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Round 5, Open Water Swimming Series State Championships at Champion Lakes

The very best of open water swimming in Western Australia will be battling to claim the State Title in their respective age categories this Saturday 22 December 2018 at Champion Lakes.

The Round is the ultimate event of the Open Water Swimming Series for Western Australia's competitive swimmers. Some will use this event to qualify for the Australian Open Water Swimming Championships, which will be conducted from 26-28 January 2019 in Adelaide, South Australia.

Swimmers who have already qualified for the National Event will be looking to perfect their race skills and strategies this Saturday morning. The action kicks off at 8.00am with the 5km, 7.5km and 10km distances being contested during the morning.

Veteran Open Water Swimming athlete and OWS Series Ambassador, Simon Huitenga said,

“With summer in full swing, the State Open Water Swimming Championships is an excellent event to welcome in the Christmas break and Champion Lakes is great venue to race for those hard-to-get qualifying times. With full race distances on offer, public and State Championship competitors' racing, there will be plenty of action on the day for both swimmers and spectators!”

Notable swimmers to keep an eye out for:

Men

- Simon Huitenga
- Rhys Mainstone
- Will Rollo
- Nic Rollo
- Reilly Kennedy

Women

- Chloe Green
- Rebekah Weller
- Jamie Bowler
- Sasha Downing
- Tessa Viljoen

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Novice swimmers can also participate alongside competitive swimmers across a variety of distances (2.5km, 5km and 10km events), meeting the needs of all ages and fitness levels. The event at Champion Lakes, which hosted the Australian Open Water Championships in 2012, will be a great opportunity for new swimmers to experience competing in an open water event away from the pool and beach.

This is Round 5 of the Summer OWS Series, with events at Leighton, Busselton, Coogee and Rockingham having already attracting record numbers. Thanks to presenting partner The West Australian Newspapers and support from SunSmart, Optus, Aussie Natural Spring Water, Nova 93.7 and Vorgee, the atmosphere at this year's Open Water Swimming State Championships is sure to be exciting.

For further information about the OWS Series, or to register, visit www.openwaterswimming.com.au.

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