

Frequently Asked Questions

Event Locations

Where will the 2021 Australian Open Water, 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships and 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships be held?

While the calendar dates have been confirmed, details surrounding locations and venues for the remaining events are still being worked through by key stakeholders. We felt it was important to release the dates for planning purposes and will communicate the confirmation of event locations with the swimming community as soon as possible.

When confirming the location for our January and April events, the swimmers', their parents, and Coaches is at the centre of our thinking in terms of what is best for them.

Event locations once known, will be updated on the Swimming Australia event pages <https://www.swimming.org.au/events>

Qualifying Times

Why have the qualifying times gotten harder for some events rather than others?

The qualifying times have been updated to align with international benchmark events. In some events the international standard has improved and in others it has dropped resulting in changes to our national qualifying times. The main change can be seen in the male distance events where the 800m is a new Olympic event where the standard has significantly improved at the international level, resulting in a change to times.

In addition, the times are tracked against the Australian rankings from the past 18 months to provide a guide on total entry numbers. As part of the process Swimming Australia works to maximise entry numbers to provide more opportunities for swimmers.

Why have the qualifying times gotten harder in a year when COVID-19 has affected the ability for swimmers to train?

Swimming Australia will continually reassess qualifying times for National Events due to the evolving COVID-19 situation to ensure that swimmers (from affected areas) are not disadvantaged in qualifying.

Closing Dates for Event Entries

Can I enter an event after the closing date?

Swimming Australia is working with the member organisations to ensure that state events are held prior to the entry closing date for national meets. Where this is not possible, Swimming Australia will work with the member organisations to ensure their members are not disadvantaged.

Age Bands at Nationals

Will my son/daughter be able swim in the same age bracket again next year?

This will depend on the date of the competition and a swimmer's age as of the first day of the championships. Unfortunately, if a swimmer ages up, then they will have to swim in the older age band.

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Swimming Australia International Team Selections

Does this mean that my son/daughter won't be able to qualify for the 2021 Junior World Championships if they are a year older?

In 2021 the major junior international competition will be the World Junior Championships. If a swimmer meets the age eligibility criteria from FINA (and the SA Performance criteria which is yet to be developed and published) then they can be eligible.