

2025 COMBINED SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS ARRANGEMENTS

WHERE & WHEN The 2024 AGSV Swimming Championships will be held in the Outdoor Pool at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), Albert Road, Albert Park on **Friday 28 March 2025** commencing at 5.05pm. Competitors and spectators will be able to enter the facility at the earliest by 3:00pm.

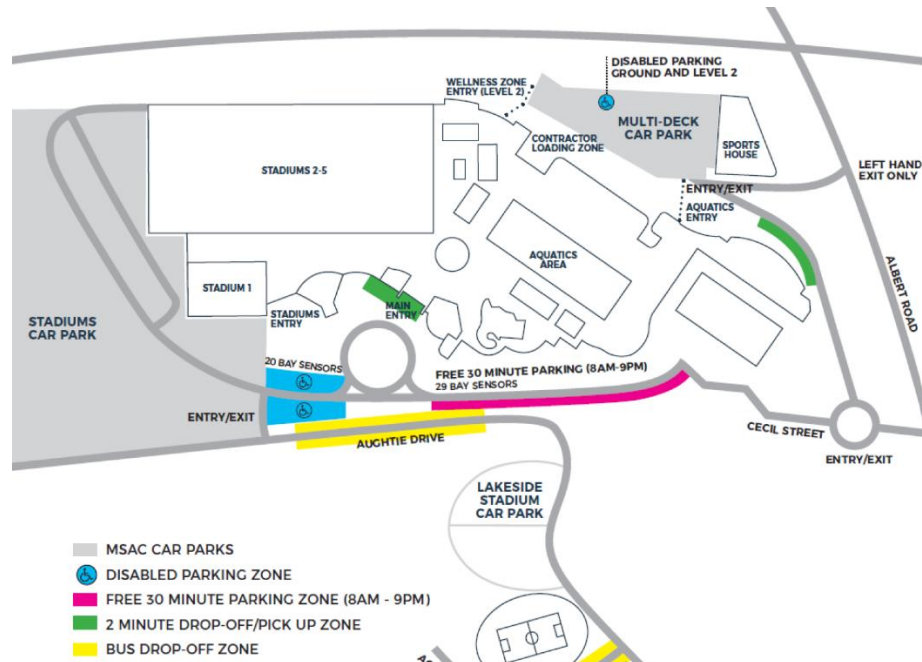
Refer '**WARM UP**' (below) for times and lanes allocation.

ENTRY / EXIT Entry to MSAC outdoor pool will be via the revolving doors opposite the multi-level car park entry and Sports House. **It is not possible to access the outdoor pool via the MSAC main foyer that leads to the indoor pool.**

Those attending the event are to move directly upstairs to the Outdoor Grandstand via the main stairwell to sit in the seating area allocated to your school. Swimmers, coaches and officials can access pool deck via the emergency stairwell.

CAR PARKING Car parking is available in the multi-level car park at own expense (first hour free). Street parking (according to local council restrictions) is also an option.

BUS PARKING Buses are only permitted to drop teams off on Aughtie Drive or Canterbury Road as outlined on the map (refer below) Buses can stand on Canterbury Road. Bus companies to be informed they are **not permitted** to enter any of Melbourne Sports Centres carparks or internal roads (such as the roundabout area) due to risk and safety policies.



SEATING A plan showing the seating area allocated to each school will be provided. The demarcations of the outdoor pool grandstand will be roughly indicated. It is important to keep to the area your school has been allocated. School staff are to ensure that the lower seats of their allocation are filled first before moving higher. Please restrict students from going to the top of the seating area, as this is where Parent spectators are required to sit - above the line indicated on the map.

**EMERGENCY
COORDINATORS**

Schools are to appoint a representative to act as their Emergency Coordinator. This person will ensure the MSAC emergency procedures are followed (if required). This person will also be the school contact person in the event of an Emergency. Details will be communicated to Sport Coordinators by AGSV.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Schools may provide one (1) photographer, who's must be nominated by name & email address prior to the event. Photographers **must** complete the following requirements prior to this event as detailed by the AGSV 1) AGSV Child Protection and Safety compliance and 2) MSAC Photographers form. Photographers are to ensure they do not get in the way of any officials.

All designated photographers must wear an AGSV orange vest for identification purposes. Where a school has not issued their photographer with an AGSV official vest, a photographer can report to the results room prior to the beginning of the program to **borrow** an Official photographers vest. This vest is to be worn at all times throughout the event (part of AGSV's commitment to Child Protection and Safety). At the conclusion of the Program, each Photographer **must** return their vest to the Results Room.

