

2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN & AGE QUALIFYING TIMES AND PROCEDURES

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Instructions outlining how to enter, will be provided when entries open.

AGE

Age for all events is as at 31 December 2021. Male swimmers must be 14 years and over to enter open events, females must be 13 years and over to enter open events.

Age for the Junior exhibition 2.5km is 12 – 14 years as at 31 December 2021.

ENTRY LIMITS & MEDALS

Swimmers can enter either their respective age or open event, but not both.

Medals will be awarded for all Championship events. Where age groups are swum together, medals will be awarded to each age.

ENTRY INTO THE 10KM

Swimmers can enter using a 10km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 10km open water swimming event on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Age Swimmers (18 & 19 years) can enter using a 7.5km time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 7.5km open water swimming event on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5km open water swimming event on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5km pool qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at an approved 5km time trial on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers who have not swum a 10km qualifying time may enter the 10km using a qualifying time for any stroke or distance for the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships (as outlined [HERE](#)) provided the time was achieved on or after 1 January 2019.

- Where swimmers age up for the 2021 Australian Open Water Swimming

Championships (as age is taken as at 31 December), they can use the time that would allow them entry into the age group they'll be eligible for at the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships (which is age as at the first day of competition).

- Swimmers wishing to enter the open event, must achieve an open qualifying time for the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships.

ENTRY INTO THE 7.5KM (16 & 17 YEARS)

Swimmers can enter using a 7.5km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 7.5km open water swimming event on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5km open water swimming event on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5km pool qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at an approved 5km time trial on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers who have not swum a 7.5km qualifying time may enter the 7.5km using a qualifying time for any stroke or distance for the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships (as outlined [HERE](#)) or 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships (as outlined [HERE](#)), provided the time was achieved on or after 1 January 2019.

- Where swimmers age up for the 2021 Australian Open Water Swimming Championships (as age is taken as at 31 December), they can use the time that would allow them entry into the age group they'll be eligible for at the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships or 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships (which is age as at the first day of the respective competition).

ENTRY INTO THE 5KM

Swimmers can enter using a 5km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5km open water swimming event on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers can enter using a 5km pool qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at an approved 5km time trial on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Swimmers who have not swum a 5km qualifying time may enter the 5km using a qualifying time for any stroke or distance for the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships (as outlined [HERE](#)) or 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships (as outlined [HERE](#)), provided the time was achieved on or after 1 January 2019.

- Where swimmers age up for the 2021 Australian Open Water Swimming Championships (as age is taken as at 31 December), they can use the time that would allow them entry into the age group they'll be eligible for at the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships or 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships (which is age as at the first day of the respective competition).
- Swimmers wishing to enter the open event, must achieve an open qualifying time for the 2021 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships.

ENTRY INTO THE MULTI-CLASS 5KM

Multi-class swimmers can enter using a 5km qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at a recognised 5km open water swimming event on or after 1 January 2019.

OR

Multi-class swimmers can enter using a 5km pool qualifying time, provided the time was achieved at an approved 5km time trial on or after 1 January 2019.

MIXED GENDER RELAYS

The mixed gender relay events are staged as a typical relay, a gender mix of two males & two females is required. The course in total is 5km with each swimmer covering 1.25km (i.e. 4 x 1.25km).

All four swimmers must be from the same club. This event is limited to 14 -15 years and open age.

ENTRY INTO THE JUNIOR 2.5KM EXHIBITION SWIM

The Junior 2.5km Exhibition Swim is a non-championship event; therefore, no medals will be awarded. A compulsory briefing and clinic will be held 45 minutes prior to the event to provide swimmers with an introduction into open water swimming.

To enter Swimmers must be:

- 12 - 14 years of age as at 31 December 2021
- Consent to participate provided by both the parent and coach
- Swimmers must be able to complete 2.5km within 60 minutes

CRITERIA FOR AN APPROVED OPEN WATER TIME

Open Water times must be achieved at an approved open water swimming event.

CRITERIA FOR AN APPROVED 5KM POOL TIME TRIAL

To achieve an approved 5km pool time trial a swimmer must swim a continuous 5km swim in a 50m long course pool under the designated pool qualifying time.

The swim must have an official Starter and Referee present to sign off on the result.

Time trial information for the claimed performance (date, location, name of swimmer and club) as well as the contact details for the swimmers home coach must then be submitted to Liz Avery at Swimming Australia liz.avery@swimming.org.au

CRITERIA FOR A POOL QUALIFYING TIME

Pool times must be achieved at a recognised event, in a 50m pool, using electronic timing.

AGE QUALIFYING TIMES

BOYS				
AGE & EVENT	Open Water 5km Time	Pool 5 Km Time	Open Water 7.5 km Time	Open Water 10km Time
18 & 19 Years 10km	1 hour 4 Min	1 Hour	1 Hour 40 Min	2 Hours 15 Min
18 & 19 Years 5km				
16 & 17 Years 7.5km	1 Hour 7 Min	1 Hour 4 Min	1 Hour 50 Min	
16 & 17 Years 5km				
14 & 15 Year 5km	1 Hour 11 Min	1 Hour 8 Min		

GIRLS				
AGE & EVENT	Open Water 5km Time	Pool 5km Time	Open Water 7.5km Time	Open Water 10km Time
18 & 19 Years 10km	1 hour 10 Min	1 Hour 5 Min	1 hour 47 Min	2 Hours 25 Min
18 & 19 Years 5km				
16 & 17 Years 7.5km	1 Hour 12 Min	1 Hour 9 Min	1 Hour 55 Min	
16 & 17 Years 5km				
14 & 15 Years 5km	1 Hour 16 Min	1 Hour 13 Min		

OPEN QUALIFYING TIMES

MEN	5KM		10KM
	Open Water	Pool 5km Time	Open Water
	1 hour 4 min	1 hour	2 hours 10 min
MULTI CLASS	1 hour 20 min	1 hour 17 min	NA
WOMEN	5KM		10KM
	Open Water	Pool 5km Time	Open Water
	1 hour 10 min	1 hour 5 min	2 hours 20 min
MULTI CLASS	1 hour 25 min	1 hour 22 min	NA