

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.