



EVENT INFORMATION BOOK

2023 South Australian Country Championships

Thursday 5 – Sunday 8 January 2023

**Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre,
7 Margaret Street, Mount Gambier SA 5290**

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1. Key Personnel

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2. Event Details

The 2023 South Australian Country Swimming Championships is one of three flagship events on the SwimmingSA calendar. This event will be held at Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre in the South Australian South East area over four days, with the first day of competition beginning with the Superfish Carnival. It is expected that 400+ athletes will compete at this event from regional South Australia as well as interstate visitors.

3. Event Operating Hours

Pre-Meet Training: Will be conducted on Wednesday 4th January 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm (both pools - 8 lanes in each) and Thursday 5th January 2023 from 9:00am to 11:00am (both pools – 8 lanes outdoor pool and Lanes 1-3 indoor pool). Bookings required for Wednesday 4th January – book via swim central. [Click Here](#)

Club packages collection date/time: Thursday 5th January 2023 during pre-meet training.

Accreditation & Ticketing Help Booth: Open daily during the championships from 7:15am & 3:15pm daily.

4. By-Laws

This event is conducted under the SwimmingSA Swimming Rules and Event By-Laws.

To view these documents please [Click Here](#).

Note the by-laws may be modified as necessary to ensure a COVID Safe Environment.

Please read this event information guide in conjunction with the by-laws.

5. Program of Events & Qualifying Times

The 2023 South Australian Country Swimming Championships is a combination of age and open championships. This is a championship meet under the performance strand of the South Australian competition structure.

Qualifying times apply to this event and must have been achieved since the 1/10/2020.

Long Course and Short Course times are accepted.

[Click Here](#) to view the Program of Events and Qualifying Times.

All swimmers must compete in the heats and achieve the championship event qualifying time to compete in a final.

6. Individual Entries

All individual and relay team entries must be lodged through Swim Central – [Click Here](#) to enter
Entries close 9:00am Wednesday 14th December 2022.

Swimmers who achieve a new qualifying time for events at the Christmas Cracker meet will be able to enter these events at the championships. Entries for these events will open at 10pm on Sunday 18th December 2022 and close 9am Tuesday Monday 21st December 2022. Entries through Swim Central.

7. Relay Entries

Maximum 2 teams per event per club. Maximum 2 teams per event per district.

Swimmers may only swim for their Club once in any relay event designated as Open. In addition a swimmer may also only swim in one age category in any freestyle or medley relay event designated with an age group.

Relay Event By-Laws – [Click Here](#)

A list of swimmers (minimum of four and up to eight) intending to swim in relays must be provided at the time of nominations. All relay nominations are to be submitted via Swim Central. How to enter a relay team – [Click Here](#). **Entries close 9:00am Wednesday 14th December 2022** - [Click Here](#) to enter.

8. Multi-Class Relays

Multi-Class relays will be open to any swimmer with a current classification.

Relay teams will be selected by SwimmingSA after the close of Entries.

9. Timelines

All session timelines are provided as a guide only and can change.

Any major revisions to the timeline will be provided at the Team Managers meeting daily.

Times Line will be available after entries close on the website

10. Ticketing

**All spectators must pre-purchase a ticket to enter the venue.
THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AT THE GATE.**

Tickets must be purchased through Swim Central.

[Click Here](#) to purchase tickets

Attendees do not need to print your ticket. You will be asked to scan your QR code or provide your name upon entry to the venue.

11. Accreditation

A photo accreditation system will be implemented by SwimmingSA to provide access control at the 2023 South Australian Country Swimming Championships. All coaches, athletes, team supports, sport science, event management, media, volunteers, and technical officials must wear their accreditation in a visible position whilst inside the venue. **Accreditations will be collected by your club in their Club Pack.**

12. Accreditation Nomination Process

This procedure should be read in conjunction with the Team Managers, Pool Deck Access & Sports Science Policies – [Click Here](#) for Policy information. To ensure that all personnel attending the event are issued with the appropriate pass please ensure you nominate via Swim Central. [Click Here](#) to nominate.

Note: Athletes do not need to apply for accreditation

Accreditation Nominations

- **For Coaches and Team Support close 9am 15th December 2022**
- **For Technical and Volunteer Officials close 9am 20th December 2022**

For Team Support – Nominations are accepted from clubs as per the following ratio:

No. of Competitors	Max numbers of team managers/support allowed per session
20 or less	1
21-40	2
41-60	3
61+	4

Any club found to be exceeding their quota will be required to withdraw additional applications.

For Technical and Volunteer Officials

This nomination includes nominating for your official positions. Your accreditation pass replaces your officials' ticket.

For Coaches and Assistant Coaches

All accredited coaches and assistant coaches are permitted to attend the Championships. They must nominate through Swim Central and must wear their accreditation at all times.

It is the responsibility of the club to ensure any application stating affiliation to their club is in fact an approved representative with the appropriate background checks in place.

13. Late Applications and Lost Accreditations

Accreditation applications which are submitted late are subject to approval by SwimmingSA and will be charged at a cost of \$50.00. Should you lose or misplace your accreditation pass, replacement passes are available for purchase at \$25.00 per pass. \$15.00 of this amount will be refunded if the lost or misplaced accreditation is found and returned to event entry.

14. Accreditation Access Categories and Areas

Access Category	Access Areas
Athletes	All competition areas including field of play for duration of event
Technical Officials & Event Volunteers	All competition and event administration areas on the day/s that you are rostered to officiate/volunteer only
Coaches & Assistant Coaches	Warm-up pool, event corridor, viewing platforms (no access to field of play or event administration/control areas unless otherwise specified) for duration of event
Team Support	Warm-up pool, event corridor (no access to field of play or event administration areas unless otherwise specified) on the day/s that you are registered for only – clubs must not exceed quota.
Executive VIP	All areas excluding field of play for duration of event unless otherwise specified on accreditation pass.
Production, Staff, & Contractors	All areas for duration of event unless otherwise specified on accreditation pass.

Your accreditation pass allows you free entry into the venue only on the days specified on your pass.

WITHOUT YOUR ACCREDITATION PASS YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE ACCREDITED AREAS

15. Working With Children Check

All persons applying for event accreditation (excluding athletes and those aged under 14) must hold a current Working With Children Check which may be in the form of a DCSI or DHS Clearance. [Note: Police Clearances and teacher registrations are no longer legally acceptable forms of evidence of your WWCC status.](#)

Your WWCC must be loaded to your Swim Central Profile and must be valid at the time of the meet.

[Click Here to purchase Spectators Tickets](#)

16. Club Packages

Each club must collect their club package which contains their club's allocation of programs, accreditation passes for athletes, coaches and team support, relay confirmation sheets and other event notices. These can be collected by an authorised club representative from the Accreditation Booth at the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre during the business hours of 9am – 5pm the day prior to the meet or on the first day of competition.

17. Officiating

All officials must nominate on Swim Central – See accreditation Information above or [nominate here](#)

Officials Briefing is 30mins prior to the start of each session in marshalling tent – please ensure you are on time for the briefing. As some procedural changes are in place during COVID for officials.

[Click Here](#) to view Officials Roster & Allocations when available

18. Venue Parking & Traffic Management

Due to this event falling during South Australian School Holidays, the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre will be extremely busy during all days of this event. Please ensure you follow all parking signs and directions as the venue. There is parking on both sides of the venue in carparks and on the street.

O'Halloran Tce



Approx 65 parking spaces in O'Halloran Tce Car park

Approx 200 parking spaces in Margaret St Car park

Disability access car parking in Margaret ST car park

Margaret St

19. Venue Access Information

Two entrances will be provided to the venue.

Please ensure you take your time and be polite to volunteers and security when entering the venue. Coaches & Swimmers with accreditation will be provided access to the venue via the main entrance. Spectators will be provided access to the venue via the side gate. Please have your ticket ready to scan to speed up the entry process.

See map below



20. Pre-Meet Training

Pre-Meet Training will be available at the following times:

- Wednesday 4th January 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
- Thursday 5th January 2023 from 9:00am to 11:00am

Bookings are required for Wednesday 4th January – book via swim central. [Click Here](#)

Bookings close 9am Wednesday 28th December 2022

Clubs will be allocated a training slot/lanes after close of bookings.

Pre-Meet Training Allocations Thursday 5th January 2023

Please see below for your regions allocated pre-meet training time and pool.

50m Pool	25m Pool	50m Pool	25m Pool
9am – 10am	9am – 10am	10am – 11am	10am – 11am
Victoria Mid North	South East Riverland	Broken Hill NSW/ NT	Eastern Districts Eyre / Upper North

21. Warm Up Groups

Swimmers and coaches please note the splash park, learn to swim pool and hydro pool are not available to be used during the event.

Warm Up will take place in the both the 25m and 50m pool on a rotational basis by club.

Please see below for your warm allocation.

Group 1	Group 2
Victoria	South East
Mid North	Eastern Districts
Broken Hill	Eyre / Upper North
NSW / NT	Riverland

Group	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8
Group 1	25m Pool	50m Pool	50m Pool	25m Pool	50m Pool	25m Pool	50m Pool	25m Pool
Group 2	50m Pool	25m Pool	25m Pool	50m Pool	25m Pool	50m Pool	25m Pool	50m Pool

22. Tents, Seating and Overflow Seating

Seating allocation will be available soon

Shade will be provided however clubs are encouraged to bring plenty of shade for poolside.

No pegs allowed please bring weighted anchors or to use the water drums provided for anchors to secure.

Please complete the online form to notify the organisers of your intent to bring a tent: [Click Here](#)

23. Marshalling and Withdrawals

Please ensure swimmers are not gathering in the marshalling area until required and ensure they are abiding by Marshals instructions and announcements.

Athletes - Please do not attend marshalling until your event is listed on the marshalling board.

Once in marshalling you **MUST remain in your allocated seat**. Do not leave any personal items in the marshalling you will not be able to retrieve them after your race.

