



Wide Bay Regional Swimming Association

Rules for Short & Long Course Championships

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age is at the first day of competition• Athletes cannot swim 'up' an age in individual events.• Minimum age to compete at these Championships is 9 years.• Minimum age for 1500m & 800m events is 13 years• Minimum age for 400m Free, 400IM, 200m Breaststroke, 200m Butterfly and 200m Backstroke is 12 years.• Minimum age for 200m Freestyle is 11 years
Qualifying Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Times must have been achieved in either a LC or SC Meet• School and coaches times are not acceptable.
Finals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All 50m & 100m events will be conducted as heats & finals, except 11 Years & under and Multi Class events, which will be conducted as Timed Finals during the heat sessions.
Special Conditions	<p><u>Swimmers aged 9 Years</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If a swimmer meets the Qualifying Time in at least 2 x 50m Stroke Events, they are then eligible to nominate for either or both of the remaining 2 x 50m Stroke Events, irrespective of if they have met the Qualifying Time or not. Swimmers are still to pay the nomination fee for all events entered.• If a swimmer competes in each of the 4 x 50m Stroke Events, they will receive the "Melanie Wright Medal" in recognition of their achievement in competing in all 4 individual stroke events at the championships.• Every swimmer who competes at the Championships will receive the "Championship Medal".• No place-getter medals or Age Champions will be awarded to swimmers. <p><u>Swimmers aged 10 to 11 Years</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If a swimmer meets the Qualifying Time in at least 2 x 100m Stroke Events, they are then eligible to nominate for either or both of the remaining 2 x 100m Stroke Events, irrespective of if they have met the Qualifying Time or not. Swimmers are still to pay the nomination fee for all events entered.• If a swimmer competes in each of the 4 x 100m Stroke Events, they will receive the "Melanie Wright Medal" in recognition of their achievement in competing in all 4 individual stroke events at the championships.• Every swimmer who competes at the Championships will receive the "Championship Medal".• No place-getter medals or Age Champions will be awarded to swimmers. <p><u>Swimmers aged 12 Years and Over</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimmers must meet Qualifying Times in all events they nominate for.• Place-getter medals and Age Champion Towels will be awarded as per previous Championship Meets.



<i>Straight Finals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some 50m and 100m events may become straight finals in the 12 & over age group. These events will become apparent once nominations close. Swimmers are required to marshal for these events during the heats session as normal. Finals will be conducted as per the program (i.e. in the Finals sessions at the end of Saturday and Sunday).• <u>All 400m, 800m & 1500m events</u> will be conducted as timed finals in the heats sessions.• <u>All 200m events</u> will be conducted as Multi Age events (12yrs & Over) and swum as timed finals in the heats sessions.
<i>Medals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medals are presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Open and Individual Age (12 – 17 Years) Events.• Medals are presented for Individual Age (12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, Open) Groups in Multi Age Events.• Swimmers aged 11 years will not be eligible to receive a place-getters medal in any Open event should they compete.
<i>Melanie Wright 100m Freestyle Perpetual Trophy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded to the swimmer (12yrs & over) who won the 100m Freestyle event (in each age group) who achieved the highest FINA points overall.
<i>Age Champions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi Class Swimmers must swim in all 4 x 50m Events.• Individual Age (12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & Open) Group swimmers must swim in each of the 4 x 100m Events.• Points awarded will be 6 (1st), 3 (2nd), 1 (3rd) for all Age Champion events.• In the event of a tie, the swimmer with the lowest aggregate time across the 4 x 100m events will be awarded age champion.
<i>Relays</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of two teams per Club may be entered in any Relay Event.• Relay swimmers must nominate and compete in at least one Individual event to be eligible to swim in a Relay event.