

# Swimming WA Incorporated

## Competition Policy

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## 1. Policy Overview and Purpose

This Policy provides for the rules and processes for conducting Swimming WA (SWA) Competitions.

## 2. Scope

This policy relates to Pool and Open Water Swimming competitions hosted and sanctioned by SWA.

## 3. Definitions

**Age Group Competition** means any SWA Competition for Competitors in specific age groups, aged 13 to 17 for girls and 14 to 18 for boys.

**State Championship Competition** means any SWA Competition that declares the winner of a relevant Event to be the champion of Western Australia.

**Closed Meet** means any Meet that is only open by invitation to a specific cohort.

**Club** is an organisation whose primary purpose is to conduct activities related to Swimming and which is registered with SWA.

**Competitor** means and includes a Swimmer.

**Competition** means and includes:

- any championship (national or otherwise) organised or conducted by an Association for or on behalf of SWA;
- any championship, series, carnival, or swimming meet sponsored by or conducted by or on behalf of SWA; or
- any international competition, series, meeting, or championship at which SWA is represented.

**Competition Information** means all information contained in the document published by SWA in any form whatsoever about any SWA Competition and titled 'Competition Information'.

**Event** means a specific swimming race within any SWA Competition.

**Entity** means Club and or Region.

**Juniors** means any athlete aged nine (9) and up to the Age Competition Age (Girls < 13, Boys < 14).

**Junior Dolphins** means athletes aged 5 to 8 years.

**Long Course** (LC) means any Event or Competition conducted over one or more fifty-metre laps.

**Meet** means the same as Competition.

**Meet Director** means the Head Official at a Meet or Competition.

**Multi-Class Event** means any Event in which the results are measured using the multi-classification points system adopted by Swimming Australia from time to time for athletes with disability.

**Open Meet** means any Competition open to any competitor affiliated with SWA, Swimming Australia or similar in other federated countries of World Aquatics. Minimum Membership Category requirements may apply.

**Primary Club** means the Club or entity nominated through the National Online System (Swim Central) as a person's primary Club or entity.

**Qualifying Meet** means a swimming competition, hosted by a Club, Region or other Entity in which SWA-approved criteria have been met and thus the competition enables competitors to have their times recorded on the Swimming Australia National Results Database.

**Referee** means the person fulfilling the role, and performing the duties, of refereeing any particular Event.

**Region** means an organisation of Clubs in an area approved by SWA.

**Resident Swimmer** means a swimmer who is a financial member of SWA, has resided in Western Australia for a minimum of six months and is eligible to represent Western Australia. Where a swimmer currently resides interstate or overseas, specifically for study or training purposes, the swimmer must hold a current membership with SWA, be eligible to compete for Australia, and not represent a team that competes against WA.

**Season** means the period pertaining to a type of competition, such as Long Course (1 October – 30 April, Short Course (1 May – 30 September) or Open Water (1st September to 31st March).

**Second Claim Member** means a member who is a member of two clubs as outlined in the Membership Policy.

**Short Course (SC)** means any Event or Competition conducted over one or more twenty-five-metre laps.

**Sanctioned** means SWA-approved competition for entry to more than four (4) swimming clubs.

**SWA Competition** means a Competition hosted by or on behalf of SWA.

**TEO Committee** means the Technical Education and Officials Committee.

**Unattached Members** means a member who is unattached to a Member Club as outlined in the Membership Policy.

**Visitor/Visiting Competitor** means a competitor who is not a primary member of SWA.

## 4. Competition Structure

The SWA Competition Structure aligns with the SWA Membership Categories as outlined in the Membership Policy and diagrammatically represented in the pyramid. Eligibility to enter meets can be found in the SWA Competition Structure pyramid.

Tiers 1 and 2 of the SWA Competition Structure diagram are outside the jurisdiction of SWA and different rules may apply.

Category of Member:

