



MEET INFORMATION

2026 Speedo National Preparation Meet & Jess Schipper Challenge

Brisbane Aquatic Centre
14-15 March





Purpose

The National Preparation Meet is been designed to provide a quality preparation meet for swimmers competing at the Australian Age or Open Championships.

The Jess Schipper Challenge gives a high calibre end-of-season racing opportunity for:

- Athletes 13 and 14 years who have not qualified for the National Preparation Meet, and
- Athletes aged 11 and 12 years.

Eligibility

This meet is open to Swimming Queensland registered competitive swimmers, competitive swimmers registered with clubs affiliated with other State Associations and international swimmers who meet the clearance criteria.

Clearance Criteria

International swimmers and teams must supply a letter of clearance from their National Swimming Federation to satisfy the clearance criteria. International swimmers training with clubs in Australia will be nominated under their country name not the Australian club name. Clearances must be submitted to the [Nominations Officer](#) before the closing date.

Photo Release

In nominating, swimmers agree that they may be photographed/videoed by Swimming Queensland's approved photographer; that the images may be displayed for viewing and purchasing on site during the meet and on the photographer's secure website after the Championships; and that they may also be used by Swimming Queensland at its discretion.

Age

Age group of competitors is age as at the first day of competition, 14 March. Minimum age for the Speedo National Preparation Meet is 13 years; and 12 years for Multi Class athletes. While, minimum age for the Jess Schipper Challenge is 11 years. Athletes are not permitted to 'swim up' an age.

Qualifying Times

Qualifying times must have been achieved at an approved meet (either short course or long course) on or after 1 January 2025. Converted short course times will only be used where an existing long course time has not been achieved. If there is no qualifying time stated for your age group, you cannot compete in the event/s concerned.

Multi Class Qualifying Times and Entries

Multi Class swimmers competing in the 200m/400m Freestyle or 200m Individual Medley must meet the Multi Class qualifying time and need to contact the [Nominations Officer](#) to submit their entry. Entries for the 50m and 100m Multi Class events are to be completed online through Swim Central; there are no qualifying times for these events.

Entries

Entries are to be completed online via Swim Central. International swimmers and teams should contact the [Nominations Officer](#).

Entries close Midnight, Tuesday 3 March.

Entry Fees

Online Meet Entry	\$16.00*
International Swimmer/Team [#]	\$18.00

*Plus a transaction fee (debit/credit card processing)

[#]International swimmers must request a manual nomination form from the Nominations Officer

[Refund Policy](#)



Late Entries

All entries for individual events submitted between Wednesday 4 March and midday Friday 6 March will be \$26 per event*. Any further late entries are at the discretion of the Nominations Officer and if accepted will be \$60 per event.

Entry List

The entry list will be published [on our website](#) Friday 6 March, and emailed to all competitors. All competitors must check their entries thoroughly and if any discrepancies are noted they [must be submitted using the online form](#) by Midnight, Sunday 8 March.

Ticketing

Tickets for this meet will be on sale via Ticketbooth \$7.50 (including fees) on the Tuesday prior to the meet. The ticket link will be made available [on our website](#). Tickets will also be available for purchase via Eftpos at the gate; \$8.50. Our event is cashless.

- Ticketing is general admission.
- Tickets are required per person, per day.
- Tickets are only required for spectators 16 years and over
- Children 15 years and younger are free (and don't require a ticket).
- Concession Card Holders* are free on presentation of their card (and don't require a ticket).

*Eligible Concessions: Department of Veterans' Affairs Card Holder, TPI or Department of Veterans' Affairs issued Pensioner Concession Card Holder, Commonwealth Senior Health Care Card Holder, Pensioner Concession Card Holder, Companion Card Holder, Health Care Card Holder or Full time Australian Secondary or Tertiary Student Card Holder.

Event Parking and Drop Off Areas

Parking and drop off for this meet will be in car park 3. Parking is only permitted in designated bays.

Entry and Opening Times

The front entry will open at 7:00am. All attendees will be required to enter via the ticketing marquees positioned on the grandstand level. Spectators will be given a wristband after scanning their ticket or showing their eligible Concession Card. Swimmers may proceed directly to the grandstand entry gates. Coaches must show their Pool Deck Access band to gain entry; please [email us](#) the accreditation details for any new coaches requesting pool deck access.

