



# 2024 Bellarine and North Geelong Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Kardinia Aquatic Centre

Park Crescent South Geelong

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## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

### COVID GUIDELINES

- **Anyone (student, school staff member, parent/guardian, official, coach, spectator) who is unwell or displays any COVID symptoms should not attend.**
- **If a person has recently recorded a positive result, they must not attend if any of their symptoms are still evident.**
- **Whilst it is difficult, everyone should try to minimise their contact with others, especially those who are not known to you, and try to maintain the recommended 1.5 m distance between each other.**
- *To reduce the possibility of being sunburnt, everyone is expected to follow the Sun Smart guidelines of wearing a broad-brimmed hat, covering up, consistently applying sunscreen, and staying under a shaded area as much as possible.*
- *To reduce the possibility of becoming dehydrated, everyone is advised to drink water throughout the day.*
- *Students with respiratory problems, e.g., asthma, must bring their medication and be able to self-administer it. If a student has a medical condition that requires specific treatment e.g., anaphylaxis, their medication and treatment plan must be taken to the Kardinia Aquatic Centre and the student's supervisor must know how to treat the condition and/or administer the medication.*
- **Students are not permitted to use the 'non-competition' pool at any time during the day.**
- **Photos or recordings may not be taken using any electronic device within the boundary fences of the Kardinia Aquatic Centre. This is a City of Greater Geelong directive.**
- *The starter and judges are qualified Swimming Victoria officials.*
- *All events are conducted using the School Sport Victoria (SSV) rules. The link for further information is <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/state/pages/swimming.aspx>*

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**The following information outlines how the day will be conducted. Should there be late changes to government, Department of Education or CoGG regulations or restrictions that impact on the event, schools will be notified as early as possible.**

- **Students must be supervised by a school staff member or school approved person at all times while at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre.** Everyone must enter through the front entrance.
- **The CoGG policy is that no photographs or videos can be taken within the complex.** SSV will have an approved person taking photos at the conclusion of each medal presentation. Through the school, parents will be advised when these photos are available to be downloaded.

**NOTE:** SSV policy states that "The Information Privacy Act 2000 requires School Sport Victoria to inform you that, in the conduct of school sport, photographs may be taken of participants and results compiled to record student participation, celebrate student success and achievement and to promote SSV and events conducted by SSV. We limit the use and disclosure of any personal information to participate in school sports. By accepting the invitation to participate in events under the auspices of SSV, you undertake to abide by the SSV Privacy Policy." If you do not wish your child to be photographed in the group photo, you must, in writing, advise the Event Manager at least two days before the event.

- There are two competition streams – ‘Able Bodied’ students and ‘Multiclass’ (students with a disability). Events for individuals are held for Boys and Girls in Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly in 9/10 years old, 11 years old and 12/13 years old age groups. Age group Freestyle Relays are for Boys/Mixed and Girls. Any student eligible to compete in an individual event can compete in the 9–13 Boys/Mixed and Girls Medley Relays.
- **The age is taken at 31/12/2024. Students in ‘mainstream schools’ must be born in the years 2011 to 2015 to be permitted to compete.** *Mainstream students aged 14 or younger than 9 on 31/12/2024 are not permitted to compete.* Due to the grade structure being different, **students attending ‘special settings schools’ e.g., Nelson Park, must be no older than 12 on 31/12/2024.** Students attending special settings that turn 13 this year should compete at the secondary sector event.
- **‘Able Bodied’ students can enter a maximum of two individual events, one age group relay and one Medley relay. ‘Multiclass’ students can enter three individual events.**
- Students with a disability compete in Multiclass events. The placings are determined by comparing their time with a designated standard for their classification and assigning a ‘score.’ The ‘scores’ are compared to determine the placings. To compete in the Multiclass events, the student must be classified into one of the five categories listed on the SSV website. Students can compete at the Division event with a temporary classification but must be formally classified before competing in the Region event. The classification process frequently takes at least 5 weeks, so it must be started as early as possible. Please note, to be in the Intellectual grouping, the student’s IQ must be <75, not <70, as it is for most Department funding/support programs. The SSV website link for information on Multiclass activities is <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/para-athletes/>  
NOTE: It is SSV policy that, regardless of the ‘score’, students who have been officially classified will be placed ahead of students who do not have an official classification.
- **There are no finals and placings are determined by the times recorded in the heats.**
- The carnival is a combined Bellarine Division and Geelong North Division event, and competitors will be seeded into heats according to the submitted times, not which Division they come from.
- The placings will be determined by the comparative times swum in the heats. The times for all competitors will be displayed as soon as possible after each event. They will be posted on the SSV website and emailed to schools as soon as possible after the event.
- In all events, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters in both Divisions will receive a ribbon.
- **The swimmers finishing first and second in individual events and the winning relay teams from each Division will progress to the Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships held at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024. It is important that students know on the day of the Division Championships if they will be available to compete at the Region event as all invitations to compete at the Region event will be given on the day. Late invitations will be only given in exceptional circumstances.**
- Entries must be submitted, via email, by schools on the official entry forms.
- Individuals should swim in the correct age group for individual events. However, he/she may compete up an age group providing he/she competes in that age group for all events. For the freestyle relays, a student may swim in an older age group (but not in any other freestyle relay). A girl may swim in a Boys/Mixed relay but is not permitted to also swim in a Girls relay team. Students of any age can swim in the Medley relay.
- Swimmers with a disability (Multiclass) should have their classification recorded before the carnival.
- **After the entry has been submitted by the school, changes to entries in ‘individual’ events cannot be made.** Provided the replacement attends the same school and the other SSV relay rules are adhered to, changes to the composition of a relay team can be made on the day.
- **Competitors in all events must be able to perform the strokes correctly throughout the race. The SSV rules are the same as FINA’s rules for children of the same age. The correct start, finish and stroke techniques must be used in all events. Students will be disqualified if their technique/action contravenes the rules at any stage of the race.**

