2015 Queensland School Sport
13 – 19 Years Swimming Championships

Competition Conditions

1. RULES

The competition will be conducted under the current F.I.N.A Swimming Rules and the current International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Rules except where otherwise stated.

2. DATES

The dates for the 2015 Queensland School Sport 13 – 19 Years Swimming Championships will be Thursday 26th – Saturday 28th March.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 All competitors must be bona fide school students, with a minimum age of 13 years and a maximum age of 19 years as of the 31st December 2015.

3.2 Individual Age Groups

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Combined Age Groups

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Multi-class Age Groups

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4. SWIMSUIT GUIDELINES

4.1 All swimwear worn by competitors shall be commercially available products.

4.2 Swimwear worn by competitors in Age Group Events shall conform to the following design:

4.2.1 Men’s swimwear is limited to one (1) swimsuit that covers at most the body surface from hips to knee. Swimwear must not extend above the waist or below the knees;

4.2.2 Women’s swimwear is limited to one (1) swimsuit that is of “open back” and “open shoulder” designs that may extend down to the knee. Swimwear must not extend below the knees;
4.2.3 Swimwear must not have a zipper or any type of fastening system;

4.2.4 Suits must be of textile material and must not contain any non-textile material such as polyurethane or neoprene.

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1 Each competing region may nominate the following number of automatic multi-class and able-bodied students where the event is offered in the program:

5.1.1 In all 50m Freestyle events, a maximum of 4 swimmers
5.1.2 In all 800m and 1500m Freestyle events, a maximum of 1 swimmer in EACH of the age divisions of 15 Years & Under AND 16 Years & Over
5.1.3 In all other individual events, a maximum of 2 swimmers in EACH INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUP as described in 3.2
5.1.4 In all relay events a maximum of 1 team

5.2 A region will be allowed to exceed the number of nominations in sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 above, provided that all competitors for that event have, in the current season, swum a time which would have equalled or been faster than the qualifying time. However, the following limits apply:

5.2.1 In all 50m Freestyle events no more than 6 nominations in total per age group.
5.2.2 In all 800m and 1500m Freestyle events no more than 3 nominations in total for EACH of the age divisions of 15 Years & Under AND 16 Years & Over
5.2.3 In all other individual events no more than 4 nominations in total per age group.

5.3 Strict time limits will apply for all swimmers competing in the 800m and 1500m freestyle. Once swimmers have exceeded the times outlined below, they may be asked to leave the water immediately.

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<td>Women</td>
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5.4 Students are to compete in only those events for which their age makes them eligible.

5.5 Students are to compete in no more than nine (9) individual events.

5.6 Students are to be nominated using their region as their team name.
6. EVENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

6.1 All events for students with a disability will be conducted as multi-class events.

6.2 Conditions of competition for disabled swimmers will be the same as for all other swimmers.

6.3 Nominations for disabled swimmers are to be submitted on the Meet Manager / Team Manager Nomination file supplied to the region. **Do not include the swimmers’ classifications on the nomination file as has been the case in the past.**

6.4 The disability classification for each event must be submitted on the nomination form supplied. Queensland Secondary Schools Swimming encourages all disabled swimmers to obtain an official classification card.

6.5 All swimmers competing in the multi-class events must present their official classification card to Mr Rob Wilson in the recording area by 8:00am on the day of competition. **A copy of the card and nomination form must be emailed to Rob Wilson by Friday 20th March.**

Rob Wilson: rwils7@eq.edu.au

6.6 AWD carers that require pool deck access can apply for an accreditation pass as per coaches described in Section 20 below.

7. FINALS

7.1 All 50m and 100m able bodied events will be conducted as heats and finals.

7.2 All other events will be conducted as **timed finals.**

7.3 **Withdrawal from Finals:** Any student wishing to withdraw from a final must do so within 30 minutes of the final being posted. Failure to do so may result in the student being withdrawn from their next individual event.

8. 100m, 200m & 400m EVENTS

8.1 Heats of all 100m events will be conducted in each of the COMBINED AGE GROUPS (i.e. Junior, Intermediate & Senior) with finals conducted in each INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUP as described in 3.2. Placings, medals and records will be awarded for each INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUP (i.e. 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs & 17-19yrs) as described in 3.2.

8.2 All 200m and 400m events will be conducted as multi-age timed final events (13-19 years) with placings, medals and records awarded for each INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUP (i.e. 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs & 17-19yrs) as described in 3.2.
9. MEDLEYS

9.1 All medley events comprise of four (4) strokes which will be swum in the following order:

Individual Medley:  Butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle

Medley Relays:  Backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle

10. RELAYS

10.1 The names and order of relay swimmers must be provided on the Meet Manager nomination file.

10.2 Any changes to the swimmers names or order of swimmers can be made on an official relay card available at the pre-competition meeting and the recording area. This card must be handed to the Championship convenor before the commencement of the session.

10.3 Relays will be conducted as finals or timed finals only. All relays will be conducted as 4 x 50 metre events.

10.4 Where there are more that 10 teams nominated for an event, 2 heats will be conducted with the first three place-getters decided by the fastest 3 times swum over the 2 heats. No final will be swum.

10.5 Final confirmation of relay team members is to be submitted to the meet director before the finish of the previous session.

