

2021 Bellarine and North Geelong Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships

***Tuesday 16th March 2021***

***Kardinia Aquatic Centre Park Crescent South Geelong***

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***INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS***

* *To reduce the possibility getting sunburnt, everyone is expected to follow the Sun Smart guidelines of wearing a broad brimmed hat, covering up, regularly applying sunscreen and staying under a shaded area as much as possible.*
* *To reduce the possibility of becoming dehydrated, everyone should be drinking water throughout the day. It is hoped that Barwon Water’s mobile drinking fountain will be at the pool.*
* *Students with respiratory problems e.g. asthma, must bring their medication and know how to competently self-administer it.*
* ***Even if supervised by a parent or teacher, students are not permitted to use the ‘non-competition’ pool at any time during the day.***
* ***Photos or recordings may not be taken using any electronic device within the boundary fences of the Kardinia Aquatic Centre***
* *The starter and judges are qualified Swimming Victoria officials.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**The following information outlines how the day will be organised if the Government imposed COVID-19 restrictions allow us to run the event as it has been for many years.**

**However, the conditions and program are subject to change at any time prior to the day as a consequence of changes to government regulations and restrictions. This could include; restricting the number of competitors in an event, the number of spectators admitted to the Kardinia Aquatic Centre, postponing the event, making it a ‘virtual event’ (the placings are determined by the submitted times), making the wearing of face masks mandatory for everyone above the age of 12 or only permitting competitors and school approved supervisors to attend.**

* Students must be supervised by a school staff member or school approved person at all times while at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre. Everyone must enter through the front entrance. *It is highly likely that non competitors will have to register as they enter the venue.*
* **Due to a CoGG policy, no photographs or videos can be taken within the complex.** SSV will have an approved person taking photos at the conclusion of each medal presentation. Through the school, parents will be given instructions of when, and how, these photos can be downloaded.

NOTE: SSV policy states that “The Information Privacy Act 2000 requires School Sport Victoria to inform you that, in the conduct of school sport, photographs may be taken of participants and results compiled to record student participation, celebrate student success and achievement and to promote SSV and events conducted by SSV. We limit the use and disclosure of any personal information to the purpose of participating in school sport. By accepting the invitation to participate in events under the auspices of SSV, you undertake to abide by the SSV Privacy Policy.” If you do not wish your child to photographed in the group photo, you must, in writing, advise the Event Manager at least two days prior to the event.

* There are two competition streams – ‘Able Bodied’ students and ‘Multiclass’ (students with a disability). **‘Able Bodied’ students can enter a maximum of two individual events, one age group relay and one Medley relay. ‘Multiclass’ students can enter three individual events (because there is no relay event for them).**
* Students with a disability compete in Multiclass events, following the same format that is used at all levels up to, and including, the Para Olympics. The process is that their time is compared a designated standard for their classification and assigned a ‘score’. The ‘scores’ are compared to determine the placings. To compete in the Multiclass events, the student must be classified into one of the five categories listed on the SSV website. Students will be able to compete at the Division event with a temporary classification but they must be formally classified prior to competing in the Region event. The classification process may take up to 6 weeks so it is essential the process is started as early as possible. Please note, to be in the Intellectual grouping, the students IQ must be <75, not 70 as it is for most Department funding/support programs. Multiclass events will be held in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events in 9/10, 11 and 12/13 age groups. The SSV website link for information on Multiclass activities is <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/para-athletes/>
* **The age is taken at 31/12/2021. Students in ‘mainstream schools’ must be born between 2008 and 2012 to be permitted to compete.** *Students aged 14 or younger than 9 on 31/12/2021 are not permitted to compete*. Due to the grade structure being different, **students attending ‘alternative schools’ e.g. Nelson Park, must be no older than 12 at 31/12/2021.** Students attending special settings that turn 13 this year compete at the secondary sector event.
* **There are no finals and placings are determined by the times recorded in the heats.**
* The carnival is a combined Bellarine Division and Geelong North Division event and competitors will be seeded into heats according to the submitted times, not which Division they come from.
* 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters in both Divisions will receive a ribbon and the placings will be determined by the comparative times swum in the heats. The times for all competitors will be displayed as soon as possible after each event, and posted on the SSV website and emailed to schools as soon as possible after the event.
* **The first and second placed swimmer in individual events and the first placed team in relay events from each Division will progress to the Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships that will be held at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 30th March 2021 (9:00 – noon). It is important that students know on the day of the Division Championships if they will be available to compete at the Region event as all invitations to compete at the Region event will be given on the day. Late invitations will be only given unless there are exceptional circumstances**.
* Entries must be submitted, via email, by a school on the official entry form. There is an additional form for Multiclass students as specific information about each competitor is required.
* Individuals should swim in the correct age group for individual events. However, he/she may compete up an age group providing he/she competes in that age group for all events. For the freestyle relays, a student may swim in an older age group if there is no entry for his/her age group. A girl may swim in a Boys/Mixed relay but is not permitted to also swim in a Girls relay team. Students of any age can swim in the Medley relay.
* Swimmers with a disability (Multiclass) must have their classification recorded prior to the day of the carnival.
* **After the entry has been submitted by the school, changes to entries in ‘individual’ event cannot be made.** Provided the replacement attends the same school and the other SSV conditions are adhered to, changes to the composition of a relay team can be made on the day.
* **Competitors in all events must be able to perform the strokes correctly throughout the race. The SSV rules are the same as FINA’s rules for children of the same age. The correct start, finish and stroke techniques must be used in all events. Students will be disqualified if their technique/action contravenes the rules at any stage of the race. Before nominating a student, please ensure your child/ren can swim the nominated stroke/s in accordance with the SSV rules.**
* As far as possible, everyone must remain off the concrete surrounds of the pool throughout the day. This is especially important when the starter is about to start a race and while a race is in progress.
* Teachers, parents, supervisors, coaches or spectators are not permitted to be at the starting or finishing ends of the pool.