- Teachers, parents, supervisors, coaches, or spectators are not allowed to be at the pool's starting or finishing ends.  
NOTE: There is discretion to make an exception to this rule for students competing in a Multiclass event if the Event Manager is spoken to before the student reports for the event.
- **The first heat will start at 9:40 am. There will be a break between the individual events and relays and the expected finishing time is 1:30 – 2:00 pm.**
- After all the entries have been checked and the heats finalised, schools will be sent an electronic copy of the program and an approximate schedule for the starting time of each stroke and the relays to print for their students.
- The pool will be open for students to 'warm up' between 8:40 and 9:25. **During the warm-up period, students are not permitted to use the starting blocks and must be supervised by a responsible adult. There are no other 'warm-up/down' times during the day. The 'old pool' cannot be used by students during the day because it is reserved for the public.**
- Marshalling for the first two events (9/10 freestyle) will commence at 9.30 am. The marshalling area will be at the pool's starting (river) end. If the conditions are extreme, the marshalling area may be moved to a shaded area. Except for Multiclass entrants, who may bring a support person, only competitors will be allowed in the marshalling area. **Parents, coaches, teachers, and friends must remain outside the marshalling area. Any child who does not go through the marshalling process will not be permitted to participate in the event. Individuals who have not reported will not be individually called via the PA system.** The supervisor/student is responsible for being aware of the competition's progress and listening for when competitors are called, via the PA system, to the marshalling area.
- **Order of Events**  
The events will be in the order of:
  - Freestyle (50 metres)
  - Breaststroke (50 metres)
  - Backstroke (50 metres)
  - Butterfly (50 metres)
  - BREAK
  - 4 x 50 metres Medley Relay
  - 4 x 50 metres Freestyle Relay

For each stroke and the Freestyle relays, the events will be in the order of

1 - Girls	9/10 years	2 - Boys	9/10 years
3 - Girls	11 years	4 - Boys	11 years
5 - Girls	12/13 years	6 - Boys	12/13 years
7 - Girls	Multiclass	8 - Boys	Multiclass

NOTES:

- The Medley Relay is a 9 -13 age group event so any child eligible to compete in an individual event can be in the team.
- There are no Multiclass Relay events.
- Should there be a small number of entrants in any of the Multiclass events, the students may be asked to swim in an able-bodied heat, or two or more of the Multiclass Girls and Boys events may be conducted at the same time.
- The format for the Division event is the same as that for the Region event.

- **Individual and Relay Qualifying Times**

NOTES:

- The standards have been set so we can expect to have 420 - 450 students competing on the day. The qualifying times are based on the times of competitors in recent years.
- This is the equivalent of the third level of competition so it is essential that the times submitted are accurate and every child can competently demonstrate the correct stroke technique for 50

metres without stopping. It is strongly recommended that the times submitted are achieved when the student is involved in a swimming club competition or a school supervised trial.

3. Entries cannot be accepted if the nominated time is slower or not submitted.

### Freestyle

9/10 Years Boys	0 min 54 sec	9/10 Years Girls	0 min 54 sec
11 Years Boys	0 min 47 sec	11 Years Girls	0 min 47 sec
12/13 Years Boys	0 min 43 sec	12/13 Years Girls	0 min 43 sec

### Backstroke

9/10 Years Boys	1 min 02 sec	9/10 Years Girls	1 min 02 sec
11 Years Boys	0 min 59 sec	11 Years Girls	0 min 59 sec
12/13 Years Boys	0 min 56 sec	12/13 Years Girls	0 min 56 sec

### Breaststroke

9/10 Years Boys	1 min 13 sec	9/10 Years Girls	1 min 10 sec
11 Years Boys	1 min 06 sec	11 Years Girls	1 min 05 sec
12/13 Years Boys	1 min 04 sec	12/13 Years Girls	1 min 04 sec

### Butterfly

9/10 Years Boys	1 min 15 sec	9/10 Years Girls	1 min 15 sec
11 Years Boys	1 min 05 sec	11 Years Girls	1 min 05 sec
12/13 Years Boys	1 min 00 sec	12/13 Years Girls	1 min 00 sec

### Freestyle Relays

9/10 Years Boys	3 min 35 sec	9/10 Years Girls	3 min 35 sec
11 Years Boys	3 min 20 sec	11 Years Girls	3 min 20 sec
12/13 Years Boys	3 min 15 sec	12/13 Years Girls	3 min 15 sec

### Medley Relays

9 – 13 Years Boys	3 min 25 sec	9 – 13 Years Girls	3 min 25 sec
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- Parents can park in the neighbouring streets or the designated area in the park on the Latrobe Terrace side of the pool.
- **Students transported to the venue by an adult who is not staying must be escorted into the Centre and supervised until the school's designated supervisor is found.** A student must not be 'dropped off' at the front of the Centre and left to enter the Kardinia Aquatic Centre to find the supervisor.
- **The Kardinia Aquatic Centre rule is that shade structures must be anchored by 'weights', NOT TENT PEGS, brought to the venue by the person setting up the structure.**
- Students wishing to be considered for the State Swimming team must complete the Expression of Interest form found on the SSV website in the Team Vic State Teams section.  
(<http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/swimming.aspx>)

If you need further information, you should speak to your school's Sports Coordinator in the first instance. Should you be unable to have your question answered, you can contact the Event Manager: Doug Ilsley (Telephone: 0439 033647 or send an email to: [Doug.Ilsley@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Doug.Ilsley@education.vic.gov.au))