11. CLOSURE OF NOMINATIONS

11.1 All nominations must be received by Brett McDonald no later than Friday 13th March 2015.

Please note that changes made after the 13th March may not appear in the official program.

11.2 The nominations must be forwarded by e-mail to Brett McDonald. Forward the Meet Entries file from Team Manager or the Meet Manager Entries file to:

bmcdonald@assisi.qld.edu.au

11.3 Students are to be nominated using their region as their team name.

12. WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS

12.1 The Committee would appreciate early notification of withdrawal from events prior to the Championship. This may be done by e-mail to Brett McDonald prior to 5pm on Tuesday 24th March at:
12.2 A region may substitute another eligible swimmer for a swimmer listed in the program. A substitution form, available at the Pre-competition Meeting, must be completed and signed by the Regional Team Manager, and countersigned by the Meet Director before the end of the 1st session of competition.

Please note that no other substitutions can be made after this time.

13. NOMINATION FEES

13.1 The student nomination fee will be announced in a bulletin to all regions early in the year of the Championships.

13.2 At the completion of the Championships, each competing region will be invoiced for the number of students that are officially nominated in the program at the pre-competition meeting.

13.3 No nomination fee will be charged for relay events.

14. QUALIFYING STANDARDS

Qualifying standards for all swimmers will be reviewed on an annual basis and will accompany these Competition Conditions.

15. STARTING TIMES

The following starting times for each session will apply for the Championships:

Day 1: Session 1  8:30am (Warm-up from 7:30am)
       Session 2  Not before 12:00pm

Day 2: Session 3  8:30am (Warm-up from 7:30am)
       Session 4  Not before 12:00pm

Day 3: Session 5  8:30am (Warm-up from 7:30am)

16. WARM UPS

The main pool and part of the dive and outside pool are available for warm-ups each morning from 7:30am to 8:15am. If time permits, the main pool may be available for warm-ups during the lunch session. All students must be supervised by either their coach or a member of their team management.

17. WARM DOWNS

17.1 Warm downs shall be permitted in the diving pool.

17.2 The lane in the diving pool closest to the main pool is reserved for swimmers waiting for medal presentations.
17.3 Swimmers should return to their designated team area after their warm down is completed unless required for medal presentations.

18. PROTESTS AND JURY OF APPEAL

18.1 Protests to the Referee by a Team Manager on behalf of a swimmer must be made through the Meet Director.

18.1.1 Protests must be submitted:
   a) in writing;
   b) within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event, and
   c) together with a deposit of $20

18.1.2 All protests shall be considered by the Referee. The Team Manager may appeal the decision of the Referee to a Jury of Appeal whose decision will be final.

18.1.3 If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to the management body of the competition. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned.

18.2 The Meet Director shall select the members of the Jury of Appeal on each occasion when one is required.

19. ENTRY TO POOL DECK

19.1 Pool deck entry shall be limited to swimmers that have been called for their event.

19.2 Bags will not be permitted onto the pool deck.

19.3 Swimmers should limit the amount of apparel that they take to the marshal room/pool deck.

19.4 Wheel-chaired AWD swimmers who need access to the pool deck shall be permitted full access to the pool deck.

19.5 Team managers should organise team members before they access the pool deck.

20. COACH ACCREDITATION / POOL DECK ENTRY

20.1 Swimmers may apply through their regional team management for access to the pool deck for their swimming coach or AWD carer.

20.2 It is the responsibility of regions to manage the application process of coaches from their region.
20.3 Applicants must have a current Blue Card.

20.4 All coaches must agree to and sign the “Code of Conduct”.

20.5 Coach’s passes must be worn at all times.

20.6 Regions are required to provide a list of approved applicants to the Championship Convenor by **Friday 13th March**.

20.7 All passes required by regions will be provided by the organising committee.

21. **MARSHAL AREA**

21.1 All competitors should wait until their event is called before moving to the marshalling.

21.2 Competitors are not permitted to leave the marshalling area once they have been marshalled.

21.3 To ensure a clear pool deck, competitors should only bring necessary equipment.

22. **MEDAL PRESENTATIONS**

22.1 Medallists should present themselves for presentations suitably attired in regional apparel immediately after the conclusion of their race.

22.2 Medallists from events that have finals should commence their warm-downs in the lane closest to the main pool.

22.3 Medallists from timed final events should be alert for the announcement of the placegetters so that they can be presented with their medals without delays. Team managers should assist with the notification to their medallists.

23. **MEETINGS**

23.1 The following meetings will be conducted on the afternoon / evening before the Championships:

- Annual General Meeting
- Pre-Championship Meeting

23.2 All competing regions must have at least 1 representative at each of these meetings.

24. **QUEENSLAND TEAM**

24.1 Nominations for Queensland Team Selectors will be taken from the floor at the Pre-competition meeting as outlined above. The selection committee shall comprise of 5 members where at least 1 member will be a State Team Manager.
24.2 Students wishing to be considered for selection in the Queensland Team MUST complete an online availability form indicating they are available for team selection. The form can be found on the Qld School Sport website.

Students will receive a confirmation email once their nomination process has been completed successfully.

24.3 The Queensland Secondary School Swimming selection policy will be included in the official program each year.