



EVENT INFORMATION BOOK

2022 South Australian Country Championships

Thursday 6 – Sunday 9 January 2022

**Renmark Swimming Pool
Cnr Fifteenth Street & Cowra St, Renmark SA 5341**

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1. Key Personnel

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2. Event Details

The 2022 South Australian Country Swimming Championships is one of three flagship events on the SwimmingSA calendar. This event will be held at Renmark Swimming Pool in the South Australian Riverland 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 Thursday 6th January 2022. After close of entries clubs will be allocated pre-meet training times to ensure COVID capacity compliance.

Club packages collection date/time: Thursday 6th January 2022 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 2022 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 1/10/2018.

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 9am Wednesday 15th December 2021.

COVID Exemption - 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 19th December 2021 and close 12pm Monday 21st December 2021. 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 9am Wednesday 15th December 2021** - [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.

[View Timelines Here](#)

10. COVID Management Plan

We appreciate your continued assistance with ensuring we are all COVID compliant and Safe.

The 2022 Country Championships will be conducted under a COVID Management Plan.

This Plan is currently under final review by SA Health. Whilst we await the final capacity numbers and health requirements for each area of the venue, we are pleased to provide the following update regarding requirements and spectators.

Venue entry is subject to:

- All person 12yrs + must wear a mask unless eating, drinking or swimming in the pool
- All persons must QR Code in via the SA Gov App
- All persons must be signed in via the Event Kiosk app either by providing their name or scanning their accreditation QR code

11. Spectators

Each swimmer may be accompanied by **UNLIMITED** Spectators. However, there will be a restriction on the number of spectators allowed into the pool area of the venue with overflow catered for on the oval.

It is likely that two spectators per swimmer will be permitted in the pool area at anyone time. This number will be finalised after the close of entries and confirmation from SA Health regarding the capacity numbers.

Families and clubs should be prepared to bring additional shelter to cater for their needs on the oval.

Please keep an eye on announcements for changes to this information.

12. 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

Tickets will NOT be sold by the session.

Available ticket types are:

- All Sessions – Adult
- All Sessions – Concession
- All Sessions – Child
- Session 1 – Adult (Superfish parents only)

Attendees do not need to print your ticket. You will be asked for your name and to reconfirm your health status upon entry to the venue.

13. Accreditation

A photo accreditation system will be implemented by SwimmingSA to provide access control at the 2022 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.**

14. 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 2021**
- **For Technical and Volunteer Officials close 9am 20th December 2021**

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.

15. 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.

16. 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

17. 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](#)

18. 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 Renmark Pool during the business hours of 9am – 5pm the day prior to the meet or on the first day of competition.

19. COVID 19 Training

Attendees must undertake COVID Training relevant to their role at the event.

- All Officials, Team Managers and Coaches must undertake the Infection Control Training – [Click Here](#)
- Referees, Staff, Event Volunteers & Security must also undertake the COVID Marshal Training – [Click Here](#)
- Spectators and Athletes are encouraged to undertake the Infection Control Training – [Click Here](#)

All certificates should be uploaded to Swim Central.

20. COVID Marshalls

There will be a dedicated COVID Marshal for the Championships as per the SA COVID Directions.

SwimmingSA will also have COVID Area-Marshalls available in the following locations please reach out to them as needed.

- Meet Director (Floating)
- Referee x2 pax (Field of play during race)
- Marshall x2 pax (Field of play pre-race with swimmers)
- Check Starter x2 pax (Field of play pre-race with swimmers)
- Gate Attendant x2 pax (Venue Entry/Exit)
- Crowd Control Assistant x2 pax
- Security x2 pax (Venue Entry/Exit)
- Ticket booth x2 pax (Venue Entry/Exit)

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- Accreditation Collection x2 pax (Accreditation Zone)
- Medal Coordinator x2 pax (Field of Play – post race zone)

SwimmingSA also appreciate the assistance of club coaches and team managers to ensure COVID compliance within your clubs. For the benefit of the Sport, we encourage you to do the right thing, say the right thing and report the wrong thing to our COVID Area-Marshalls in your best spirit.

Please remember these Marshalls are volunteers treat them with respect.

21. Health Declaration

Please do not be complacent or panic about COVID-19. A sensible, cautious and community minded approach to your health at this time is required.

