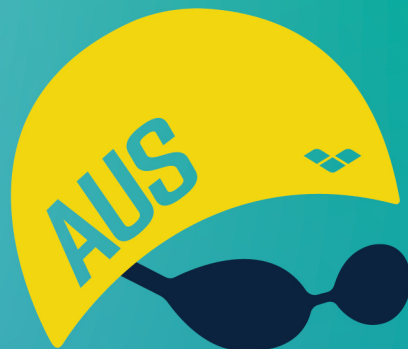


2021 AUSTRALIAN
SWIMMING
CHAMPIONSHIPS



INFORMATION BOOK

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre

Pre-Meet: 13 April 2021

Competition: 14 – 18 April 2021

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1. EVENT DETAILS

The 2021 Australian Swimming Championships will be held at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Marine Parade, Southport QLD from Wednesday 14 to Sunday 18 April 2021. Heats will be swum at night and finals in the morning.

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 finals.

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 and social media channels with relation to this event.

4. OPENING HOURS

PRE-MEET	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Tuesday 13 April	9am – 12pm	3pm – 6pm

COMPETITION	HEATS	FINALS
Wednesday 14 April	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)	
Thursday 15 April	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)	8am (gates) 10am (races)

COMPETITION	HEATS	FINALS
Friday 16 April	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)	8am (gates) 10am (races)
Saturday 17 April	4pm (gates) 6pm (races)	8am (gates) 10am (races)
Sunday 18 April		8am (gates) 10am (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. As 10-lanes will be used, two visitors may progress through to finals in each event.

Heats will be swim combined with three finals for each event to swim in the following order:

Males

- 18 / 19 years
- 20 / 21 years
- Open

Females

- 17 / 18 years
- 19 / 20 years
- Open

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 evening and the fast heat for each age group in the morning (800m and 1500m).

Distance age finals may be combined if there are not enough swimmers entered, medals will still be awarded in each age band provided the swimmers meet the event qualifying time.

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 14 April 2021.

The minimum age for swimmers competing is 13 years (girls), 14 years (boys).

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 Tuesday 23 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

Swimmers note:

- Swimmers wanting to swim open finals must enter open event and swimmers wanting to swim the age final must enter the age event.
- Age eligible swimmers that nominate for the open event but miss the final, will automatically qualify for their age appropriate final.

- Age eligible swimmers that nominate for the open event and make the final, must swim the open final.

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.

9. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation can be collected from the accreditation box at the event entry on pre-meet or competition days (passes cannot be collected during Australian Age). 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: **Tuesday 23 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. Marshalling will be in the undercover area between the competition and warm up pools. Athlete accreditation passes must be brought to Marshalling.

Self-Marshalling will take place for all heats and timed finals (for finals, 50m events and relay events see below):

50m: 8 heats prior to their heat

100m and 200m: 4 heats prior to their heat

400m: 2 heat prior to their heat

800m and 1500m: 1 heat prior to their heat

A help desk will be set up at the start finish end of the pool which 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, on meet mobile 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

Due to unforeseen logistical challenges, arena cannot offer pre-order sales for event merchandise for the upcoming 2021 Australian Age Swimming Championships and Australian Swimming Championships.

Event merchandise will be available for sale at the event only via the arena pop up marquee, which will be open from 10am on Sunday 4 April. To ensure no one misses out, more stock will be on hand at the event to fulfill orders. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

16. PARKING

Metered parking is available at the Gold Coast ~~17. MEDICAL~~ and in the local Broadwater area.

For more information visit the [CITY'S BROADWATER PARKING PAGE](#).

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.

18. 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](#)

19. SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay up to date with our events on social media

Facebook: [@swimmingaustralia](#)

Instagram: [@swimmingaustralia](#)

Twitter: [@SwimmingAUS](#)

Website: www.swimming.org.au

20. TEAM SELECTION

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