

# POL. 008 Members Competing Interstate

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## 1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the policy process and procedures for interstate competitions.

## 2.0 Policy

Swimming WA recognises that, from time to time for a variety of reasons, some members may wish to travel interstate to compete in swimming competitions.

This policy is aimed at providing Swimming WA members with the best possible competition opportunities regardless of their geographical location or socio-economic status and to also ensure that members are safe and are covered by the sports insurance policies whilst travelling interstate.

Individual Members or clubs proposing to compete interstate must apply for the approval of Swimming WA at least two weeks prior to the date of the meet unless an exemption is required. If the membership of the individual can be verified as a current member of Swimming WA in good standing, no reasonable request for Clearance will be denied with the exception of a clash with State Championship events. To retain the integrity and quality of competition in Western Australia, all athletes must be available to compete at the following competitions:

- Swimming WA Hancock Prospecting State Age & Open Long Course Championships
- Swimming WA Hancock Prospecting State Age & Open Short Course Championships
- Swimming WA State Open Water Championships (for OWS athletes)
- Swimming WA Country Championships (applicable to regional members/clubs only)

If a member wishes to seek exemption to the no-clearance during a Championships clause above, the individual or club must make an application to Swimming WA no less than six weeks prior to the commencement of the intended clearance period.

Penalties will apply where athletes breach the above without appropriate clearance.

Once the clearance has been approved Swimming WA will advise the host Club/State/Area to this effect. Where a clearance request is denied, the decision is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.

NOTE: Swimming Australia has Policies governing the clearance of a swimmer(s) who wish to compete overseas and you should consult the Swimming Australia website to ensure you meet their requirements before you make arrangements to compete overseas.

## 3.0 Process

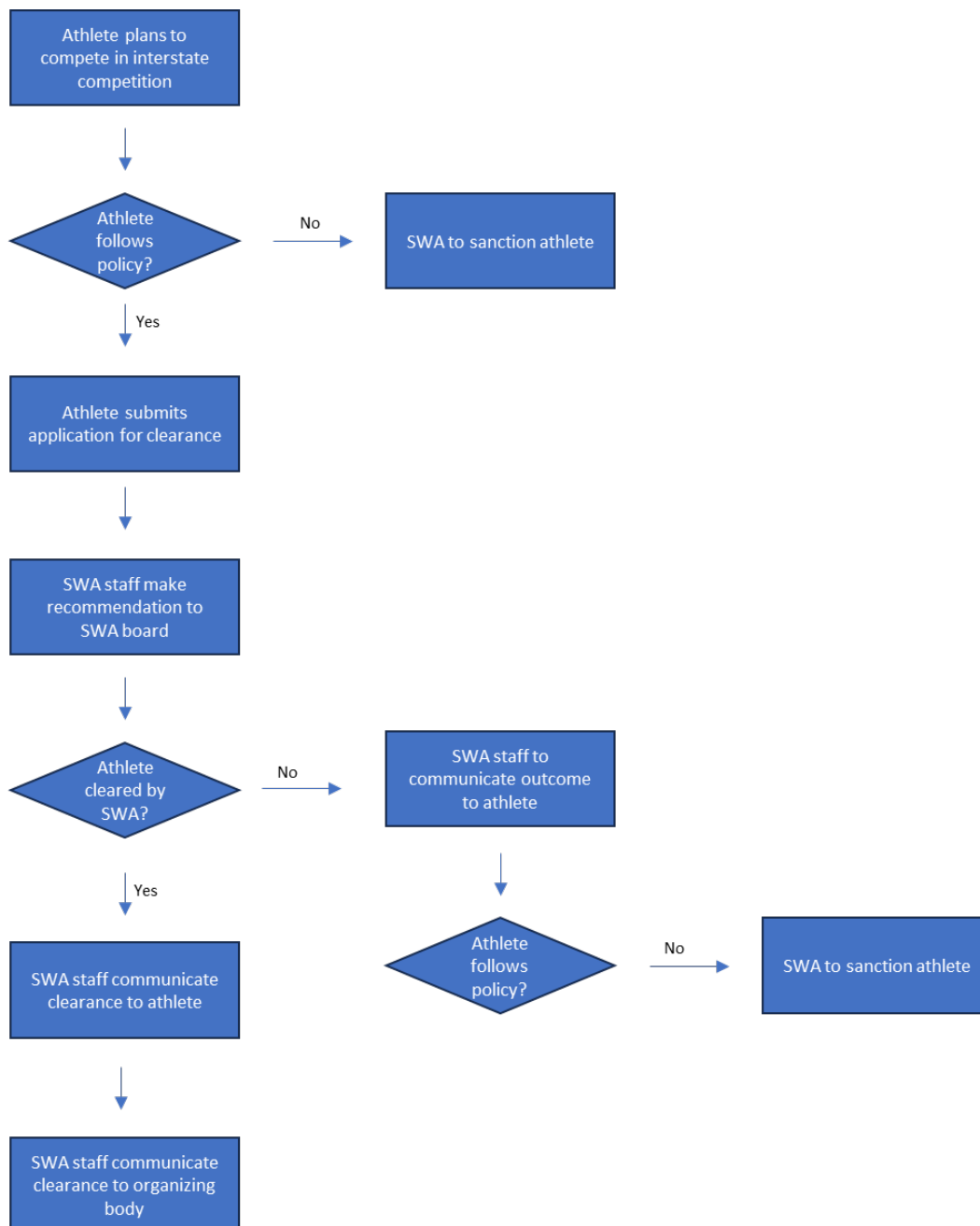
Appendix 1 details the athlete process to gain Interstate Clearance.

Applications for Interstate Clearance, where availability to participate in a State Championship may be compromised, will take up to four weeks for an outcome to be communicated to the athlete.

Completion of an application form online can be found at the link below:

<https://swimmingwa.forms.app/hpwachampsclearance>

#### 4.0 Appendix 1 – Graphical representation of the process for an exemption to the no-clearance clause



## Review History of Document

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