

POLICY

Pool Deck Access

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The purpose of this document is to provide access control to the pool deck access (field of play) during all Swimming SA swim meets.

THE POLICY

Swimming SA recognises that, from time to time, various people have the need to access the pool deck area during swim meets. By necessity, access to this area is restricted and only persons authorised by SwimmingSA are permitted access all of whom require physical access to pool deck /field of play as part of their function.

Persons authorised are:

- swimmers who are entered in events of the swim meet
- appointed Technical Officials, volunteers
- accredited Coaches who are current members of ASCTA
- Pre-nominated Team Manager/s
- Pre-nominated Carers for Multi-Class athletes who have been approved by SwimmingSA
- Sport Science staff who have been approved by SwimmingSA
- SwimmingSA Staff, Directors and Committee Members
- Security Personnel and Venue Lifeguards
- SwimmingSA approved Media personnel
- SwimmingSA invited guests

The granting, controlling, and monitoring of the physical access to the pool deck /field of play is important to the safety of persons authorised.

This access privilege may be revoked at any time by the Board, its authorised representatives, or the Meet Director.

Adoption of Strategies

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Pool Deck Access Policy is to establish the rules for the granting, control, monitoring and removal of physical access to the pool deck/ field of play. The pool deck area is defined as the competition area (pool or open water course), any warm up and swim down designated area, the marshalling/registration and ready areas, recording and electronic timing rooms, the deck area surrounding the main competition pool to a distance of two metres if the spectator area is not on a separate level, the presentation dais and interview area (collectively called the "pool deck area or field of play").

2. Audience

This Policy applies to all individuals within a venue that is under the control of SwimmingSA for the purpose of swim meets that are authorised, hosted, run by, or for and on behalf of, SwimmingSA or such other entities that have applied for and received approval to run a swim meet by SwimmingSA.

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3. Physical Access

3.1 The pool deck area is restricted to Persons authorised from the publicised gate opening time until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event of each day of the swim meet.

3.2 Only swimmers, technical officials and the Meet Director are permitted access to the marshalling area

3.3 Apart from swimmers, technical officials and SwimmingSA staff, all other Persons authorised must wear and display at all times appropriate accreditation (as is determined by the Board from time to time). This identification may be specifically issued or of a nominated style.

3.4 Failure to display appropriate accreditation will result in immediate loss of access to the pool deck area and removal there from. Providing an unauthorised person with the use of a person authorised accreditation will result in the immediate loss of access to and the removal of all persons concerned from the venue.

3.5 SwimmingSA staff shall keep a record of all invited guests who are granted access to the pool deck area.

4. Police Clearance / Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) Screening

4.1 All persons authorised to access the pool deck area must have a current Police Certificate or Department of Communities and Social Inclusion Screening (Working with Children Check), which is no more than three years old. A copy must be submitted to SwimmingSA prior to accessing the pool deck area for each Swimming SA hosted competition. Accredited coaches who are members of ASCTA are not required to supply a copy to Swimming SA as they must have a current check supplied to ASCTA for their accreditation. Copies can be emailed to events@swimmingsa.org.au

4.2 Police Certificate forms can be downloaded from the Swimming SA website <http://sa.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=153>

4.3 DCSI Screening can be completed here: <https://screening.dcsi.sa.gov.au/>

5. Accreditation

5.1 All persons in a prescribed position at a SwimmingSA Championship Meet are required to have visible at all times their accreditation.

5.2 For the purpose of Championship Meets Prescribed Position are:

- Referee
- Starter
- Marshal
- Check Starter
- Access Control Volunteers
- Directors and Staff
- Coaches
- Team Managers
- Sports Science Staff
- Photographers