Tier 1 – 7      Open to Annual and Seasonal Competitive Members

Tier 5 – 7      Open to Participation and 8-year-old Junior Dolphins

Tier 7            Open to 5-8 year old Junior Dolphins

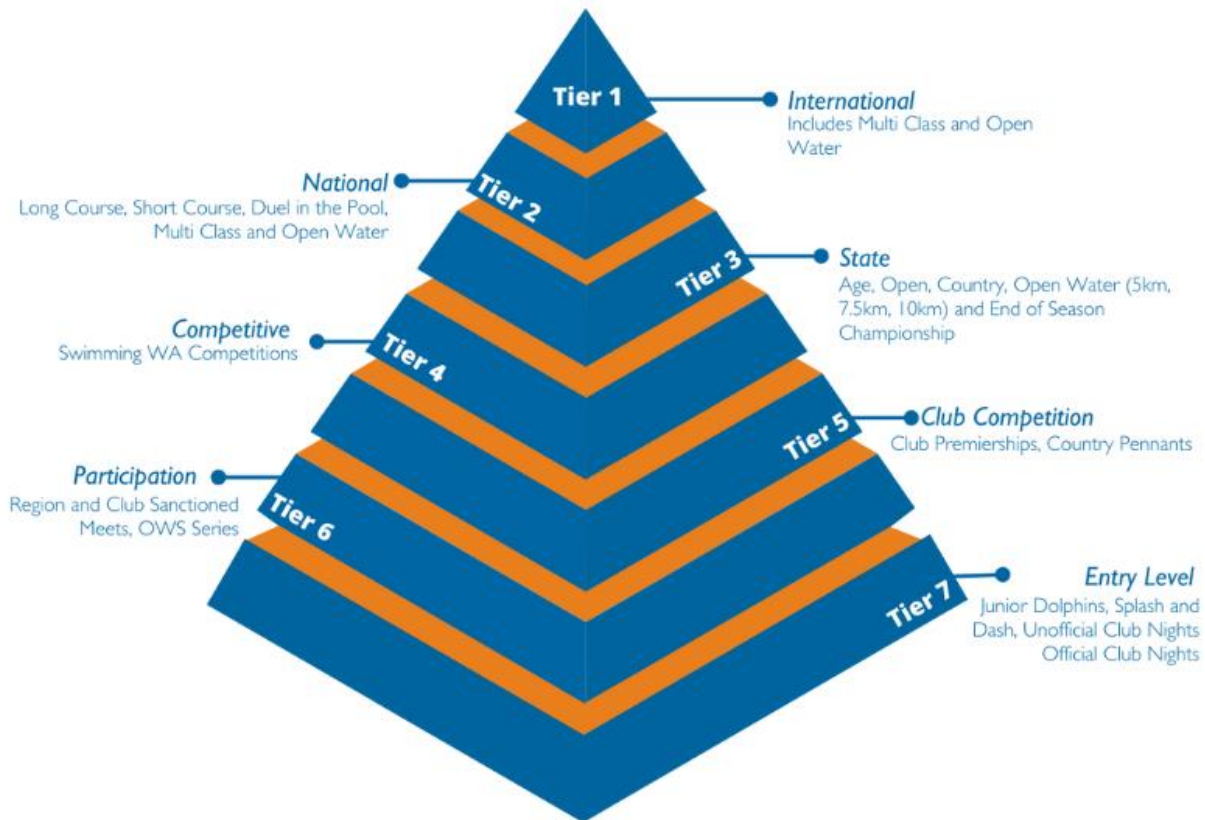


Diagram. SWA Competition Structure

## 5. Types of Meets

Type of Meet	Requirements
Splash n Dash	Membership
Informal Club Meet	Club Affiliation and Swimming Membership
Official Club Meet	Club Affiliation and Swimming Membership
Interclub Meet	Invited Club Affiliation and Swimming Membership
Club Sanctioned Meet	Invited Club Affiliation and Swimming Membership
SWA Sanctioned Meet	SWA State Affiliation and Swimming Membership and Achievement of Qualifying Times
Regional Championships	Regional Affiliation and Swimming Membership
State Championships	SWA State Affiliation and Swimming Membership and Achievement of Qualifying Times

Note: With the exception of Splash n Dash, Visitors may enter all meets provided they have an affiliation to a registered World Aquatics member and achievement of Qualifying Times.

## 6. Conducting Swimming Meets in Western Australia

Approved swimming meets in Western Australia shall be conducted under the rules and bylaws of World Aquatics and World Para Swimming, except in so far as they are varied by this policy.

All meets conducted by SWA shall be conducted under the rules of SWA including this policy unless otherwise notified before the meet.

All meets conducted by SWA regions and clubs shall be conducted under the rules of SWA including this policy unless granted prior approval by SWA.

All meets requesting approval to have competitors' results recorded as official times must be applied for before the meet per the Swimming WA Pool Competition Guidelines.

Swim meets conducted with organisations that are not Member Clubs through affiliation to SWA are not covered by the National Insurance Program. SWA is not responsible for sourcing the appropriate insurance to cover the meet.

All meets shall open in Swim Central no earlier than 1 month before the first day of the event. Penalties will apply to those clubs who do not comply with this requirement.

