

Introduction

Welcome to the 2021 Australian Swimming Championships, we are really looking forward to seeing you all at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.

It is imperative that all coaches, team managers and support staff read these notes to understand your leadership obligations to your athletes.

If you have any questions after reading this document, please speak with Liz Avery. Liz will be in the AOE room.

Key SA Event Staff

- Karen Macleod – SA Technical Manager
- Amie Quirk – SA GM Events
- Liz Avery – Entries, Records and Results Specialist
- Sophie Harmer – Event Coordinator
- Elisabet Gudmundsdottir – Performance Pathway Coordinator
- Rohan Taylor – National Coach

COVID safe management

- Masks must be worn at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre until Thursday 15 April. Following any Queensland Premier announcements, we will update athletes and coaches of expectations at Australian Championships.
- Hand sanitising stations will be in various positions around the venue, please ensure you practice healthy hygiene at all times.
- Where possible, we ask that you socially distance when it is possible to do so.
- By nominating and attending, you agree, you are not experiencing COVID-19 or cold/flu symptoms and 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.
- In line with the COVID-safe plan, all attendees must ensure they are abiding by the Queensland Health guidelines at any given time, including not attending when unwell or experiencing symptoms. Delivery of COVID-safe events require all attendees to play their part in adhering to the measures in place.
- There are still a number of locations identified by the Queensland Government with the directive that anyone who has been to these locations, to quarantine for 14 days. This still applies. Please check the Queensland Government website to stay up to date with the latest information.

Rules

- The 2021 Australian Swimming Championships will be conducted under the Swimming Australia Championship Rules and By-Laws
- Heats will start over the top for all strokes including backstroke.
- There will be 10 lanes for all heats and finals with a maximum of 2 visitors allowed into finals

Finals, 50m events and Relay events

All finals 50m events and Relay events will be marshalled in the self-marshalling area

Any swimmer entered in the first or second event of the finals session, who fails to report to the marshalling area at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the session, may be deemed to be a withdrawal.

For all subsequent finals, any swimmer who fails to report by the start of the event at least two events prior to their event, may be deemed to be a withdrawal.

Withdrawal / Relay Forms

- Please see Liz for any withdrawals from heats.
- Please also see Liz for relay forms.
- **Withdrawals** – Any swimmer wishing to withdraw from the finals must do so within 30 minutes of the results of the event in which they have swum have been posted.
- Late withdrawals from finals will incur a \$100 fee. This includes timed finals.

Relays

- All relays are timed finals to be swum in the morning finals session. Relay forms can be collected from the recording room or Help Desk at any time during the competition. Forms must be returned to the recording room prior to the commencement of the heat's session on the evening before the timed final relay is to be swum.
- **Even though you may have named your relay swimmers when entering online, you will still need to fill out a relay form at the event.**
- Once a swimmer is named on a team, they are considered to be on that named team. You cannot name the same reserves for both an A and a B team

Timed Finals

- The 800m and 1500m freestyles are timed finals with the fastest heat for open and each age band swum in the finals session in the morning. **Swimmers for all heats of 800m and 1500m events must check-in at night.**

Medal Ceremonies

Medal ceremonies will not occur at Australian Championships due to our COVID safe plan.

Acknowledgement of all medallist's will occur on the scoreboard throughout Finals, congratulating swimmers' on their achievement.

Athletes can collect their medals from the medal table near the marshalling area during Finals each morning.

Warm-Up Pool

The competition pool will be available for warm up during pre-meet and for two hours before the commencement of each session.

The following general pool procedures for the **MAIN COMPETITION POOL (50m)** must be observed throughout the meet:

- Lanes 0 and 9** Reserved for dive sprints from the start end of the pool. Swimmers must clear the lane immediately

Lanes 1 and 8 Reserved for pace swimming, feet first entry (no diving)

Lanes 2 – 7 Reserved throughout the whole of the warm up period as circle swimming lanes, feet first entry

The following general pool procedures for the DIVE/WARM UP POOL (50m) must be observed throughout the meet:

Lane 0 Reserved for dive sprints from the start end of the pool. Swimmers must clear the lane immediately

Lanes 1 and 8 Reserved for pace swimming, feet first entry (no diving)

Lanes 2 – 7 Reserved throughout the whole of the warmup period as circle swimming lanes, feet first entry

In addition to the procedures above, please be aware of announcements to determine lane usage throughout the meet. Lane usage may vary at the discretion of Swimming Australia.

Accreditation

- Please ensure accreditations are worn at all times to gain access to the venue and pool deck. Event staff will regularly check accreditation passes.
- Please note that there will be no entry to the pool deck without an accreditation pass.
- A reminder to all clubs that club staff packs cannot be purchased onsite at this event.

Programs / Coaches timeline

- **Finals Programs and coach's timelines** – can be collected from the coach's room. These timelines should be used as a guide only and SA takes no responsibility for swimmers' missing their events.

Results

- Results will be posted:
 - In the SA office window
 - Live Results on Swimming Australia Website and via Meet Mobile

Medical

- The **Pool Life Guards** will assist with emergencies in the first instance
- Swimming Australia's medical officer Mark McCarthy will be on site for this event and will be based out of the venue First Aid Room however will be on pool deck.
- If you need to find Mark look for him on pool deck wearing a high-visibility vest or approach any of the Swimming Australia staff or pool lifeguards for assistance

Sport Integrity Australia/ Doping Control

- Sport Integrity Australia may be present at the meet. Please refer to the information book for additional information relating to anti-doping tests.

Selection

- Selection for the Australian Junior Team will be conducted at Australian Championships. Selected swimmers will compete at the Pathway meet in August in Brisbane.
- Selection criteria [here](#)

- Any questions regarding selection for the Junior Team are to be directed to Jamie Salter or Glenn Beringen from the Pathways Program.
- Any questions regarding selection for Open Athletes are to be directed to Tamara Sheppard from the Olympic Program.

General

- **Lost property.**
Will be at an area on the eastern side of warm up pool.
12pm – 1:30pm each day.
- Official Event **Merchandise** will be available for purchase from the arena merchandise store near the accreditation booth.
- This event will be Live Streamed (both heats and finals) via Amazon Prime Video and Swim TV.

Venue Map



Athlete and club areas to set up around pool deck.

Areas highlighted in red below may be used by any athletes and clubs, however we ask that you socially distance at all times.

