

2021 AUSTRALIAN AGE  
**SWIMMING**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**



# INFORMATION BOOK

**Gold Coast Aquatic Centre**

**Pre-Meet: 4 April 2021 (MC Only)**

**Competition: 5 April – 12 April 2021**



PARTNERS

PATRON

## 1. EVENT DETAILS

The 2021 Australian Age Swimming Championships will be held at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Marine Parade, Southport QLD from Monday 5 to Monday 12 April 2021.

The event will be staged in the outdoor pool. Shade around the venue is limited, athletes and spectators are encouraged to pack sufficient water, a hat and sunscreen.

This is an Australian Championships; therefore, medals will be awarded to place getters in all events.

The multi-class sessions will be completed on the first three days of the competition.

The event will be conducted under the Swimming Australia Rules and Swimming Australia By-Laws for the Conduct of Australian Swimming Events which can be [VIEWED HERE](#).

Stakeholders must also adhere to Swimming Australia's Code of Conduct and Safe Sport Framework which can be [VIEWED HERE](#).

## 2. EVENT PERSONNEL

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## 3. COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is important all athletes and supporters carefully consider their travel to this event from both QLD and interstate. Travel restrictions may change at any time.

This event should only be attended on a needs basis and only those considered essential should travel, including:

- Athletes
- Coaches, team managers and support staff (limited where possible)
- Technical Officials
- Swimming Australia Staff and contractors essential to event delivery and high-performance requirements
- Guardian/s of athletes aged U18
- Multi class athlete carers

For those travelling, key considerations include:

- Wiping of high touch surfaces when sharing vehicles
- Encouraging single rooms in hotels
- Wearing face masks where social distancing isn't possible

Taking these precautions where possible, ensures we deliver a COVID safe event.

By nominating and attending, you agree:

- You have not travelled to a COVID-19 hot spot in the last 14 days, and
- You are not experiencing COVID-19 or cold/flu symptoms

If you become unwell, you must not attend this event. On the first day of symptoms, it is important you get tested for COVID-19 at your nearest testing location. You must also notify Swimming Australia.

Swimming Australia will continue to provide updates through [swimming.org.au](http://swimming.org.au) and social media channels with relation to this event.

## 4. OPENING HOURS

**Please note the differing opening hours for MC and able-bodied swimmers:**

## MULTI-CLASS SWIMMERS:

MULTI-CLASS	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Sunday 4 April (Pre-meet)	10am – 12pm	3pm – 6pm

MULTI-CLASS	HEATS	FINALS
Monday 5 April	7:30am (gates) 9am (races)	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)
Tuesday 6 April	7:30am (gates) 9am (races)	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)
Wednesday 7 April		4pm (races)

## ABLE-BODIED SWIMMERS:

AGE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday 5 April (Pre-meet)	11am-1pm	3pm-6pm
Tuesday 6 April (Pre-meet)	11am-1pm	3pm-6pm

AGE	HEATS	FINALS
Wednesday 7 April	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)	
Thursday 8 April	7am (gates) 9am (races)	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)
Friday 9 April	7am (gates) 9am (races)	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)
Saturday 10 April	7am (gates) 9am (races)	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)
Sunday 11 April	7am (gates) 9am (races)	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)
Monday 12 April		7am (gates) 9am (races)

## 5. PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The program of events can be found on under the competitors tab on the event webpage [HERE](#).

This event will be conducted in a 10-lane pool, there will be no B-Finals. Two visitors may progress through to finals in each event.

Heats will be swum in reverse order with the fastest heat first, with the exception of the distance events.

Distance events are timed finals with the slow heat in the morning and the fast heat for each age group at night (800m and 1500m).

## 6. QUALIFYING TIMES

Swimming Australia has been monitoring how swimmers' have been progressing due to COVID-19 over the summer.

We are pleased to advise that we have revised the QT's which can be found under the competitors tab on the event website. The changes will allow more swimmers' to qualify given the difficult year it has been across our community.

Age is determined by the swimmer's age as at Monday 5 April 2021.

The minimum age for swimmers competing is 13 years (girls), 14 years (boys) and 11 years for MC swimmers, as at the first day of competition.

## 7. TEAM LEADERS MEETING

There will be no team leaders meeting for this event.

## 8. ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entries are now open.

Entries will close at 12:00pm (MIDDAY) on Monday 22 March 2021. No late entries will be taken for this event.

ENTRY FEES	PRICE
Individual event	\$28 per event
Relay	\$60 per team
Relay only swimmers	\$20

Relay only swimmers note: Enter **ONLY** if you are in a relay and not in individual events. Refunds will not be provided for incorrect relay only entries.

MC swimmers note: Check your qualifying times carefully. MC swimmers who enter events they do not have a QT for will be removed from that event and no refund provided.

## 9. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation can be collected from the accreditation box at the event entry. Accreditation passes must be visible at all times and are strictly non-transferable.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION.](#)

Clubs are advised that they will need to apply for their accreditation passes using the link above. There are three different types of accreditation available to clubs which includes:

- Coach: (\$95)
- Team Manager (\$95)
- Support Staff (\$50)

Accreditation limits per club do apply and are as follows:

ATHLETES IN INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	TOTAL ACCREDITATIONS
1 to 5	2
6 to 10	3
11 to 20	4
21 to 30	6
31+	7

Accreditation applications must be made in advance and **WILL NOT** be accepted onsite.

Applications close: **Monday 15 March 2021**

**Please note athletes automatically receive accreditation and do not need to apply separately.**

## 10. SELF-MARSHALLING

Self marshalling will be in practice for this event. Athletes will be instructed by the check starter to move behind the blocks once the event (or timed final) ahead of them has entered the water.