## 7. Conflicting Competitions

No Club or Region shall conduct a meet with more than one club on the same date or dates as any SWA-hosted Pool or Open Water Meet or SWA Sanctioned Meet without the prior approval of SWA.

Where approval is granted, SWA may choose to but is not required to publish or promote the proposed Meet in any way.

## 8. Eligibility

Eligibility for entry into SWA Competitions shall be prescribed in the relevant Competition Information and is determined at the time and date entries close for competition.

Competitions hosted by SWA, Regions or Clubs are open to swimmers who:

- Are eligible to represent Western Australia; and
- Are registered with a Western Australian Club; and
- Meet any necessary entry qualifying time; and
- Meet any necessary Membership Category requirements; and/or
- Meet any relevant visitor requirements for the event.

Any person who has been, or is currently a member of a SWA Club may transfer to another SWA Club. On completion of the transfer process, as outlined in the Membership Policy, the swimmer may immediately be eligible to compete for the destination club if the swimmer has not already been entered into the competition. If entered into the competition the family will need to contact Swimming WA competitions to request a manual change.

## 9. Visitors

Any swimmer not registered with a SWA Member Club (or otherwise registered as an unattached swimmer) shall be regarded as a "Visitor" in all SWA-hosted events. \*Please note Swim Australia has separate rules

defining “Visitors” that this could impact the Australian National Championships.

“Visitors” not domiciled in Western Australia and are Members of other World Aquatics recognised international swimming Federations, shall be eligible to compete in SWA State Championships, provided they meet the entry qualifying time and hold a valid clearance from their Federation. Such athletes shall compete as a “Visitor”.

Awards that Visitors can achieve can be found in the individual competition guidelines, Pool, Open Water Swimming, or Country Pennants.

## 10. Officiating

All officials at a SWA-sanctioned meet shall be current members of SWA unless they are visiting officials.

Visiting Officials who are not members of SWA and who wish to officiate at a SWA meet, must be affiliated with Swimming Australia Limited or a World Aquatics recognised international swimming federation. The Visiting Official shall apply in writing to SWA a minimum of seven (7) days before the commencement of the meet. The TEO Committee shall provide recommendations to the SWA CEO on the suitability of the Visiting Official. SWA reserves the right to reject the services offered at its absolute discretion.

SWA has a responsibility to its members and officials. The Meet Director and Referee can refuse help from club volunteers if they believe it could pose risks during the meet.

Note: Where official times are not required, Technical Officials may still assist clubs by observing swimmers and providing feedback to coaches or directly to swimmers to correct any rule violations. The host club determines the level of officiating they require for the meet, whether solely for feedback or for official times.

## 11. Protests

Protests shall be covered by the By-Laws of Swimming Australia and the World Aquatic rules as set out below:

Protests are possible:

- a) if the rules and regulations of the competition are not observed;
- b) if conditions endanger the competition and/or the Competitors; or
- c) against decisions of the Referee; however, no protests shall be allowed against decisions of fact.

Protests must be submitted:

- a) to the Referee;
- b) in writing on the SWA protest form (appendix) setting out the reasons for the protest;
- c) by an affected Competitor or the responsible team leader;
- d) together with a deposit of \$100 AUD cash or bank transfer; and
- e) within thirty (30) minutes following the announcement of the respective Event.

If conditions causing a potential protest are noted before the event, a protest must be lodged before the signal

to start is given.

All protests shall be considered by the Referee, who may, at their complete discretion, accept or reject the protest. If the Referee rejects the protest, the Referee must advise the person who protested, in writing of the reasons for the decision. The protestor may appeal the rejection of the protest by the Referee to a Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

The Jury of Appeal at SWA Competitions shall consist of three Officials who are Referees of Level 2 standing or higher (not including the Referee who made the initial decision) who are present and independent of the matter. If three such Referees are not available, the next most experienced technical officials shall fill any vacancy.

The Jury of Appeal shall consider the appeal, taking into account the reasons for the protest (as set out in the SWA protest form) and any other information the Jury of Appeal considers relevant.

If the protest is rejected, the Deposit will be forfeited to SWA or Host Club. If the protest is upheld, the Deposit will be returned.

The protest deposit for SWA shall be \$100.00, including GST, for all SWA-hosted meets.

## 12. Meet Records

Meet Records shall be maintained in a register that upholds a historical and traceable testimony of the Records achieved across those levels of competition for which Records have been established.

Whoever so breaks an established Record shall be presented with an appropriate SWA certificate of recognition which outlines such information, that portrays the individual or team Members achieving the Record.

In the event of two (2) or more swimmers being credited with equal times, each shall be credited with the Record.

