## 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN \& AGE QUALIFYING TIMES AND PROCEDURES

Further instructions outlining how to enter will be provided in the Information Book at a later date.

## AGE

Age for all events is as at 31 December 2024.

## ENTRY FEES

Individual Entry: $\$ 40.00$ per event.
Relay Entry: \$75.00 per event.

## ENTRY LIMITS \& MEDALS

Swimmers can enter either their respective age or open event, but not both.
Swimmers can enter a maximum of 2 individual events and 1 relay.
Medals will be awarded for all Championship events. Where age groups are swum together, medals will be awarded to each age.
Entries close 11:59PM AEDT Tuesday $9^{\text {th }}$ January, 2024. Entry times must be achieved before the entry closing date. Times swum after this date will not be accepted.

## ENTRY INTO THE 10KM

Swimmers can enter using a 10 km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 10km open water swimming event on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Age swimmers (18 \& 19 years) can enter using a 7.5 km time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 7.5 km open water swimming event on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5 km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5 km open water swimming event on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Swimmers who have not swum a 10 km qualifying time may enter the 10 km using a qualifying time for any stroke or distance for the 2024 Australian Swimming Championships provided the time was achieved on or after 1 January 2023.

- Where swimmers age up for the 2024 Australian Open Water Swimming Championships (as age is taken as at 31 December), they can use the time that would allow them entry into the age group they'll be eligible for at the 2024 Australian Swimming Championships (which is age as at the first day of competition).
- The above clause is only for swimmers who are not entering with a 10km entry time. If you are entering on the basis of your Australian Championships qualification, your Aus Champs QT must meet the Aus Champs QT for the age you will be at the Aus Champs. You will still compete at Open Water as your age as at 31 December 2024.
- Swimmers wishing to enter the open event, must achieve an open qualifying time for the 2024 Australian Swimming Championships.

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## ENTRY INTO THE 7.5KM (16 \& 17 YEARS)

Swimmers can enter using a 7.5 km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 7.5 km open water swimming event on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5 km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5 km open water swimming event on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5 km pool time, provided the time was achieved at an approved 5 km time trial on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Swimmers who have not swum a 7.5 km qualifying time may enter the 7.5 km using a qualifying time for any stroke or distance for the 2024 Australian Swimming Championships or 2024 Australian Age Swimming Championships, provided the time was achieved on or after 1 January 2023.

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- The above clause is only for swimmers who are not entering with a 7.5 km entry time. If you are entering on the basis of your Australian Championships or Age Championships QT, your Aus Champs or Age Champs QT must meet the Aus Champs QT or Age Champs QT for the age you will be at the Aus Champs or the Age Champs. You will still compete at Open Water as your age as at 31 December 2024.


## ENTRY INTO THE 5KM

Swimmers can enter using a 5 km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5 km open water swimming event on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5 km pool qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at an approved 5 km time trial on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Swimmers who have not swum a 5 km qualifying time may enter the 5 km using a qualifying time for any stroke or distance for the 2024 Australian Swimming Championships or 2024 Australian Age Swimming Championships, provided the time was achieved on or after 1 January 2023.

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- The above clause is only for swimmers who are not entering with a $\mathbf{5 k m}$ entry time. If you are entering on the basis of your Australian Championships or Age Championships QT, your Aus Champs or Age Champs QT must meet the Aus Champs QT or Age Champs QT for the age you will be at the Aus Champs or the Age Champs. You will still compete at Open Water as your age as at 31 December 2024.
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## ENTRY INTO THE MULTI-CLASS 5KM

Multi-class swimmers can enter using a 5 km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5 km open water swimming event on or after 1 October 2022; OR

Multi-class swimmers can enter using a 5 km pool qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at an approved 5km time trial on or after 1 October 2022.

## MIXED GENDER RELAYS

The mixed gender relay events are staged as a typical relay, a gender mix of two males \& two females is required. The course in total is 6 km with each swimmer covering 1.5 km (i.e., $4 \times 1.5 \mathrm{~km}$ ).

All four swimmers must be from the same club. This event is limited to 14-15 years and open age.

## CRITERIA FOR AN APPROVED OPEN WATER TIME

Open water times must be achieved at an approved open water swimming event.

## CRITERIA FOR TIMES ACHIEVED IN SWIMMING WA OPEN WATER SERIES EVENTS WITH A BEACH FINISH

Due to extra distance swum for beach finishes achieved in Western Australia as part of the Swimming WA OW Series, 1 minute will be removed from your finish time to ascertain a distance appropriate Qualifying Time.

## CRITERIA FOR AN APPROVED 5KM POOL TIME TRIAL

To achieve an approved 5 km pool time trial a swimmer must swim a continuous 5 km swim in a 50 m long course pool under the designated pool qualifying time.

The swim must have an official Starter and Referee present to sign off on the result.

Time trial information for the claimed performance (date, location, name of swimmer and club) as well as the contact details for the swimmers' home coach must then be submitted to Swimming Australia via email events@swimming.org.au

## CRITERIA FOR A POOL QUALIFYING TIME

Pool times must be achieved at a recognised event, in a 50 m pool, using electronic timing.

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## AGE QUALIFYING TIMES

| BOYS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AGE \& EVENT | Open Water 5km Time | Pool 5km Time | Open Water 7.5 km Time | Open Water 10km Time |
| 18 \& 19 Years 10km | 1 Hour 4 Min | 1 Hour | 1 Hour 40 Min | 2 Hours 15 Min |
| 18 \& 19 Years 5km |  |  |  |  |
| 16 \& 17 Years 7.5km | 1 Hour 7 Min | 1 Hour 4 Min | 1 Hour 50 Min |  |
| 16 \& 17 Years 5km |  |  |  |  |
| 14 \& 15 Years 5km | 1 Hour 11 Min | 1 Hour 8 Min |  |  |


| GIRLS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AGE \& EVENT | Open Water 5km Time | Pool 5km Time | Open Water 7.5 km Time | Open Water 10km Time |
| 18 \& 19 Years 10km | 1 Hour 10 Min | 1 Hour 5 Min | 1 Hour 47 Min | 2 Hours 25 Min |
| 18 \& 19 Years 5km |  |  |  |  |
| 16 \& 17 Years 7.5km | 1 Hour 12 Min | 1 Hour 9 Min | 1 Hour 55 Min |  |
| 16 \& 17 Years 5km |  |  |  |  |
| 14 \& 15 Years 5km | 1 Hour 16 Min | 1 Hour 13 Min |  |  |

## OPEN QUALIFYING TIMES

| MEN | 5KM |  | 10KM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Open Water | Pool 5km Time | Open Water |
|  | 1 Hour 4 Min | 1 Hour | 2 Hours 10 Min |
| MULTI-CLASS | 1 Hour 20 Min | 1 Hour 17 Min |  |
| WOMEN | 5 KM |  | 10KM |
| 1 Hour 10 Min |  |  |  |
| MULTI-CLASS | 1 Hour 5 Min | 2 Hours 20 Min |  |

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