stroke
3. Swim 25 yards with restful backstroke
4. Rest by floating

○ **Total: 100 yards with entry and turn**



Properly Filling Out a Buddy Tag

- The swimmer's name is put on the front in the middle section. On the backside is written their Unit Number and Campsite.
- Non- Swimmer (did not pass to the Beginner level): Buddy Tag left without color
- Beginner (passed Beginner level but did not complete full swim test or did not complete test to the satisfaction of the test administrator): Color the top half circle with a red permanent marker.