The record will be allowed for Australian Age and Australian Open Records only, provided the application has been made in writing to SWA at least five (5) days before the date on which such record attempt is to be made.

Certificates will be issued to swimmers registered with SWA automatically. One (1) certificate only to be issued to an individual or team (plus one each per team Member) establishing a new Record in heat and again in the final. Visitors claiming All Comers WA Open State or All Comers WA Age State LC/SC Records will be issued only upon request.

Inaugural Records Shall be granted to the fastest time of the event, whether it be heat or final. Where a new age group record is instituted between two (2) existing age records, the inaugural record shall be an improved time over of the younger age group. At the decision of the Board, standards may be set for inaugural Records for events reintroduced. The inaugural holder of an age Record shall be the same age at the date of the swim unless the time is equal to or faster than of the age group above or the standard set for the older age group.

## 13. Records Compliance

For all long-course swimming Records, the length of the pool shall be 50 metres.

For all short-course swimming Records, the length of the pool shall be 25 metres.

State records can only be set in pools using Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) and accredited SWA



Technical Officials.

Country records may be set in pools using three (3) manual stopwatches operated by timekeepers and accredited SWA Technical Officials.

Each entrant for limited age competition must be the stipulated age on the first day of the Meet.

School Meets such as the Pacific School Games and Australian Secondary School Sports Championships are the only school Meets where SWA will consider times for records.

State Records may only be set in Sanctioned SWA Swim Meets.

Records may be set in mixed-gender events, providing the qualifying time of the event is met during the completion of the swim.

Club relay records are only awarded to Clubs whose competing relay team Members all belong to the same SWA Club.

See Appendix 1 for the categories, application, compliance, multi-class, and OWS records.

## 14. Confidentiality and Reporting

Breaches of this policy must be reported to SWA Management within 14 days of any occurrence. Breaches of this policy must be kept confidential, and disclosure to any third party beyond SWA Management is not permitted.

## 15. Related Documents

Related documents include the following:

- SWA Constitution
- SWA Refund Policy
- SWA Membership Policy
- SWA Risk Management Policy
- World Aquatic Policies
- Swimming Australia Competition Policy

## 16. Version Control

Version	Issue Date	Approved By	Approval Date	Review Date
1.0	August 2024	Board	September 2024	April 2026

## Appendix 1: SWA Records

Categories of Able-Bodied Records:

- All Comers WA Record - for the best time recorded in WA by a swimmer.
- All Comers Relay State Record - for the best relay time recorded in WA by a visiting or home nation, state, or club.
- All Comers Relay Club Record - for the best relay time recorded in WA by a visiting or home club.
- WA All-Time Record - for the best time recorded anywhere in the World by a swimmer having WA citizenship.
- WA All Time Relay State Record - for the best relay time recorded anywhere in the World by a state/team/club having Australian citizenship and all competing from the same organisation.
- WA All Time Relay Club Record - for the best relay time recorded anywhere in the World by a team/club having Australian citizenship and all competing from the same club.
- WA Residential Record - for the best time recorded in WA by a local where the All Comers is other than a WA time.
- WA Residential Relay State Record - for the best relay time recorded in WA by a visiting state/team/club having Australian citizenship and all competing from the same organisation.
- WA Residential Relay Club Record - for the best relay time recorded in WA by a WA club, and all competing from the same organisation.
- Country All Time Record - for the best time recorded anywhere in the World by a swimmer having WA citizenship and belonging to a Country club.
- Country All Time Relay Record - for the best relay time recorded anywhere in the World by a team having WA citizenship and the members of the team belong to the same Country club.
- Country Residential Record - for the best time recorded in WA by a swimmer whilst having belonged to a Country club.
- Country Residential Relay Record - for the best relay time recorded in WA by a team whereby all swimmers from team all belong to the same Country club.
- Country Pennant Record - for the best time recorded at the Country Pennants whether it be an individual event or a relay event (these are known as meet records).
- Country Pennant Relay Record - for the best relay time recorded at the Country Pennants by a country WA team with all members of the team belonging to the same Country club (these are known as meet records).
- Country Pennant Mixed Relay Record – for the best relay time (2) two men, and (2) two women recorded at Country Pennants by a country WA team with all members of the team belonging to the same Country club.