CHANGEROOMS

Students should be reminded not to leave valuables in any change rooms or marshalling areas. Clothing left at the starting end to be collected following a race.

WARM UP

Warm-up will take place between 4.00 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. according to the following arrangements:

Session 1: 4:00 – 4.20pm + Dry land warm up 4:25 – 4:45pm
ACK Lanes 0-1 CAMB Lanes 2-3 IGS Lanes 4-5 MARC Lanes 6-7
MENT Lanes 8-9
Dive starts managed by individual schools in allocated lanes.

Session 2: 4:25 – 4:45pm + Dry land warm up 4:00 – 4:20pm
PEGS Lanes 0-1 PEN Lanes 2-3 TRIN Lanes 4-5 YVG Lanes 6-7
Dive starts managed by individual schools in allocated lanes

MARSHALLING

Assisted Self-marshalling will be used at this event. There marshalling room will not be used. It is the responsibility of schools to ensure swimmers report to the end of the pool their race will start at. Students are to arrive no later than 3 events before and no earlier than 5 events before their race. Students are to watch the event number and the scrolling information on the electronic scoreboard to gauge when to marshal for their event (there are no announcements for marshalling). A **Check Starter** will confirm each swimmer's event lane before they sit in a chair aligned with their lane. **Punctuality is the responsibility of the school/competitor if events are running ahead of schedule. The start of an event will not be delayed if a competitor is late.**

CONDUCT

Principals and Sports Coordinator are responsible for the following:

- Behaviour and conduct of their students throughout the Sports Centre. Staff must be appointed to supervise.
- Spectators are to:
 - Observe absolute silence at the start of events and during announcements
 - Chant tastefully and with the utmost respect for all teams and spectators
 - Not throw any objects
 - Musical instruments, loud hailers, horns or whistles are strictly prohibited by facility management
 - Not use streamers or balloons – strictly prohibited by Pool Management
 - Not wear body paint – strictly prohibited by Pool Management
 - Not whistle
 - Not stand on seats at any time (we pay for breakages)
- No Alcohol may be brought into the Centre, consumed prior to or during the event
- Schools must accept responsibility for the tidiness of the area, with a clean-up to be organised by each school prior to the end of the program
- The concourse is strictly out of bounds to all spectators (including staff members in charge) except for the allocated photographer from each school
- At the conclusion of the meeting a presentation will take place, following which the winning teams may do a victory walk around the concourse. Teams are not permitted to jump in the pool as part of their celebrations.

TEAM ENTRIES

Once final teams have been submitted, last minute changes to your team on event day will be accepted up until 12:00pm by email to the AGSV office (send to events@agsvsport.com.au via a 'Change of Competitor' form, specifying changes made). Any changes after this time must be submitted via hard copy on the 'Change of Competitor' form (previously provided). Each form is to be handed into the Results Room **immediately upon arrival**. Additional changes throughout the event must be submitted by the same process, well before the start of any event. **All details on this form must be completed**, including school name, the correct event number, and the name of the new and old competitor. **Change of Competition forms that are missing details will not be processed and that school will forgo any result in that event.**

PROGRAMS

On event day

The Program will be accessible via a QR code in the following ways –

- A link will be accessible via AGSV social media accounts
- Posters containing a QR code will be displayed at the event in various locations at the venue.

Post event

An Official program containing full results will be issued to each school.

Please forward to those concerned

AGSV Swimming Regulations

- (a) The Combined Swimming Sports Meeting will be held in March at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. All arrangements will be organised by the Sports Coordinators' Committee.
- (b) Age groupings for Boys and Girls are taken at 28 February of that year (or 29 February in a leap year).
- (c) Lanes will randomly allocated. Backstroke ledges will not be used at this meet.
- (d) **Uniform**

Competitors must adhere to the following conditions pertaining to swimwear. Those who don't will be disqualified:

- a) Competitors must wear the official swimming cap of their school
- b) **Is FINA approved*
- c) Displays school colours or,
- d) Has been approved by the school (eg. garment branding, colours, slogans)
- e) Not permitted - bathers that display club-state-national branding, board shorts, football shorts.

Unless explicit permission has been granted, any failure to adhere to the following regulation will result in disqualification.