Do not attend if you are unwell or are experiencing any of the following symptoms

- Fever
 Cough
 Sore throat
 Muscle and/or joint pain
 Stuffy nose
 Headache
 Fatigue
 Diarrhoea
Vomiting
 Running nose
 Breathing difficulty
 Feeling unwell

By registering to swim, nominating to coach/officiate and/or purchasing a ticket to attend you have agreed to the COVID-19 Terms & Conditions – [Click Here](#) to review them or scroll to the end of this information.

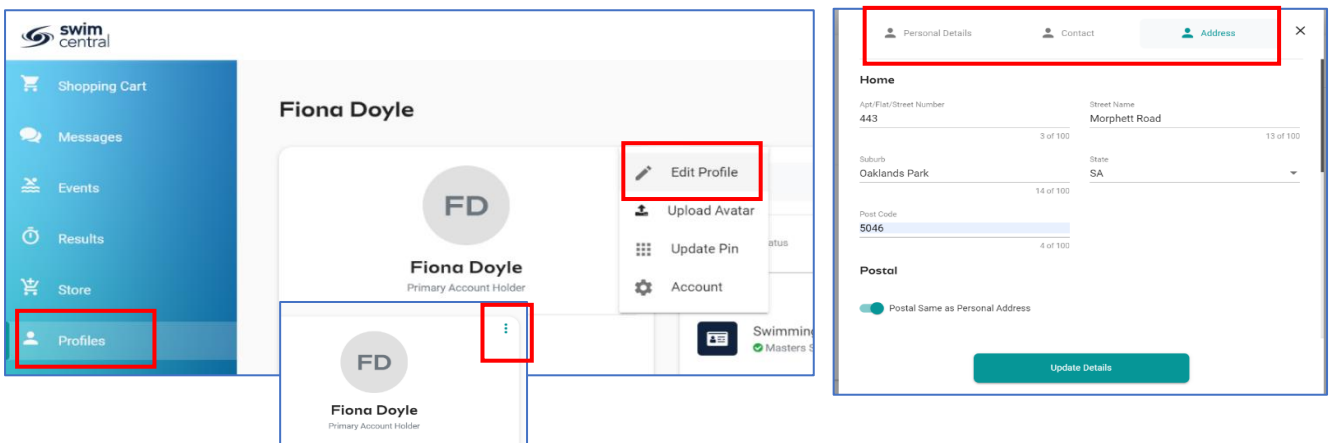
You will be required to reconfirm verbally upon entry to the venue that you have read, agree, and meet the terms and conditions prior to gaining entry. SwimmingSA and Renmark Pool Staff along with Security reserve the right to refuse any person venue entry.

22. COVID Tracing

As per terms and conditions of entry and membership all attendees are required to provide contact details for COVID Tracing purposes. To streamline this process for members at the venue entry SwimmingSA has developed the iPad Check-In App which links with Swim Central. Therefore, please ensure all your membership contact details are up to date on Swim Central. This applies to all swimmers, coaches, parents, officials, and spectators.

You can view each of your family members contact details under the new profile section in Swim Central.

1. Log in and click on Profiles
2. Select family member and click on the vertical ellipsis dots
3. Click Edit Profile and update each tab – personal details, contact and address
4. Click Update details and move to next family member



23. SA Gov COVID Tracing App

You will be required to reconfirm verbally upon entry to the venue that you have read, agree, and meet the terms and conditions prior to gaining entry.

You are also required to scan in with the COVID-SAFE SA Gov App – Please use the QR Code available here and at the venue to scan in whilst waiting in line.

SwimmingSA and Renmark Swimming Pool Staff along with Security reserve the right to refuse any person venue entry.

24. Signage, Sanitisation, Cleaning & PPE Options

The Venue will undergo a COVID clean prior to and after each session. During the event Sanitisation stations and PPE are available to attendees in various places at the venue as listed below. Please ensure you utilise the sanitisation stations as needed. We also encourage attendees to bring personal sanitiser and PPE items of your preference. Should you have any questions with regards to this please approach your team manager or COVID area marshal.

Sanitisation Station Points

- All Handwashing locations - all bathrooms
- Event Entry
- Marshalling Area
- Event Admin
- Deck Equipment

Signage / Communication Points

In addition to the sanitisation stations in the venue the following locations will also display COVID information and signage for your information:

- Race Holding Pens
- Facebook / Email / Website (Video)
- EDM to attendees

25. Bathrooms

Density limits apply to bathrooms. A maximum of 8 persons are allowed in a bathroom at any one time. Please do your best to ensure this limitation is met and do not congregate in the bathroom

26. Food and Drink

The Renmark Club Kiosk, Pool Kiosk, Mario's Coffee Van and Renmark Rotary Club (Saturday AM Only) will be available for food and beverages. Please note social distancing applies when waiting to be served. Kiosk is cashless. All food and drink must be consumed in your seat.