Categories of Records available to Multi Class swimmers are as follows:

- All Comers WA Open State SWD Record (Individual) Long Course and Short Course – for the best times recorded in Western Australia by a swimmer registered with a World Aquatics recognised international swimming Federation holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia Limited, and as defined in the Matrix for Multi-Class Records.
- All-Comers WA Age State SWD Record (Individual) Long Course and Short Course – for the best times recorded anywhere in Western Australia by a swimmer registered with a World Aquatics recognised international swimming Federation holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia Limited, and as defined in the matrix for Multi-Class records

- All Time WA Open State SWD Record (Individual) Long Course and Short Course – for the best times recorded anywhere in the world by a registered swimmer having Australian citizenship or permanent residential status, currently registered with SWA and holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia Limited, and as defined in the matrix for Multi-Class records.
- All Time WA Age State SWD Record (Individual) Long Course and Short Course – for the best times recorded anywhere in the world by a registered swimmer having Australian citizenship or permanent residential status, currently registered with SWA and holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia Limited, and as defined in the matrix for Multi-Class records
- Residential WA Open State SWD Record (Individual) Long Course and Short Course – for the best times recorded in Western Australia by a WA registered swimmer holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia Limited. where the All Comers WA Open State SWD Record is held by a non-Western Australian. Where a Residential WA Open State SWD Record is established equal to or better than the existing All Time WA Open State SWD Record, the swimmer or team becomes the holder of both Records provided the conditions applicable apply.
- A swimmer holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia Residential WA Age State SWD Record (Individual) Long Course and Short Course – for the best times recorded in Western Australia by a WA registered swimmer where the All Comers WA Age State SWD Record is held by a non- Western Australian. Where a Residential Record is established equal to or better than the existing All Time WA State Age SWD Record, the swimmer or team becomes the holder of both records provided the conditions applicable apply.

The recognised distances, strokes, and disabilities for both Male and Female Long Courses and Short Courses for Swimmers with a Disability are included in the matrix for Multi Class records.

SWA shall maintain a database of Records for Multi-Class competitors and history of their classifications.

Records for Age group swimmers are limited to establishing a Record within their own age group only and they may hold the Open Record if their time is faster than the current listed Open Record.

In the case of a swimmer having a change in classification, the following shall apply:

Visually impaired swimmers shall retain records held in their previous classification.

Functional Class System: If the reclassification is due to changes in the degree of disability of the swimmer, then the record/s will be retained in the swimmer's previous classification.

If the reclassification is due to any reason other than described below, a swimmer is ineligible to hold record/s in their previous classification. The swimmer's historical times shall be considered for record/s in their new classification.

If a swimmer considers they have attained a record for which there is not an MDST time to enable ratification of the recorded swim time, then the matter should be referred to SWA for advice and guidance.

Should a Multi Class swimmer consider they have achieved a World or Australian Record, the Referee must sign a relevant application form. In addition, World Records require AOE and the event print out including the lane number and the name of the swimmer to be attached to the application.

Times recorded by Multi Class swimmers in Able Bodied events shall be acknowledged as Multi Class records.

Multi Class competitors whose recorded times may be faster than the current SWD Australian Records, for their times to be ratified as potential Records need to reference the current Swimming Australia Requirements.

## Application for Records

After being duly completed, processed, and recommended by the Meet organisers and the Team Manager, applications can be submitted for the following Records. All applications should be forwarded within seven (7) days of the performance, to the SWA Records Officer.

All Time WA Open (Individual, State and Club relay) LC/SC

All Time WA Age (Individual, State and Club relay) LC/SC

All Time Country Open (Individual or Club relay) LC/SC

All Time Country Age (Individual or Club relay) LC/SC

All Comers WA Open (Individual, State and Club relay) LC/SC

All Comers WA Age (Individual, State and Club relay) LC/SC

Residential WA Open (Individual, State and Club relay) LC/SC

Residential WA Age (Individual, State and Club relay) LC/SC

Residential WA Country Open (Individual or Club relay) LC/SC

Residential WA Country Age (Individual or Club relay) LC/SC

If a swimmer or team wishes to ensure a record attempt is noted, a Record Application Form must be completed. This is essential in meets where no age categories apply and is advisable where a swimmer competing outside his/her own age group.

Records at intermediate events may be claimed (e.g. first 100m in a 200m event, 800m in a 1500m event, etc.) providing approved Automatic Officiating Equipment records the intermediate distance. Such swimmer must complete the scheduled distance of the event and achieve the qualifying time, if any, for the event and is not subsequently disqualified.

Records may be awarded to the first swimmer in a Relay, providing the said swimmer completes the distance in accordance with the rules, such performance shall not be nullified by any subsequent disqualification of the relay team or team Members for a violation occurring after the first swimmers distance is completed.

