



2023 Swimming Gold Coast Relay Championships

You are cordially invited to attend the 2023 Swimming Gold Coast Relay Championships to be conducted at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre on Saturday 4th November 2023.

Date	Saturday 4th November 2023
Time	Warmup will commence as follows: 8.00am warm-up for 9.00am start Lanes will be available in the training / diving pool for additional warmup facilities. Dive starts and pacework will be allocated for Lanes 0 and 9.
Venue & Gate entry	Gold Coast Aquatic Centre Marine Parade Southport Spectators will be permitted access to the venue during the duration of the meet. Gate entry opens at 30min prior to warm-up for spectators at a cost of \$3.30 per person (current at the time of writing). Please note that the GCAC is a cashless venue. All swimmers, coaches, technical officials, and volunteers will have their entry subsidised by Swimming Gold Coast.
Spectator Attendance	Spectators are allowed in attendance; however, they will be placed on the top deck viewing area, whilst swimmers, coaches, technical officials, and team managers will be on the pool deck. We are aiming to encourage club pride, team spirit and enhance the atmosphere of the Championships by placing swimmers together with their clubmates and friends on the day, whilst parents and spectators can cheer on from a better vantage point.
Nomination fee	\$22.00 per relay team entry + associated Swim Central fees. Includes digital program.
Nominations close	Sunday 29th October 2023 @ 11.59pm. All entries must be submitted through swim central by a club committee member. Swimmers cannot individually enter. #No Manual entries will be accepted#
Late entries	LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
Age Requirements	Age as at 4 th November 2023. 8yrs is the minimum age for these championships.
Status	This is a Swimming Queensland sanctioned Qualifying Meet.
Marshalling	All swim meets in the Gold Coast Region are self-marshalling. Team managers will be required from clubs to ensure swimmers are in the correct place at the required time.



<p>Entry Eligibility</p>	<p>All Swimmers must be fully registered as a Competitive Swimmer on Swim Central to nominate for this 2023 Swimming Gold Coast Relay Championships. This event is open to swimmers registered with Swimming Gold Coast, however, an exemption has been offered to clubs from Northern NSW to compete, however, they will be exhibition relays only.</p> <p># Clubs are permitted a maximum of one swimmer that is a visitor in each relay team, provided they are currently swimming with a club on the Gold Coast.</p> <p>‘Recreational’ swimmers are ineligible to enter.</p> <p>There are no qualifying times for this Championship Meet.</p> <p>For their club, age group swimmers are permitted to compete in a maximum of one relay team per relevant event class. Subject to this stipulation, they may compete in different age groups for their club when a different relay format is involved (e.g. 12 & under club Freestyle relay, 14 & under club Medley relay, 12 & under mixed relay). However, swimmers are not allowed to compete in 12yrs & under freestyle relay and 14yrs & under freestyle relay, for example.</p> <p>Clubs are asked to submit the names of swimmers for each relay team. Reserves can be included for each relay team. The first swimmer MUST be as per program.</p> <p>Clubs will be allowed to alter teams up to 45 minutes prior to the meets starting time but only with swimmers whose details have been submitted with entries. Therefore, if a swimmer drops out of a relay team, they can only be replaced by a Reserve, as such, please include all reserves in your teams in Swim Central.</p> <p>NOTE: Swimmers that are not entered into a relay may register to be put together in a mixed club relay team through the following Jotform. These will be exhibition relays only and will not be able to win medals. This will open at the conclusion of the relay nomination process until Wednesday 1st November via a registration JotForm, that will be provided at that time.</p>
<p>Multi – class events</p>	<p>Multi-Class Swimmers must be registered as ‘competitive’ swimmers with a Gold Coast or Northern NSW club. Your classification number/s must be registered against your swimmers record in Swim Central.</p> <p>All events are for 10 years & over and run as Open events. <u>There are no qualifying times for any MC specific events.</u></p> <p>Multi-class swimmers are to register with president@swimminggoldcoast.org.au for placement into teams for the relevant MC relay event.</p> <p>MC swimmers are also encouraged to swim in the age group relays with their clubs.</p> <p># Please note – Multi-class swimmers without a registered classification will be allowed to swim as an Exhibition swimmer only.</p>
<p>Swimming Gold Coast Annual Awards</p>	<p>Swimmers and clubs registered with Swimming Gold Coast should compete at these Championships to be eligible for our Annual Awards including Swimmer of the year, Rising Star, Age Group and Multi-Class Awards, Swimmer of Stroke & Coach’s Award. More information about these awards is available on our website.</p> <p>https://www.swimminggoldcoast.org.au/awards-criteria</p> <p>Swimmers with Swimming Qld or Swimming Australia commitments will be given special exemption if unable to attend, although no points will be allocated.</p> <p>Points will be allocated in accordance with the Swimming Gold Coast Awards Criteria.</p>