An overflow space (under the overpass behind the blocks) will be available for swimmers to ready themselves prior to their race. When Self Marshalling is in place, there is no requirement for the swimmers to use this space. They may just turn up behind the blocks without any formal check in.

A help desk will be set up at the start finish end of the pool and can be used by swimmers when they require assistance.

## 11. TICKETING

Swimming Australia is working through its COVID safe obligations and will have more information regarding ticketing in the near future. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these challenges.

## 12. SEATING & SHADE

A coaches' viewing area will be available overlooking the start/finish end of the competition pool opposite the AOE room.

An athlete viewing area will be provided on the same side of the pool, both under the existing grandstand and on pool deck in temporary seating.

Shade will be provided for athletes around the warm-up pool. Space is not allocated and cannot be reserved. Swimmers and clubs are advised that they cannot bring their own shade, nor can they reserve space or leave items overnight.

Space will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

## 13. LIVESTREAM AND RESULTS

Results will be published around the venue and will be available via the live results tab on the Swimming Australia Website.

The event will be available to stream via SwimTV and Amazon Prime Video.

#### 14. PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. If you have any concerns, please approach a Swimming Australia staff member.

#### 15. MERCHANDISE

Merchandise for this event will be available via arena. Swimming Australia strongly recommends pre-purchasing merchandise. Pre-order details will be updated on the Swimming Australia website on Monday 15 March 2021.

An arena pop up retail marquee will also be open during athlete pre-meet and competition times for racing items and accessories.

#### 16. MEDALSHOTS

Medal Shots will be onsite taking pictures of swimmers that can be purchased via their store.

#### 17. PARKING

Metered parking is available at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre and in the local Broadwater area. For more information visit the [CITY'S BROADWATER PARKING PAGE](#).

#### 18. MEDICAL

Swimming Australia will have an Event Medical Officer on-site, they'll be located either on pool deck or in the first aid room.

For information on medical facilities in the area please see a venue staff member onsite.

#### 19. SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA

To be adequately informed on testing procedures, please [READ THE GUIDELINES HERE](#).

Swimming Australia strongly encourages all athletes, coaches and support personnel to maintain ample knowledge about your rights and responsibilities in relation to testing. Sport Integrity Australia provides education tools – [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS](#)

#### 20. SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay up to date with our events on social media

Facebook: [@swimmingaustralia](#)

Instagram: [@swimmingaustralia](#)

Twitter: [@SwimmingAUS](#)

Website: [www.swimming.org.au](http://www.swimming.org.au)

#### 21. TEAM SELECTION

For more information on team selection please check [HERE!](#)

#### 22. CLASSIFICATION

Multi Class events are open to all eligible age group swimmers with a disability in sport classes 1 - 17. Swimmers classification must be recorded in the National Classification Master List managed by SA. Athletes are required to meet the qualifying times and must be members of a swim club affiliated with a State Swimming Association.

Swimmers in classification groups 1 – 10 (Physical Impairment) are required to hold an eligible classification with a Sport Class Status of National Review (NR) or National Confirmed (NC) by the close of entries, swimmers with Provisional Review (PrR) status classifications may enter however will be required to attend a Physical Impairment Athlete Evaluation at the competition to obtain an eligible classification. (Refer to section 2.2.6)

Swimmers in classification groups 11 – 13 (Vision Impairment) are required to hold an eligible classification with a Sport Class Status of National Review (NR) or National Confirmed (NC) by the close of entries, swimmers with Provisional Review (PrR) status classifications will not be eligible for entry.

Swimmers in classification group 14 (Intellectual Impairment) are required to hold an eligible classification with Sport Class Status National Confirmed (NC) prior to close of entries, swimmers with Provisional Review (PrR) Status classifications will not be eligible for entry.

Swimmers in class groups 15 (Hearing Impairment) and 16 (Transplant) must hold an eligible classification with Sport Class Status National Confirmed (NC) prior to the close of entries.

Swimmers in classification group 17 (Transition Classification) are required to hold an S17 classification with a Sport Class Status of National Review (NR) or National Confirmed (NC) prior to the close of entries. The S17 class is a participation based transition class resulting in athletes not being eligible for finals and medals.

International Athletes are required to hold an approved IPC Swimming International Classification or hold an approved National Classification issued by their National Paralympic Committee. In the case of a National Classification swimmers are required to supply proof of their approved classification in writing signed by their NPC to Swimming Australia prior to close of entries. Swimming Australia reserves the right to determine classification eligibility of International Athletes.

It is advised swimmers confirm their classification and Sport Class Status well in advance of the close of entries. For more information, please refer to the SA Classification Policy and Procedures at [www.swimming.org.au](http://www.swimming.org.au).

**To confirm your classification details in the National Classification Master List [CLICK HERE](#).**

#### [Physical Impairment Athlete Evaluation \(Classes 1-10\)](#)

Athlete Evaluations will be offered for swimmers with Physical Impairment prior to competition.

Swimmers with Sport Class Status Provisional Review (PrR) and Swimmers with Sport Class Status National Review (NR) due for re-evaluation will be required to attend Athlete Evaluation to be eligible to compete.

Swimmers will be notified after the close of entries of their scheduled Athlete Evaluation session.

Attending Athlete Evaluation does not guarantee swimmers will receive an eligible Sport Class. Swimmers deemed to be Not Eligible at the completion of Athlete Evaluation will be permitted to participate in their nominated event(s) as an exhibition swimmer.

Further enquiries relating to Classification and Athlete Evaluation should be directed to [classification@swimming.org.au](mailto:classification@swimming.org.au).