Automatic Records are recognised:

- Where a record is set in the swimmer's own age group.
- Where a record is set for an age group and is better than any age group.
- Where a swimmer breaks the record in an event above his/her age, they shall be entitled to the record for each subsequent age group above where the recorded time is faster than the current Record.

A swimmer shall be granted the record of their own age if, in an event above their own age, they break the said age group Record.

Matrix for Multi-Class Records for SWA.

Please note:

3 Record Categories to be catered for, 1. All Comers WA State, 2. All Time WA State and 3. Residential WA State.

Competitors can only break records within their own Age Group and Open.

All records available to both Male and Female, and Long Course and Short Course with the exception of 100m Ind Medley, SC only

		Open	18yrs	17yrs	16yrs	15yrs	14yrs	13yrs	12yrs/Un
50m Freestyle	S1-S10 Functional	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16
100m Freestyle	S1-S10 Functional	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16
200m Freestyle	S1-S10 Functional	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16
400m Freestyle	S1-S10 Functional	S6-S10	S6-S10	S6-S10	S6-S10	S6-S10	S6-S10	S6-S10	S6-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16
800m Freestyle	S1-S10 Functional	S6-S10							
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13							
	S14 Intellectual	S14							
	S15 Deaf	S15							
	S16 Transplant	S16							
1500m Freestyle	S1-S10 Functional	S7-S10							
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13							
	S14 Intellectual	S14							
	S15 Deaf	S15							
	S16 Transplant								
50m Backstroke	S1-S10 Functional	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13

	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16
100m Backstroke	S1-S10 Functional	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16
200m Backstroke	S1-S10 Functional	S6-S10							
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13							
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant								
50m Butterfly	S1-S10 Functional	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10	S1-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16
100m Butterfly	S1-S10 Functional	S5-S10	S5-S10	S5-S10	S5-S10	S5-S10	S5-S10	S5-S10	S5-S10
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13	S11-S13
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16	S16		
200m Butterfly	S1-S10 Functional	S8-S10							
	S11-S13 Blind	S11-S13							
	S14 Intellectual	S14	S14	S14	S14	S14			
	S15 Deaf	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15	S15
	S16 Transplant								
50m Breaststroke	SB1-SB9 Functional	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9
	SB11-SB13 Blind	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13
	SB14 Intellectual	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14
	SB15 Deaf	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15
	SB16 Transplant	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16
100m Breaststroke	SB1-SB9 Functional	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9	SB1-SB9
	SB11-SB13 Blind	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13
	SB14 Intellectual	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14
	SB15 Deaf	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15
	SB16 Transplant	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16	SB16

200m Breaststroke	SB1-SB9 Functional	SB4-SB9							
	SB11-SB13 Blind	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13	SB11-SB13
	SB14 Intellectual	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14	SB14		
	SB15 Deaf	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15	SB15		
	SB16 Transplant								
100m Individual Medley	SM1-SM10 Functional	SM1-SM10	SM1-SM10	SM1-SM10	SM1-SM10	SM1-SM10	SM1-SM10	SM1-SM10	SM1-SM10
Short Course Only	SM11-SM13 Blind	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13
	SM14 Intellectual	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14
	SM15 Deaf	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15
	SM16 Transplant	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16
200m Individual Medley	SM1-SM10 Functional	SM3-SM10	SM3-SM10	SM3-SM10	SM3-SM10	SM3-SM10	SM3-SM10	SM3-SM10	SM3-SM10
	SM11-SM13 Blind	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13	SM11- SM13
	SM14 Intellectual	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14
	SM15 Deaf	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15
	SM16 Transplant	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16	SM16
400m Individual Medley	SM1-SM10 Functional	SM8-SM10							
	SM11-SM13 Blind	SM11- SM13							
	SM14 Intellectual	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14	SM14			
	SM15 Deaf	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15	SM15			
	SM16 Transplant								

## Appendix 2: Penalty Table

Action	Consequence	Actioned by
<b>Protest</b>	\$100 (refunded if successful)	Hosting entity
<b>Early opening of Sanctioned competition</b>	Additional volunteer duties at the next Swimming WA Championships	Swimming WA
<b>Club Premierships Non-attendance</b>	Automatic Relegation + 50% of competition fee	Swimming WA
<b>Country Pennants Non-attendance</b>	Automatic Relegation	Swimming WA



## Appendix 3: Club Premierships

Club Premierships is an annual competition that creates meaningful competition between clubs within the metropolitan area, as defined by the Membership Policy.

### Eligibility

All entrants must be financial Annual, Junior Dolphin, or Participation members of SWA.

### Entrants

All Divisions:

8-year-old swimmers are eligible to swim in 9 years and under 50m Free, 50m Backstroke, and 50m Breaststroke, and the "10 and under relays" only.