Events	<p>As per attached Program of Events.</p> <p>These Championships are to be conducted as timed finals. If less than 3 nominations are received for an event, Swimming Gold Coast reserves the right to cancel the event and refund nominations. Swimming Gold Coast also reserves the right, on the day, to combine heats and / or events. Qualifying times for all events will be enforced.</p>
Rules	<p>This meet will be conducted under the rules as documented within: "Swimming Queensland General Rules", "Swimming Queensland Championship By-Laws", "World Aquatics" and "Swimming Australia Limited" rules.</p> <p>This is a self-marshalling meet. Competitors in the first two events should be behind the blocks in the self-marshalling zone (holding area) prior to the scheduled starting time of the session. In addition, all competitors should be in the self-marshalling zone (holding area) 2 heats prior to their own heat for all events. This is to be monitored by club team managers.</p> <p>Please refer to the electronic signage beside the pool, the scoreboard and listen to the announcer for which event is currently swimming in the water.</p>
Backstroke Ledges	<p>Backstroke ledges will be available for swimmers to utilise in events 1, 6-9, 12 and 13.</p>
Meet Mobile	<p>Results may be published in near real time during this meet via the Meet Mobile application.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results published via Meet Mobile ARE NOT OFFICIAL and should be used as a guide only. • Official meet results are printed by officials during all meets and posted in a prominent position. <p>Official results are also published within 48hrs of the completion of a meet upon the Swimming Gold Coast website event pages and Swim Central</p>
Timekeepers & Volunteers	<p>Timekeepers and volunteers will be required to be provided by each club, where available. A schedule will be provided to the clubs by the region, with all volunteers, timekeeper's and the chief timekeeper to be allocated to clubs by the SGC management committee.</p>
Results	<p>1st, 2nd and 3rd placings will be determined from the OFFICIAL TIMES swam in the timed final of each event. Medals will be awarded for all age group and Open events. The Multi-Class event is an exhibition only and medals may not be awarded.</p>
Collection of medals	<p>Collection of medals is the responsibility of each swimmer. Medals not collected by the end of the meet will not be redeemed.</p>
Volunteers	<p>The following volunteer roles will be allocated to clubs on Monday 30th October 2023 after the closing of nominations. Please register your interest with your club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timekeepers (10) • Chief Timekeepers (1) • Medal Presenters (2) • Catering Distributors (2) • Results Runners (1) • Control Room Assistants (1) • BBQ (6)

<p>Club Team Managers</p>	<p>Further opportunities for parents to assist in being an integral part of the Championships involves assisting their clubs as a team manager. The role of the team manager is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervising all swimmers from the club, especially those 17yrs & under. • Supporting the coach(es) in matters relating to the swimmers. • Ensuring swimmers know what, when and where for seating, warm-up, self-marshalling, racing and warm-down and being present for these. • Being a point of contact for drop-off of swimmers. • Ensuring ALL swimmers are collected upon exit from the facility. • Have relevant emergency contact details for each swimmer. • Commit to the time required to fulfil the role. • Ensure each team is ready to race in their heat. <p>All team managers MUST have a valid working with children blue card – link here.</p> <p>Team managers will be limited to 1 team manager per team entered, up to a maximum of 10 team managers.</p> <p>Team manager volunteers are to register through their club and all information is to be provided to Swimming Gold Coast before midday Thursday 2nd November 2023. Team manager allocations are being left to the discretion of the clubs for this Relay Championship Meet.</p>
<p>Photography & images</p>	<p>In nominating for this Championship Meet, swimmers agree that they may be photographed by Swimming Queensland, Swimming Gold Coast and the Club approved photographers, that the images may be displayed for viewing and purchasing on site during the Meet and on the photographer’s secure website after the Meet, and that they may also be used by Swimming Queensland, Swimming Gold Coast and the Club at its discretion.</p>
<p>Food</p>	<p>Swimming Gold Coast will be hosting a BBQ throughout the day, with the assistance of a yet to be determined Swim Club. A detailed menu will be provided on the last page of the meet program.</p> <p>Also, Café Catalina will be open to swimmers and spectators throughout the day.</p>
<p>Copy of results</p>	<p>An official copy of results will be available on the SGC website: https://www.swimminggoldcoast.org.au/ within 48 hours after the completion of the meet.</p>
<p>Technical Officials</p>	<p>All technical officials will be contacted to register their availability by Chief Referee, Sharon Wicking.</p> <p>Any persons interested in learning about the possibilities of becoming a Technical Official, please make contact with the Swimming Gold Coast Chief Referee Sharon Wicking at: chiefreferee@swimminggoldcoast.org.au for communication on the opportunities available and any training requirements.</p>
<p>Pool Compliance</p>	<p>The Gold Coast Aquatic Centre has undertaken compliance testing and met all current competitive pool standards, as set by Swimming Australia. Gold Coast pool certifications can be viewed here.</p>
<p>Competitive Dive Policy</p>	<p>All swimming competitors and/or their parents, accept that, by nominating for this event, that they have read and understand Swimming Australia’s “Dive Entry for Competitive Swimming Policy” and the swimmer(s) meet the dive competency levels outlined in that policy. This policy can be found here.</p>



FURTHER COMMUNICATION	In the week preceding the meet, further relevant information such as entry lists, timeline and volunteer requirements will be sent out to clubs. This may also include facility maps, seating requirements and any further information as required.
Code of Conduct	By entering this swim meet all swimmers and attendees agree to adhere to the Swimming Gold Coast code of conduct. The code of conduct can be found at the following link. CODE OF CONDUCT LINK
Force Majeure	In the case of force majeure preventing or resulting in the 2023 SGC Relay Championships being cancelled, refund of registration fees will be at the discretion of Swimming Gold Coast.

For any enquiries, please contact

- Sienna Dopson - email acesecretary@swimminggoldcoast.org.au

No manual TM entry files will be accepted (except International). Visitors will not be eligible for medals, nor SGC Championship records.

- Payment **MUST BE COMPLETED** during event registration via the swim central online entries process. You will receive a purchase order confirmation from Swim Central as proof of entry.
- There will be NO finals at this Championship event.



ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR THE EVENTS

Swimming Gold Coast is proud to confirm our commitment to inclusivity for ALL our swimming members as an integral part of our Relay Championships. As such, we are again implementing a system that will allow swimmers that would normally miss out on swimming relays the opportunity to swim, where possible.

Mixed Club Multi-Class Relay (event 14) – We are continuing with a Multi-Class relay at the Championships, to ensure that all swimmers have an opportunity to compete in a relay that they are eligible to swim in. Given that there may not be enough eligible swimmers in each or even any club, we are allowing swimmers to compete in a mixed club format. Swimmers will be emailed directly and will be manually entered. Note: if there are uneven numbers a solution will be formulated at the time to ensure that all MC athletes get to swim in this MC specific relay. MC Swimmers will get an email directly from the SGC President regarding entries.

All relays from event 1-13 & 15-27 – Please enter your swimmers as per normal on Swim Central following the process regarding nominating relay teams. Please ensure your reserves / alternates are added to your relay teams in Swim Central. **Clubs can not change relay swimmers on the day, if they are not listed as a reserve.**

All relays from event 10-13 & 24-27 – Swimmers that are not placed within a team or are listed as a reserve will be provided the opportunity to swim in a mixed club relay. Swimmers will be able to register through a link that will be distributed by SGC after nominations close on Saturday 28th October, until Wednesday 1st November 2023. SGC will attempt to compile teams of registered swimmers to enable them to have more swims and fun on the day. There is no guarantee of a swim, and the teams will be exhibition only.

If you have any enquires regarding this, please reach out to:

SGC President, Warren Dopson – president@swimminggoldcoast.org.au or

SGC Secretary, Michelle Schafer – secretary@swimminggoldcoast.org.au



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Session 1 – Saturday 4th November

8:00am warm-up – 9:00am start

Event No.	Event Details	Event No.	Event Details
1	Mixed Open 4x100 Medley Relay (2 girls & 2 boys)		
2	Girls 10 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay	3	Boys 10 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay
4	Girls 12 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay	5	Boys 12 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay
6	Girls 14 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay	7	Boys 14 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay
8	Girls Open 4 x 50 Medley Relay	9	Boys Open 4 x 50 Medley Relay
10	Mixed 10 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		
11	Mixed 12 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		
12	Mixed 14 & Under 4 x 50 Medley Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		
13	Mixed Open 4 x 50 Medley Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		
14	Mixed Open MC Mixed Club 4 x 50 Free Relay (Mixed clubs)		

Short 10min Break

15	Mixed Open 4 x 100 Free Relay (2 girls & 2 boys)		
16	Girls 10 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay	17	Boys 10 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay
18	Girls 12 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay	19	Boys 12 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay
20	Girls 14 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay	21	Boys 14 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay
22	Girls Open 4 x 50 Free Relay	23	Boys Open 4 x 50 Free Relay
24	Mixed 10 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		
25	Mixed 12 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		
26	Mixed 14 & Under 4 x 50 Free Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		
27	Mixed Open 4 x 50 Free Relay (2 girls & 2 boys) **		

**** NOTE: events 10-13 & 24-27 are the events eligible for the mixed club relay teams made up of club reserves. Swimmer's must register after nomination close through the supplied registration link which will be distributed at that time.**