27. 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

28. Venue Parking & Traffic Management

Due to this event falling during South Australian School Holidays, the Renmark Swimming Pool will be extremely busy during all days of this event.

There is no parking in the Pool parking area as most carparks are reserved during this event. There is ample room on all streets in the area for parking. **A drop off zone will be available outside the venue on Cowra Street**

29. Venue Access & Warm Up Group Club Allocations

Will be available after entries close.

30. Venue Access Information

Access to the event is via both the Event Entry Gates.

Access to the venue for swimmers, officials, coaches, and spectators is specifically allocated by time and entrance. Club Allocations will be published after the close of entries. Please ensure you are socially distancing and being patient when queuing at the venue entry.

Please note venue entry is subject to:

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31. Warm Up Groups

Swimmers and coaches please note the toddlers pool is available for warm up and cool down during the event. The competition pool is available for warm up and cool down prior to competition each session.

Please ensure social distancing where possible when undertaking all activities at the pool including abiding by the warmup time allocated to your group.

32. Tents, Seating and Overflow Seating

Seating allocation will be available after the close of entries. Please ensure you are social distancing by maintain 1.5m between your seat and between the next person.

Limited Seating is available for clubs' poolside.

The COVID Management Plan will dictate the numbers each club may have poolside. Overflow seating exists on the oval adjacent to the pool.

Clubs and families are encouraged to bring plenty of shade for the oval and poolside. No pegs allowed please bring weighted anchors or to use the water drums provided for anchors to secure.



33. Venue Pathways & Map

Please do not gather in the pathway areas at the venue.

See venue map below

34. Marshalling and Withdrawals

COVID Restrictions limit the number of swimmers in the marshalling area at any one time. Please ensure swimmers are not gathering in this area and 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 Recording Van.

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.

Note: Sanitisation station will remain located in the Marshalling Area

35. 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. Paper results will not be printed. Programs will be available for coaches and team managers in the Club Packs.

36. Awards and Recognition

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

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

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency at the Renmark Swimming Pool please listen carefully to announcements and follow the direction of venue staff. The emergency assembly area is located across the road at the Bowls club. Medical Directory

SERVICE	ADDRESS	SUBURB	PHONE
Emergency (Ambulance, Police, Fire 000)			
Renmark Paringa District Hospital	185 Ral Ral Avenue	Renmark	08 8580 4100
Renmark Medical Clinic	65 Thurk Street	Renmark	08 8586 4111
United Chemist Renmark Pharmacy	227 Renmark Avenue	Renmark	08 8586 4842

40. Warm Up Procedures

The following general pool procedure for the Main Competition Pool must be observed during warm up times:

- 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

41. 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

COVID Safe Practices Apply to Medal Presentations – There will be no handshaking, hugging or physical contact during presentations please observe the 1.5m rule during this time.

Competitors must remain in the presentation area for official photos.

42. 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 4:00pm (1 hour prior to the commencement of competition). Team Managers are asked to monitor and remind members of social distancing whilst in the grandstand.

43. 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.

44. First Aid

Venue staff are trained in first responder care and will be providing general first aid coverage for all people attending the event. First Aid is located adjacent to the venue entry.

45. 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.](mailto:events@sa.swimming.org.au)

46. Team Photography

Clubs will be allocated a time slot for team photo during the weekend after the close of entries. To ensure compliance with COVID restrictions times will not be changeable.

47. 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 2022 online store is now active. [Click Here](#) to access the store.

48. Swim Shop

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

49. Coaching Courses (Sorry but this Course has now been cancelled)

The teacher of competitive strokes qualification is the introductory level for swim teaching and coaching for our sport within South Australia and acts as the prerequisite qualification for the development accreditation.

50. Officials Training

Please see the technical manager for information about officials training.

51. Country Connect Forum

Open to Clubs to send a representative to attend to forum on Saturday 8th January at the conclusion of the morning heats session. Forum will be held at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers, 18th Street, Renmark with lunch provided.

Numbers are capped to ensure COVID Compliance so please register promptly.

Purchase your ticket via [swim central](#) to attend this forum.

Registrations Close 9am Monday 3rd January 2022

52. Appendix 2 – Venue Map

See Below for Venue Map