

# Memorandum

**To:** SWA Club Presidents, Secretaries and Coaches

**From:** Carolyn Morrison General Manager Performance and People

**Subject:** SWA Competition and Planning Committee August Meeting Outcomes

**Date:** Thursday 17 October 2019

Good morning Members,

The Swimming WA Competition and Planning Committee (CPC) met on Thursday 10 October. This Memorandum conveys some of the key outcomes from that meeting that the Association wishes the Membership to be aware of;

In summary, the Committee addressed the following key points:

## a) Club Premierships Update

The Committee determined that the following changes would take effect for the 2020 Club Premierships

- 8-Year-olds are now eligible to compete in 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke events in the 9/U category, as well as the 10/U relay events.
- B, C and D Division would all be held on Saturday 29 February. A Division would remain on the Friday night (28 February). This change was made so Meets were not held in the middle of the long weekend (i.e. Sunday morning), in the hope that more Members were available for Club to select.
- C and D Division Clubs are able to enter Members in two individual events in their own age group and an additional two events in an older age group. This allows Clubs with lower Membership more opportunity to fill a team and participate in the event.
- The relay age groups would be changed to assist Clubs with filling relay teams. The relay age groups will be 10/U, 12/U, 14/U, 16/U and Open.

In addition, the Division listing and lane allocations for 2020 Club Premierships are as follows;

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
1. Arena	1. Kwinana	1. Newman Churchlands	2. Armadale Kelmscott
2. Guildford and Kalamunda	2. Riverton Aquanauts	2. Western Sprint	3. Kingsway
3. Breakers	3. Westside Christchurch	3. Riverside	4. Aqua Jets
4. UWA West Coast	4. Tuart Hill	4. Central Aquatic	5. Aqua Attack
5. St Hildas	5. South Lake Dolphins	5. Thornlie	6. Fremantle Port
6. Southside Penrhos Wesley	6. All Saints	6. Lesmurdie Legends	
7. South Shore	7. Perth City	7. North Coast	
8. Rockingham	8. Vic Park		

## b) Country Pennants Update

The Committee determined that the following changes would take effect for the 2020 Country Pennants

- 8-Year-olds are now eligible to compete in 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke events in the 9 years age category, as well as the 10/U relay events.

## c) Swimming WA Meet – 22 March 2020

SWA and the Competition Planning Committee are in the process of establishing a Club based competitive event for 22 March 2020. This Meet is aimed at being fast paced and high intensity to create a fun environment, with cash prizes up for grabs for Clubs, as well as individual prizes for swimmers.

SWA will look to implement a points system making it fair for Clubs of all sizes to have an opportunity to rally the team and win. Stay tuned for future updates.

## d) Schedule of events at Swimming WA Qualifying Meets

Swimming WA will now offer a Mixed 800m and 1500m Freestyle at the upcoming SunSmart Long Course Qualifying Meet 30 Nov – 1 Dec 2019.

Due to overcrowding in the marshalling area at recent winter SWA Qualifying Meets, morning junior events will revert back to single gender events rather than mixed. Going forward Swimming WA will now look to implement separating genders in Junior events at the qualifying meets throughout the winter season.

## e) Age Eligibility at State Open Championships

An update has been made to the Swimming WA Bylaws that the minimum ages a swimmer can be to compete at State Open Championships will be 13 for Female and 14 for Male, regardless of if a younger swimmer reaches the Open Qualifying time.

## f) National and Interstate Entries

Swimming Australia will be working with MySwimResults to take entries for all upcoming national events prior to the Swim Central implementation. If a swimmer wishes to compete in an interstate pool or open water event they will need to contact the State Association to organise a manual entry which Swimming WA can assist with.

## g) Asia-Pac Super Splash Price Review

After careful consideration, SWA have decided to offer an additional competition package for the Asia-Pac Super Splash to provide choice in the entry process and make it as attractive as possible for local members to enter.

Western Australian competitors will now be able to choose between the previously advertised Premium package or the **new** General Package option priced at \$75 (GST inc) which caters for swimmers not seeking special 'add ons'. The Premium Package include eight entries plus relays as well as an official Asia-Pac Super Splash T-shirt, Swimming Cap and Mesh Bag, venue entry and a programme, representing excellent value.

Members choosing the General Package will be able to purchase 'add ons' separately in the lead up to the event.

The Committee always endeavors to act with the best interest of all Members in mind and some decisions made will not always suit everyone. I thank you for working together with Swimming WA to provide the best competition structure for our swimmers.

Please share this information with your Club Members. Should you have any questions, please contact Brighton Pass on (08) 9328 4599. Please refer to the Swimming WA website for an electronic copy of this memo.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morrison".

**Carolyn Morrison**

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