Points awarded for placings: Individual: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 - Relays: 20, 16, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

An additional "supporters/officials/parents/coaches/alumni" 4x50m freestyle relay will be included. Worth 5 "participation points" to the overall club point score regardless of finishing place.

The relay team to be made up of supporters, officials, parents, coaches, or alumni of the club.

Participants can only swim for 1 team over the premierships grades.

Division specific requirements:

A Division: Each club must compete in a minimum of 36 individual events and 10 relay events. Swimmers can compete in a maximum of 2 individual events and any number of relays.

B Division: Each club must compete in a minimum of 30 individual events and 8 relay events. Swimmers can compete in a maximum of 2 individual events and any number of relays.

C & D Division: Swimmers can compete in a maximum of 2 individual events in their age group and another 2 in older age groups.

A & B Division 10x50m Freestyle relay: Teams must have 1 boy and 1 girl in each of the following age groups: "8-9 years", "9-11 Years", "9-13 years", "9-15 years" and "Open".

C & D Division: Mixed Relay must consist of 2 male and 2 female swimmers.

### Rules

The Rules will be in line with the Competition Policy.

### Grading

The two lowest-scoring clubs in each division will be relegated to the lower division in the following competition year.

The two highest-scoring clubs in each division will be promoted to the higher division in the following competition year.

Non-attendance to Club Premiership by any metropolitan club will see the club automatically relegated to the lower division the following competition year, and still be required to pay 50% of the fee to attend Club Premierships.

Clubs who do not attend Club Premierships during two (2) consecutive years will be relegated to the lowest division, and still be required to pay 50% of the competition fee

New Member Clubs entering into the Club Premierships will begin in the lowest division.

### **March Past**

A March Past will be conducted before each division meet and conducted following the Competition Information.

## Appendix 4: Country Pennants Rules

The purpose of this annual competition is to create meaningful competition between regional clubs in regional facilities of WA.

### Hosting Responsibilities

Country Pennants will be conducted on a rotating basis around the WA Regions. The roster of the region is as follows:

Midwest

Great Southern

Gascoyne

Wheatbelt

Southwest

Pilbara/Kimberley

SWA will request nominations from the region's affiliated swimming clubs. The call for nominations will occur in January two (2) years in advance. The nominations form will be determined by SWA & a panel consisting of four (4), one of which must be from regional WA and include no less than two (2) SWA staff.

### Competitor Eligibility

All entrants must be financial following the current SWA membership categories. Country Pennants is for members of Regional Swimming Clubs. A Regional Swimming Club is defined within the SWA Membership Policy.

First & Second Claim members are eligible to enter the event.

### Entrants

All Divisions:

8-year-old swimmers are eligible to swim in 9 years and under 50m Free, 50m Backstroke, and 50m Breaststroke, and the "10 and under relays" only.

The term 'Open' for this event means any swimmers aged nine (9) years and above.

All competitors must be provided to the hosting club, as part of the event entry process, no less than 14 days before the first day of competition.

All competitors must not be listed for more than four (4) individual events but can be listed as reserves for all events they meet the eligibility by swimming age, although they may only compete 4 individual events (so if swum as a reserve they must forfeit or be replaced by a listed reserve for another event they have been listed to swim)

Only one swimmer per club can compete in each individual event (including swimmers with disability).

No limitation will be placed on swimmers in competing in relays if they meet the age qualifications.

Swimmers for relays must be named at the time of event entry.

Only one (1) relay team per club in each relay event.

Swimmers who are found to not be SWA Members and swim in events, swim in the wrong age group, or bring the competition into disrepute the club will lose all points gained for that event.

Reserves:

Clubs may nominate -

Two (2) reserves for individual events

Two (2) reserves for freestyle relays

Four (4) reserves for medley relays

All reserves listed above need to be listed at the time of event entry (as alternate swimmers) for each event they could be substituted to compete in (as per entry instructions provided to clubs once the club nomination and grading process has been completed).

Nominated reserves for individual events may be substituted up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the events. Scratching sheets must be handed to the scratching table within the time limit of the scheduled start time.

### **Club Application**

A minimum of ten (10) swimmers constitute a team.

If a club cannot commit to minimum swimmer numbers, the club can apply to SWA for approval of Voluntary Amalgamation via the method determined by SWA.

At the time of application into Country Pennants, a non-refundable deposit will be supplied to the hosting club. This fee will form part of the total event entry fee (reducing the final entry fees payable on submission of entries).

Clubs who do not attend for any reason will forfeit their nomination fee to the hosting club.