**During trial meets and at the AGSV championships, swim garments worn must be in accordance with FINA rules (refer by-Law 8.1, 8.2, 8.3). Competing in a garment/s that is not approved/ banned by FINA is strictly prohibited. This includes wearing a second garment under the outer garment while competing. Uniform Officials will scrutinise garments being worn by all competitors prior to events to ensure the above stipulations are upheld.*

- (e) Swimmers are **not permitted** to display 'body art' (eg. no school names or slogans) while competing.
- (f) Swimmers are to **self marshal** prior to their event at the end of the pool they start from: no less than three (3) events prior and not more than five (5) events in advance. If running late to marshal, swimmers can proceed directly to the check starter to be allocated to their start lane. A start will not be delayed if a competitor is late for their event.
- (g) A competitor may only swim in one Medley Relay and one Freestyle Relay.
- (h) Relay teams will consist of four members, each swimming 50 metres.
Medley relays will be in the following order:
1) Backstroke, 2) Breaststroke, 3) Butterfly, 4) Freestyle.



(i) **Events and Competitor limits**

Girls may compete in a maximum of five (5) events. A competitor **may not** use the same stroke in more than one individual event, with the exception of the following Freestyle events: Girls Open 200m; Open 100 metres; U17 100 metres; U16 100 metres.

<i>All age groups Open, Under 17, 16, 15, 14 & 13 events</i>	50 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Backstroke; 50 metres Breaststroke; 50 metres Butterfly
<i>Additional individual events</i>	Open 200 Freestyle; Open 100 Metres Freestyle; U17 100 metres Freestyle; U16 100 metres Freestyle
<i>Relays - all age groups</i>	4 x 50 metres Medley; 4 x 50 metres Freestyle

- (j) Boys may compete in up to four (4) events (including relays), with the option of a fifth event being one of the following: Open 200 metres Freestyle; Open 100 metres Freestyle; Under 17 100 metres Freestyle; Under 16 100 metres Freestyle. A competitor **may not** use the same stroke in more than one individual event, with the exception of the following Freestyle events: Open 200 metres; Open 100 metres; Under 17 100 metres; Under 16 100 metres.

<i>Open events</i>	100 metres Freestyle; 200 metres Freestyle; 100 metres Backstroke; 100 metres Breaststroke; 100 metres Butterfly; 50 metres Freestyle
<i>Under 17 & 16 events</i>	100 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Backstroke; 50 metres Breaststroke; 50 metres Butterfly
<i>Under 15, 14, 13 events</i>	50 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Backstroke; 50 metres Breaststroke; 50 metres Butterfly
<i>Relays - all age groups</i>	4 x 50 metres Medley; 4 x 50 metres Freestyle

(k) **Medical Taping**

All competitors, parents and coaches need to be aware that the FINA rule SW10.8 will be enforced at this meet. Swimmers with any sort of tape on the body need to provide a certificate from a medical professional (doctor, physio etc.) specifying why the tape is required. *The certificate should state that the swimmer is fit to swim and that the taping does not provide any competitive advantage to the competitor.* This must be dated from **26 March 2025** (or later) and be presented by the competitor to the Referee for approval prior to the commencement of the warm up on event day.



(l) **Referee / Event Officials**

This meet is proposed as a qualifying meet, subject to Swimming Victoria approval. All swimmers are to therefore abide by FINA rules, or face disqualification. Accredited officials will be appointed by AGSV: Referee, Starter and Stroke Judges. These officials will strictly enforce the Rules of Swimming, in particular: Starts; Stroke Definition; Turns; Finishes, Relay Changeovers.

NOTE

The **One-Start Rule** will apply. *In relays, teams whose first swimmer has a false start will be also be disqualified, however the team will be allowed to finish the race, although **no points awarded** will be allocated to these teams.

(m) **Scoring**

A competitor or team who does not start, is disqualified, or fails to finish will score zero points.

Girls: 1st 6 points; 2nd 5; 3rd 4; 4th 3; 5th 2; 6th 1 point.

Boys: 1st 9 points; 2nd 8; 3rd 7; 4th 6; 5th 5; 6th 4; 7th 3; 8th 2; 9th 1 point.

(n) **Presentations**

At the conclusion of the event a presentation will take place. Winning teams may celebrate victory on and around the concourse.

Teams are not permitted to jump in the pool as part of their celebrations.

AGSV Events

February 2025