



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

SWIMMING

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These rules apply to State, Region and Division competitions. Any variations to these rules at Region and Division levels will be found on the relevant page on the SSV website.

- Venue:** MSAC – **Outdoor Pool**, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park.
- Dates:** Combined Primary & Secondary: Thursday, April 23rd, 2026.
- Doors Open:** The doors will not open until 9:00am.
- Entry Fee:** Adults: \$5 (Please note that MSAC is a cashless venue)
Students and Children (Under 15) are Free.
Teachers will be given free entry on production of their VIT Registration Card or school ID Card.
- Car Parking:** There is metered parking in the Lakeside Stadium Car Park and Albert Drive. The week day costs are \$6.00 per hour or All Day parking costs approx. \$14.30.
Alternatively, car parking at MSAC (multi story & southern car parks) is free for the first hour, then \$6.00 per hour or part thereof; \$30 maximum daily rate.
Please note that information is correct at the time of printing.
- Programs:** Programs will not be available for sale at the venue. They can be downloaded free from the www.ssv.vic.edu.au website
- Warm Up Time:** Competitors will have access to the competition pool from 9:15am until 10:00am to warm up.
SSV will have two lanes in the indoor pool available for warming up and cooling down during competition. The indoor pool is accessible from the mezzanine foyer.
- Format:** Finals for swimmers qualifying from Region Championships.
- Conditions:** See the School Sport Victoria's '[General Conditions of Competition](#)'. All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the '[SSV Codes of Conduct](#)' and the '[Participant Behaviour Policy](#)'.

Sports Tape **MUST** be supplied by the student/competing team. Strapping for injury prevention as required **MUST** be performed by the student/competing team. NB. The First Aid Responder attending the state finals are **NOT** permitted to perform strapping.
- Rules:** Swimming is conducted under the rules of Australian Swimming Inc. unless otherwise stated.
Please see the [SSV Primary Schools Resource Manual](#) for more useful sport specific information.
- Age Restrictions:** Ages are calculated as at December 31 in the year of competition.
A competitor may compete in an older age group provided they only compete in one age group for all of their individual events.
A competitor may compete in a different relay age group to their individual event age group.
Competitors may only compete in one age group in each relay type (medley relay, freestyle relay).
The age group a swimmer/athlete competes in at District Level (Secondary – Division Level) cannot be changed when competing at higher levels of competition.
- Event Restriction:** Secondary competitors may compete in **not more than FIVE** swimming events. This excludes relays.
Primary competitors may compete in **not more than TWO** swimming events. This excludes relays.
Primary Multi Class swimmers may compete in **not more than THREE** swimming events. There are no Multi Class relays.
Changes to entries, as notified by the Region Coordinator, will only be accepted up to two (2) working days prior to the Championships. After this time, changes will not be accepted.
- Qualifying:** The competing swimmers are those who have qualified through from each of the eight Sporting Regions of the SSV and must be full time students attending schools that are members of SSV.
One swimmer per Sporting Region qualifies for State Championships (invitations excepted).
SSV reserves the right to invite more than one Multi Class swimmer based on times at Region and the Multi Class points system.

Relay Teams:

The four members of each relay team must be students at the same school/campus, with names submitted on the relay team sheet prior to the competition.

One team per Sporting Region qualifies for State Championships.

Small schools from the same Sports District with a combined enrolment of 300 pupils or less may select a combined relay team.

Teams will be disqualified if a relay team sheet is not supplied or swimmers in the event do not match the names listed. Alterations can be made to the team sheet up to 20 minutes prior to the event running.

Girls are permitted to compete in a Boy/Mixed Relay provided they do not also compete in a Girls' Relay. A Boys/Mixed team must be made up of a minimum of one Boy. Boys are not permitted to compete in the Girls' Relay.

Multi Class Swimmers:

Multi Class events are conducted over 50 m in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly.

Multi Class events will be conducted using the multi disability format for both boys and girls and results calculated using the Swimming Australia Multi Class Points Schedule (MCPS)

Each Multi Class swimmer **MUST** have competed at the Region level.

Students must hold a current classification. Students without a classification must contact Swimming Victoria.

SSV reserves the right to invite extra Multi Class swimmers to the State Final that have not qualified by placing first at Region competition.

Multi Class swimmers wishing to compete in able body events (including relays) must qualify according to the regular SSV progression pathway.

Dress:

Swimming costumes must comply with the Swimming Victoria Swimwear Bylaws and current related guidelines **except** *Swimming Victoria (SV) By-Law Competitions and Events 6.2 Competitors 11 years and under are not permitted (or allowed) to wear a technical/performance suit in SV hosted competitions.*

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Competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit.

