



## VISITING SWIMMERS POLICY

Swimming Queensland has amended its policy relating to visiting swimmers and/or non-Australian citizens, effective from 1 May 2018. The new policy, which applies to all swim meets sanctioned by SQ, is as follows:

### 1. **Members of another international federation**

- Must provide a clearance from their federation.
- Must be shown in the program of events as visitors – e.g.  
Bloggs (V), Joe 15 Great Britain
- Cannot score points for a club.
- May swim in finals subject to the meet organiser's approval.
- Are not permitted to swim in club or regional relay teams.
- May receive medals but not be recognised as official placegetters in championship events.
- Are ineligible for SQ's development squads.

The meet organiser may limit the number of visitors who may swim in a final.

### 2. **Non-Australian citizens who are not members of another international federation**

- May participate in meets on the same terms and conditions as all other SQ members who are Australian citizens.
- If they have previously been a member of an international federation, must provide a statement on the federation's letterhead that they are no longer a member of that federation.

### 3. **Members of interstate clubs affiliated with their respective State/Territory swimming association**

- Are not required to supply SQ with a clearance but may be required by their State/Territory to obtain a clearance prior to entering.
- Must be shown in the program of events as visitors – e.g.  
Bloggs (V), Joe 15 Aqua Z NSW
- May swim in finals subject to the meet organiser's approval.
- May receive medals but not be recognised as official placegetters in championship events.

The meet organiser may limit the number of visitors who may swim in a final.

#### ***Please note:***

FINA Rule 2.5 requires that when a competitor represents his/her country in a competition, he/she shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents, provided that a naturalised citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition.