



2026 Swimming Gold Coast Sprint Championships

You are cordially invited to attend the 2026 Swimming Gold Coast Sprint Championships.

Date	Saturday 24th January, 2026
Time	<p>Session 1 - 7.00am warm-up for 8.00am start</p> <p>Session 2 (Finals) – 15 minutes after completion of Session 1</p> <p>Session 3 – 10 minutes after completion of session 2</p> <p>Session 4 (Finals) – 15 minutes after completion of season 3</p>
Nomination fee	<p>\$12.00 per event individual event (incl. GST) + associated Swim Central fees.</p> <p>\$2.50 swimmer surcharge to cover the cost of officials. Includes digital program.</p>
Nominations close	<p>Sunday 18th January 2025 @ 11.59pm.</p> <p>All entries must be submitted through swim central</p> <p>#No Manual entries will be accepted#</p>
Venue & Gate entry	<p>Gold Coast Aquatic Centre</p> <p>Marine Parade</p> <p>Southport</p> <p>Spectators will be permitted access to the venue during the duration of the meet. Gate entry opens at 6.45am for spectators at a cost of \$3.50 per person (current at the time of writing).</p> <p>All swimmers, coaches, technical officials and volunteers will have their entry subsidised by Swimming Gold Coast.</p>
Spectator Attendance	<p>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.</p> <p>We are aiming to encourage club pride, team spirit and enhance the atmosphere of the Sprint 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.</p>
Late entries	Late entries will be accepted after the nomination closing date up until Tuesday 20th January 2026. ALL late entries will attract a \$50 late entry fee per swimmer.
Age Requirements	<p>Age as at 24th January 2026.</p> <p>8yrs is the minimum age for these championships.</p>
Status	This is a Swimming Queensland sanctioned Qualifying Meet.
Entry Eligibility	<p>All Swimmers must be registered as a competitive swimming member of SGC (on Swim Central) to nominate for these Sprint Championships. 'Recreational' swimmers entries are ineligible.</p> <p>Qualifying Times</p> <p>Qualifying times must have been achieved after January 1st 2024 at an approved qualifying meet. Club night, club championships are NOT ACCEPTABLE, no times (NT) are only acceptable for MC and 8-9yr old swimmers.</p> <p>Short Course converted times can be used, however, converted short course qualifying times will only be used where an existing long course qualifying time has not been achieved.</p>



Multi –class events	<p>Multi-Class Swimmers must be registered as ‘competitive’ swimmers with a Gold Coast club and have a classification card. Your classification number/s must be registered against your swimmers record in Swim Central.</p> <p>The events (all four 50m) are for 10years & Over and run as Open events. <u>There are no qualifying times for all MC events.</u></p> <p># Please note - Multi-class swimmers without an existing verified classification will be allowed to swim as an Exhibition swimmer only.</p>
Visiting swimmers	<p>This Meet is a closed Meet for members that are registered with Swimming Gold Coast. International / Interstate Swimmers that are training at Gold Coast Pools will be provided with exemption to swim at this event. All swimmers members of another federation must enter manually. Training confirmation must be provided by the coach.</p> <p>All Visitors will not be eligible for Finals or medals.</p>
Events	<p>As per attached Program of Events.</p> <p>8-9yr old and MC events will be swum as combined timed final events. There will be no finals for these groups.</p> <p>Heats only will be swum in each event. 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 events. Qualifying times for all events will be enforced.</p>
Further Communication	<p>In the week preceding the meet, further relevant information will be provided to all participants and attendees within the program. This will include facility maps, seating requirements and any further information as required.</p>
Warmup	<p>Warmup will commence as follows: Saturday Session 1: 7.00am</p> <p>Lanes will be available in the training pool for additional warmup facilities for finals.</p> <p>Dive starts and pacework will be allocated for Lanes 0 and 9 from 7:30am.</p> <p>After commencement of the Championships, there will be 3 lanes available in the 50m training pool for warm-up and cool-down.</p>
Marshalling	<p>All swim meets in the Gold Coast Region are self-Marshalling, however: ALL finalists, including reserves, will be required to Marshall for the finals only. ANY “no shows” for finals, including alternates will be automatically withdrawn from all remaining finals, and the swimmers’ club will be fined \$50.00.</p>
Rules	<p>These championships will be conducted under the rules as documented within: "Swimming Queensland General Rules", "SQ Championship By-Laws", "World Aquatics" and "SAL" rules.</p> <p>Competitors in the first two events should be behind the blocks in the self-marshalling zone 5 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the session. In addition, all competitors should be in the self-marshalling zone at least 8 heats prior to their heat.</p>
Backstroke Ledges	<p>Backstroke ledges will be made available to swimmers in the 12yrs & over and MC Backstroke events only (Events 1, 2, 7, 8, 101 & 102).</p>
Technical Officials	<p>All technical officials will be contacted to register their availability, for either day, or both by Chief Referee, Sharon Wicking.</p> <p>Any persons interested in learning about the possibilities of becoming a Technical Official, please contact the Swimming Gold Coast Chief Referee Sharon Wicking at: chiefreferee@swimminggoldcoast.org.au for communication on the opportunities available and any training requirements.</p>



Results	<p>Swimming Gold Coast Club point score will be in place.</p> <p>Age Champions will be awarded to each age group from 8yrs to 16yrs & Over.</p> <p>1st, 2nd and 3rd placings will be determined from the OFFICIAL TIMES swam in the Finals. Medals will be awarded to ages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & Over age groups. Medals will only be awarded to placegetters within the qualifying time.</p> <p>Age Champions will be recognised from all events in a swimmer's age group and presented at the completion of the Championships on Saturday 20th January.</p> <p>A minimum of 3 events in their age group must be swum to be eligible. An individual point score for all placings will be used for these championships. All individual swimmers, who swim in an event, will accrue a minimum of 1 point.</p> <p>For Multi-Class swimmers, medals/points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place using the Swimming Australia Multi-Class Points System.</p>
Meet Mobile	<p>Results may be published in near real time during this meet via Meet Mobile.</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>
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>
Food	<p>Swimming Gold Coast will be hosting a BBQ throughout the day. 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>
Volunteers	<p>To assist with the running of the meet, Swimming Gold Coast requires the assistance of clubs to utilise parents to volunteer for the following roles throughout the meet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Timekeeper (1) Timekeepers (2 per lane) Catering Distributors (2) Medal Presenters (2) <p>Clubs will be provided this information on Monday morning – 19th January 2026.</p>
Timekeepers & Volunteers & TO's	<p>Timekeepers, Technical Officials, Team Managers and Volunteers will be required to be provided by each club, where available. A schedule will be provided to the clubs by Swimming Gold Coast.</p>
Code of conduct	<p>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</p>
Swimming Gold Coast Annual Awards	<p>Swimmers registered with Swimming Gold Coast should compete at these Championships to be eligible to gain points for our Annual Awards. More information about these awards is available on our website.</p> <p>https://www.swimminggoldcoast.org.au/</p> <p>Swimmers with Swimming Qld or Swimming Australia commitments will be given special exemption if unable to attend.</p> <p>Points will be allocated in accordance with the Swimming Gold Coast Awards Criteria, also found on our website.</p>



Photography & images	<p>In nominating for this 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>PLEASE NOTE: as there is a SGC Photographer engaged by SGC, there is no other photography permitted on pool deck without the express approval of the SGC Committee.</p>
Copy of results	<p>A copy of results will be available on the website: https://www.swimminggoldcoast.org.au/meetresults</p>

For any enquiries, please contact

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No manual TM entry files will be accepted (except Internationals).

- Payment must be completed during event registration via the swim central online entries process.