Swimwear for boys shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for girls, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below the knee.

The costumes of all competitors shall be in good moral taste, non-transparent and suitable for the individual sports discipline.

The Referee and/or Convener have the authority to exclude any competitor whose costume does not comply with this rule.

Football shorts or board shorts are not considered suitable for competition at State Championships.

Compression clothing (such as Skins, Underarmour, Performax etc) that are **not** specifically designed for swimming are not considered suitable. Swimmers wearing compression clothing that is not approved by FINA will not be permitted to compete. For a full list of approved FINA swim suits [click here](#).

Marshalling:

Competitors must report to the marshalling area for their event at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

Competitors should be aware that the scheduled times printed in the program are approximate and subject to change.

Appropriate announcements will be made concerning any substantial alterations.

Presentations:

At the conclusion of each event the first three placegetters will, when announced, mount the victory dais and be presented with awards. Placegetters are to wear their school tracksuit or school polo to presentations

Protests:

Protests must be notified to the Referee in Charge on the day of competition only by either the competitor or teacher or adult responsible for the competitor.

Any competitor aggrieved by the ruling of the Referee may request to compete under protest (in the case of a disqualification/failed attempt) until their Appeal can be heard.

After the Referee has made his/her decision, there is an opportunity to lodge an appeal in writing with the Convenor within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the race or the Referee's decision, whichever comes first. There is an appeal fee of AUD\$50 cash to accompany any appeal.

Presentations will be withheld whilst any protest or appeal is being heard.

No protests or appeals will be heard after the day the competition is conducted.

Privacy:

SSV will publish the names of qualifiers to this event and their school names on the SSV web site for the official conduct and administration of this event.

In order to celebrate the achievements of student in school sport events, SSV will publish full results from the Championships, including competitors' names and schools on the SSV web page and will make full results available to Swimming Victoria for the purposes of official verification of times.

"Sports Trend", official photographer to SSV, will be taking action photos plus photos of all presentations at the Championships. SSV may forward suitable photos to the media (the Herald Sun, The Age etc) for inclusion in articles covering the Championships.

If you wish to have your (or your son's/daughter's) name and/or images withheld please contact the School Sport Victoria office on (03) 9084 9001 or school.sport.victoria@education.vic.gov.au

State Team Selection (Team Vic):

The State Swimming Team will **NOT** be selected and announced after these Championships.

All swimmers who wish to be considered for Team Vic Swimming must nominate online at the School Sport Victoria website (www.ssv.vic.edu.au).

Please note that qualifying criteria and closing dates apply.





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EVENTS CONDUCTED AND EVENT NUMBERS

AGE GROUP	9-10 Years		11 Years		12-13 Years Prim.		12-13 Years Sec.		14 Years		15 Years		16 Years		17 Years		18-20 Years	
Freestyle 200m							3	4	3	4	3	4	1	2	1	2	1	2
Breaststroke 50m	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Breaststroke 50 m MC	133	136	134	137	135	138	139	142	139	142	140	143	140	143	141	144	141	144
Breaststroke 100m							5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6
Butterfly 50m	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
Butterfly 50m MC	45	48	46	49	47	50	51	54	51	54	52	55	52	55	53	56	53	56
Butterfly 100m							25	26	25	26	25	26	25	26	25	26	25	26
Freestyle 50m	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
Freestyle 50m MC	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	88	85	88	86	89	86	89	87	90	87	90
Freestyle 100m							57	58	57	58	57	58	59	60	59	60	59	60
Backstroke 50m	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
Backstroke 50m MC	111	114	112	115	113	116	117	120	117	120	118	121	118	121	119	122	119	122
Backstroke 100m							91	92	91	91	91	92	91	92	91	92	91	92
Medley Relay	123	124	123	124	123	124	125	126	125	126	127	128	127	128	129	130	129	130
Freestyle 400m							131	132	131	132	131	132	131	132	131	132	131	132
Individual Medley 200m							145	146	145	146	145	146	147	148	147	148	147	148
Freestyle Relay	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166

MC = Multi Class

SCHOOLS' COMPETITION - SECONDARY

Points are awarded on a school basis as follows:

Event Type	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Individual	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relay	20	16	12	10	8	6	4	2

Points are not awarded if competitors are disqualified, do not finish or do not marshal.

"Invitation" competitors cannot earn points for their school, but they may receive individual awards.

A Perpetual trophy is awarded to the school scoring the highest number of points.