Any competitor who fails to report to the marshalling area at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled time for the start of the session on the day if entered in the first event, or when called to marshalling on the board or by

the announcer they will not be allowed to swim at the discretion of the Referee. All heats in an event (including heat of 800m and 1500m) shall be deemed to be one event for the purpose of this rule.

Intending not swim / No-Show for Timed Finals / Withdrawal process:

- All withdrawals shall be done by the Team Manager in the Marshalling Tent.

Athletes are required to surrender their accreditation pass at Marshalling when checking in. Athlete accreditations will be held by the marshals and check starters until the conclusion of their race where the swimmer will need to collect it from the accreditation table via the competition pool exit point.

24. Meet Programs and Results

Please note to reduce manual handling spectator programs must be **PRE-ORDERED** via Swim Central.

Meet Mobile will be in use for results.

Programs will be available for coaches and team managers in the Club Packs.

25. Awards and Recognition

[Click Here](#) to See Event By-Laws:

- EBL 21 Pointscore & Perpetual Trophies
- EBL 21.13 Perpetual Trophies – Country Championships

26. Swimwear

[Click Here](#) to See Event By-Laws:

- CBL 24 General Swimwear Policy

The Referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any competitor whose swimsuit does not comply with this By-Law. Swimwear is limited to one (1) swimsuit.

27. Strapping and Taping

Swimmers must cover any wounds with waterproof dressing (not band aids) and may after presentation to the Referee of the meet use tape to hold the dressing in place as long as it does not give the swimmer any advantage. Any other strapping must be presented to the Referee who will decide if it gives the swimmer any advantage. Strapping not approved by the Referee is forbidden.

28. Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency at the Wulanda Swimming Pool please listen carefully to announcements and follow the direction of venue staff. The emergency assembly area is located at the far end of the main carpark. the road at the Bowls club.

29. Warm Up Procedures

The following general pool procedure for the 25m and 50m pools are below and must be observed during warm up times:

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| • Lane 1 | MC athletes & Backstroke starts (only at deep end) |
| • Lanes 2 – 7 | Circle swimming lanes (no diving) |
| • Lane 8 | 25m Dive Start, walk back |

30. Medal Presentation Protocols

Medals shall be awarded to the first three placegetters in each event, with gold for first place, silver for second and bronze for third. If equal placing occurs then medals shall be awarded to each equal placing, but the next following medal/s shall be omitted.

Medallists must make their way immediately to the presentation desk at the conclusion of their race. Athletes need to take a club shirt onto pool deck for your race (in case they are medallists). Presentations will occur during racing and during breaks in racing. It is important that all athletes and team managers are vigilant and understand the presentation schedule prior to the session commencing.

The procedure for the presentation ceremony shall be:

- The specified medal presentation music will play for the athletes to walk onto the presentation arena
- Medals are awarded in order of Bronze, Silver, Gold

Competitors must remain in the presentation area for official photos.

31. Team Manger Meetings

It is a requirement that each club have at least one representative at each Team Managers meeting. Meetings will be held at 8:00am each morning and will not be held in the evening unless otherwise called via a venue announcement. If called, an evening meeting will be held at 3:45pm.

32. Behavioural Guidelines

SwimmingSA promotes the Behaviour Guidelines to all people involved in any way with the sport of swimming, particularly those responsible for activities involving members under the age of 18. These guidelines highlight the principle and values of SwimmingSA/Swimming Australia and the core principles of the Member and Child Welfare policies. All persons participating at the 2022 South Australian Country Championships must adhere to the Behavioural Guidelines/Code of Conduct – [Click Here](#) to view.

33. First Aid

Venue staff are trained in first responder care and will be providing general first aid coverage for all people attending the event. St Johns will also be in attendance at the venue.

34. Photography

SwimmingSA has contracted Get Snap as the official photographer for this championship event. Photos will be taken of all medal winners as well as action and environmental shots which will be available online as soon as possible following the competitions.

Should you not wish your photo to be published please email events@sa.swimming.org.au prior to the meet.

35. Team Photography

Clubs will be allocated a time slot for team photo during the weekend after the close of entries.

36. Event Merchandise

Sports Centre is SwimmingSA's official event merchandise supplier and will be at the event during each session of competition with a range of event merchandise for sale/order.

Swimming SA Country Champs 2023 online store is now active. [Click Here](#) to access the store.

37. Swim Shop

SwimmingSA will have a range of swimwear and accessories at the event during each session of competition for you to purchase.

38. Coaching Courses

A The teacher of competitive strokes Course and Development Course will be available at the meet.

Please see registration details on the website.

39. Officials Training

Practical education sessions will be conducted during warm up for the event. Any person interested in learning more about officiating is welcome. Times TBC. Please listen for venue announcements.

40. Country Club Forum

Open to all Country Clubs to send maximum four representatives to attend the club forum on Saturday 7th January at the pool at after the conclusion of heats session.

Registrations essential – Via Swim Central – [Click Here](#)

Registrations Close 9am Thursday 4th January 2022