NOTE: There is discretion to make an exception to this rule for students competing in a Multiclass event if the Event Manager is spoken to before the student reports for the event.

* **The first heat will start at 9:20 am and the expected finishing time is about 2:30 pm.**
* **The starting times of events cannot be published as the number of entrants varies from year to year and the number of entrants determines how many heats need to be held in each event.**
* After all the entries have been checked and the heats finalised, schools will be sent an electronic copy of the program to print for their students.
* The pool will be open for students to ‘warm up’ until 9:05 am. **During the warm up period, students are not permitted to use the starting blocks and must be supervised by a responsible adult. There are no other ‘warm up/down’ times during the day. The ‘old pool’ cannot be used by students competing in the SSV Carnival during the day because it is reserved for the public.**
* Marshalling for the first two events (9/10 freestyle) will commence at 9.10 a.m. The marshalling area will be on the lawn area behind the starting (river) end of the pool. If the conditions are extreme, the marshalling area may be moved to a shaded area. With the exception of Multiclass entrants who may bring a support person with them, only competitors will be allowed in marshalling area. **Parents, coaches, teachers and friends must remain outside marshalling area**. Any child who does not go through the marshalling process will not be permitted to participate in the event. Individuals who have not reported will not be individually called via the PA system. It is the responsibility of the supervisor/student to have an awareness of the progress of the competition and listen for when competitors are called, via the PA system, to the marshalling area**.**
* **Order of Events**

The events will be swum in the order of:

1. Freestyle (50 metres)
2. Breaststroke (50 metres)
3. Backstroke (50 metres)
4. Butterfly (50 metres)
5. 4 x 50 metres Medley Relay
6. 4 x 50 metres Freestyle Relay

For each stroke and the Freestyle relays, the events will be swum in the order of

1 - Girls 9/10 years 2 - Boys 9/10 years

3 - Girls 11 years 4 - Boys 11 years

5 - Girls 12/13 years 6 - Boys 12/13 years

7 - Girls Multiclass 8 – Boys Multiclass

NOTES:

1. The Medley Relay is a 9 -13 age group event so any child eligible to compete in an individual event can be in a team.
2. There are no Multiclass Butterfly or Relay events.
3. Should there be a small number of entrants in any of the Multiclass events, the student/s may be asked to swim in an able bodied heat or two or more of the Multiclass Girls and Boys events may be conducted at the same time.
4. The format for the Division event is the same as that for the Region event.

* **Individual and Relay Qualifying Times** *(Entries will not be accepted for those who nominate slower times)*
* **The updated Individual and Relay Qualifying Times are:**

**Freestyle –**

9/10 Years Boys 0 min 50 sec 9/10 Years Girls 0 min 50 sec

11 Years Boys 0 min 45 sec 11 Years Girls 0 min 45 sec

12/13 Years Boys 0 min 45 sec 12/13 Years Girls 0 min 45 sec

**Backstroke**

9/10 Years Boys1 min 00 sec 9/10 Years Girls 1 min 0 sec

11 Years Boys 0 min 57 sec 11 Years Girls 0 min 57 sec

12/13 Years Boys 0 min 57 sec 12/13 Years Girls 0 min 57 sec

**Breaststroke**

9/10 Years Boys 1 min 07 sec 9/10 Years Girls 1 min 07 sec

11 Years Boys 1 min 04 sec 11 Years Girls 1 min 04 sec

12/13 Years Boys 1 min 04 sec 12/13 Years Girls 1 min 04 sec

**Butterfly**

9/10 Years Boys 1 min 15 sec 9/10 Years Girls 1 min 15 sec

11 Years Boys 1 min 05 sec 11 Years Girls 1 min 05 sec

12/13 Years Boys 1 min 05sec 12/13 Years Girls 1 min 05 sec

**Freestyle Relays**

9/10 Years Boys 3 min 25 sec 9/10 Years Girls 3 min 25 sec

11 Years Boys 3 min 15 sec 11 Years Girls 3 min 15 sec

12/13 Years Boys 3 min 15 sec 12/13 Years Girls 3 min 15 sec

#### Medley Relays

9 – 13 Years Boys 3 min 15 sec 9 – 13 Years Girls 3 min 15 sec

NOTE: This is the equivalent of the third level of competition so it is essential that the times are accurate and every child can competently demonstrate the correct stroke technique for 50 metres without stopping. It is strongly recommended that the times submitted are achieved when the student is involved in a swimming club competition.

* Parents can park in neighbouring streets or in the designated area in the park on the Latrobe Terrace side of the pool. Buses dropping off students should enter the precinct by using the driveway at the corner of Moorabool Street and Park Street and have the students disembark in the car parking area.
* Students who are being transported to the venue by an adult who is not staying should be escorted into the Centre and supervised until their school’s designated supervisor is found. The student must not be ‘dropped off’ at the front of the Centre and left to enter and find the supervisor.
* **The Kardinia Aquatic Centre rule is that shade structures must be anchored by ‘weights’, NOT tent pegs, brought to the venue by the person setting up the structure.**
* Students wishing to be considered for the State Swimming team, must complete the Expression of Interest form found on the SSV website in the Team Vic State Teams section. (<http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/swimming.aspx>)

If you need further information, you should speak to your school’s Sport Coordinator in the first instance. Should you be unable to have your question answered, you can contact the Event Manager - Doug Ilsley (Telephone: 0439 033647 or send an email to: [Doug.Ilsley@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Doug.Ilsley@edumail.vic.gov.au))