All clubs must provide officials on a pro-rata basis to assist with the running of the competition.

One (1) official for every ten (10) swimmers.

Clubs shall advise the host club of the officials at the time of nominating swimmers. SWA will confirm their accreditation & membership.

If a club is unable to provide their pro-rata officials, they will inform the hosting club with alternative volunteer assistance. An example is additional timekeeping duties, runners, and medals.

### **Amalgamation & Voluntary Amalgamation**

Clubs can amalgamate to form a combined team. Amalgamation shall be required by SWA in consultation with

the hosting club. The decision will be subject to the below criteria.

The clubs in their own right are unable to field a team of at least ten (10) swimmers.

Application for amalgamation is made in writing with supporting documentation before 30 November in the year preceding the event.

Successful amalgamation approvals are not guaranteed for the next competition year.

In the event of lane adjustment according to the capacity of the host venue, (for example, accommodating entries from an eight (8) lane pool to a six (6) lane pool) amalgamation of clubs may be required. This will be at the discretion of SWA in consultation with the hosting club.

### **Second and/or Additional Teams**

Clubs may field a second team in the competition at the discretion of Swimming WA with assistance from the hosting club. Such teams shall be subject to the following:

- Inclusion in any year shall be subject to lane availability after all first Club team applications are placed.
- Second teams shall be classed as an individual team and as such, are required to meet all the requirements of Regional Clubs.
- Consideration by Swimming WA and the hosting club will include, but not be limited to, the priority for the hosting club to enter a second team, and the appropriate grade for the requesting second team.
- Nominations for a second team to re-enter in the designated grade in subsequent years is not guaranteed.

### **Program of events**

Day one: medley relays followed by individual breaststroke & freestyle events.

Day two: individual butterfly and backstroke events followed by freestyle relays

Hosting clubs can apply in writing to adjust the program of events to Swimming WA. This request should include the rationale to adjust the program, as example; outdoor facility backstroke events in afternoon swimmers will be facing directly into the sun.

Multi-Class events will be 50metres girls & boys in all four (4) strokes. MC swimmers can compete in either able-bodied or MC events but cannot swim more than four (4) individual events. MC swimmers can be included in their club relay teams.

Mixed Relays will be listed in the program. Combinations of relay teams can be;

Two (2) male & two (2) female

One (1) male & three (3) female

Three (3) male & one (1) female

Points will be awarded as per below.

6 lane pool – individual, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3

Relay, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4

8 lane pool – individual, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Relay, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2

### **Rules**

The Rules will be in line with the Competition Policy.

The Country Pennants Guidelines for Host Clubs also form part of the rules.

### **Awards**

Pennants shall be awarded each year to the Club earning the highest combined points in each grade. All Clubs shall be graded in order of both individual and relay events in each grade.

A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Club gaining the highest points for relay events in each grade. A replica trophy shall be awarded to the recipients.

Country Pennant Perpetual Trophies shall be awarded to the male and female competitors attaining times closest to or better than, the best time set by a Western Australian swimmer for (a) 50 metre event and (b) 100 metre events. The records used shall be the Western Australian Residential Record. A replica trophy shall be awarded to recipients.

Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters in every event. For MC Events medals will be awarded based on the recognised points system.

### **Grading**

The lowest-scoring club in each division will be relegated to the lower division in the following competition year.

The highest-scoring club in each division will be promoted to the higher division in the following competition year.

Non-attendance to Country Pennants by any regional club will see the club automatically relegated to the lower division the following competition year.

New Member Clubs entering into the Country Pennants will begin in the lowest division.

Clubs who do not attend Country Pennants for two (2) consecutive years will be relegated to the lowest division.

### **Disqualification & Protests**

Will be in alignment with the SWA Competition Policy.

### **March Past**

A March Past will be conducted before the meet and conducted following the Competition Information.

## Appendix 5: Protest Form

Please complete using BLOCK LETTERS

To be submitted to the Referee, by the responsible team leader, together with \$100.  
Form must be submitted within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective competition.

Event No.	Event	Male	Female
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Reason(s):**

Team Manager

Athlete Name

Team Manager

Club Name

Date

Time of Delivery

**SWA Use Only**

Received by SWA Meet Director

Signature

Protest Deposit Amount Received

**Referees Consideration:**  **Protest Upheld**  
 **Protest Rejected**

**Reason(s):**

Referee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Received by SWA Meet \_\_\_\_\_

Decision Accepted:  Yes  
 No

Team Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Jury of Appeal Decision \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Jury of Appeal Signature \_\_\_\_\_