SQ Swim Shop

The SQ Swim Shop, located in Aquatic Reception, will be open during this meet, including a pop-up shop on the grandstand level. SQ members receive a 10% discount on full priced items. Check out our socials for special promos or head to [our website](#) to shop 24/7!

Food and Drink

Catering outlets will be open for this event, including coffee and a variety of lunch options.

Bags and Eskies

Please note that Stadiums Queensland rules state that bags/eskies must be soft to touch, no bigger than 40cm x 40cm x 40cm and stowed under seats. All other bags/eskies will be refused.

Accommodation

Chandler Lodge and Cabins offer on site accommodation. [Contact them direct for more details](#). Quest Eight Mile Plains provides a 15% discount for attendees at this meet when they use the code - SWIMQ - when booking.

Timekeeper Roster

A timekeeper roster will be in place for this meet.



Timeline

The timeline for this meet will be published [on our website](#) by the Thursday prior to the meet. The timeline is to be used as a guide only and start times of events may vary depending on a variety of circumstances on the day of competition.

Self-Marshalling Entry List and Online Program

A self-marshalling entry list will be published [on our website](#) by the Thursday prior to the meet as well as the online program. No printed programs will be available.

Results

Live results will be made available for this meet and will be accessible [on our website](#). Results will also be viewable on Meet Mobile for this meet. Following the conclusion of the meet a PDF results file will be published on our website. *Please note, TM Results files will only be provided, on request, to club race secretaries.*

Warm-up Procedure

Warm up will commence at 7:00am. The competition pool may be used for warm up, until 15 minutes prior to racing commencing. The outdoor pool will be in use for the duration of the meet; the dive pool may not be used.

Competitors must comply with signage on pool deck regarding the use of the warm up and warm down lanes. Diving will not be permitted unless the signage indicates otherwise. Paddles are not permitted during warm up or warm down, and fins are only permitted in the the outdoor pool.

Marshalling Procedures

Self-marshalling will be in place, swimmers should ensure they are ready to self marshal:

- 8 heats prior for 50m events,
- 4 heats prior for 100m and 200m events,
- 2 heats prior for 400m* events, and
- 1 heat prior for 800m* and 1500m* events.

*All 400m, 800m, 1500m events require all competitors to declare their intent to swim or withdraw no later than one hour prior to the published start time of the relevant event. Swimmers may confirm their intent to swim or withdraw either by completing the form (available from the event page or program up to 2 days prior) or at the Help Desk.

Seeding

Heats are seeded fastest to slowest. Heats may be amalgamated or re-seeded at the discretion of the Technical Manager and Referee. Events will be swum on a "seed-entry" basis, not in age groups i.e. competitors will be grouped by time rather than by age group.

Starts

Starts will be 'over the top'. Competitors will remain in their respective lanes until the next heat is started, with the exception that for Multi Class events, competitors in the final heat of the event prior to all Multi Class events, during the heats of all Multi Class events and after the final heat of all Multi Class events will be asked to clear the water.

Protests

Protests must be submitted in writing to the Referee by a responsible team leader, together with a deposit of \$100, within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the respective event.

Rules

All Swimming Queensland Rules, Championship By-Laws, SAL and World Aquatics Swimming Rules will apply at this meet with additions or amendments as from time to time decided by the Board.



Racing Format & Medals

All events across the Speedo National Preparation Meet and the Jess Schipper Challenge will be conducted as timed finals. Medals will only be awarded to competitors in the Jess Shipper Challenge (*Event #s 101-116*). Medals will not be awarded to competitors in the Speedo National Preparation Meet.

Events	Event #	MEDALS
50m Freestyle	101 & 102	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
50m Breaststroke	105 & 106	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
50m Backstroke	111 & 112	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
50m Butterfly	117 & 118	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
100m Freestyle	119 & 120	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
100m Breaststroke	103 & 104	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
100m Backstroke	107 & 108	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
100m Butterfly	113 & 114	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
200m Freestyle	109 & 110	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs
200m Ind. Medley	115 & 116	11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs

