

Pacific School Games
Swimming Championships
Rules and Guidelines (Current as at 1 March 2017)

School Sport Australia Swimming Rules and Guidelines for 2017 Pacific School Games

(Updated March 2017)

Section A – Rules of Competition

1. Unless otherwise stated FINA and IPC rules shall apply.
2. Teams are eligible to enter a range of competitors per event as stated in the schedule of events.
3. The competition events will combine the format of heats and finals and timed finals as indicated in the schedule.
4. Competitors must only compete in individual events in their own age group, which is the age they turn in the year of competition.
5. **Qualifying standards**

1.5.1 There are no qualifying standards. Participating teams develop their own qualifying standards as appropriate.

6. Multi-class athletes

1. Athletes competing in the multi-class events must have classifications in classes S1 – S16
2. Placings for multi-class events are to be determined using the Meet Manager Australian Paralympic points software.

1.6.3 All starting devices and modifications to swim suits for multi-class athletes must be tabled to the technical manager at the initial Team Manager meeting preceding the competition for approval and tagging.

7. Relay events

1. Teams are eligible to enter a range of competitors per event as stated in the schedule of events.
2. All-age relays will include one swimmer from each of the following age groups
Ten (10) years Eleven (11) years Twelve (12) years
Thirteen (13) years Fourteen (14) years Fifteen (15) years
Sixteen (16) years Seventeen to nineteen (17-19) years

1.7.3 The 10 x 50 freestyle relay should comprise five (5) female and five (5) male swimmers. The age division is open.

1.7.4 Swimmers may swim up an age group in relay events if needed to form a team. They may not compete in multiple age groups/divisions in the same event, or swim down age groups.

1.7.5 A list of swimmers (including reserves if applicable) intending to swim in relays must be provided at the time of nominations. In timed finals relay events, the final names of the swimmers and the order in which they are to swim shall be submitted in writing to the Control Room Supervisor or their representative one hour prior to the commencement of the session at which the event is to be run.

1.8 Team size

1.8.1 There is no maximum team size for students aged 13 and above students.

1.8.2 There is no maximum team size for 10-12 years students.

1.9 Judiciary Committee

1.9.1 The judiciary committee shall consist of the Technical Director, and or the Meet Director, a Technical Official, and a Team Manager (both who were not involved in the incident/ area of concern.) The Technical Director and /or the Meet Director shall appoint the Technical Official and Team Manager when required.

1.10 Schedule of Events

Able-bodied: Male and Female

| AGE GROUP/ EVENTS | 50 Free | 100 Free | 200 Free | 400 Free | 800 Free | 1500 Free | 50 Fly | 100 Fly | 200 Fly | 50 Brst | 100 Brst | 200 Brst | 50 Bck | 100 Bck | 200 Bck | 200 IM | 400 IM |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 yrs | 4 | 3 | | | | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | |
| 11 yrs | 4 | 3 | | | | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | |
| 12 yrs | 4 | 3 | | | | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | |
| 12& under yrs | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 yrs | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 yrs | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Junior 13-14yrs | | | 2 | 2 | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 15 yrs | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 yrs | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inter 15-16 yrs | | | 2 | 2 | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 17- 19 yrs | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Open | | | | | 1boy 1girl | 1boy 1girl | | | | | | | | | | | |

Multi-Class: Male and Female

| AGE GROUP/ EVENTS | 50 Fre | 100 Fre | 200 Fre | 400 Fre | 800 Free | 1500 Free | 50 Fly | 100 Fly | 200 Fly | 50 Brst | 100 Brst | 200 Brst | 50 Bck | 100 Bck | 200 Bck | 150 IM (SM 1-4) | 200 IM |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 10-12 yrs MC | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 |
| 13-15 yrs MC | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 |
| 16-19 yrs MC | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 |

RELAYS

- Each event is offered for both Boys and Girls with the exception of Multi-Class which may be mixed teams.
- All events run as Timed Finals.
- 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay - 4 boys or 4 girls, any age, swim in any order, 2 relay teams per team.
- 10 x 50m Freestyle Relay - 5 boys and 5 girls, any age, swim in any order, one relay team per team.
- 8x 50m All Age Freestyle Relay - 1 swimmer from each age group 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19, swim in any order, two boys and two girls teams per state.

| AGE GROUPS/EVENTS | 4x50m Freestyle Relay | 4x100m Freestyle Relay | 4x50m Medley Relay | 10x50m Freestyle Relay | All Age 8x50 Freestyle Relay |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10 yrs | 2 | | 2 | | |
| 11 yrs | 2 | | 2 | | |
| 12 yrs | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Junior - 13 – 14 yrs | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Intermediate 15 – 16 yrs | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Senior - 17-19 yrs | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Open | | 2 | | 1 mixed | |
| All Age | | | | | 2 |
| 10-12 yrs MC | 2 | | 2 | | |
| 13-15 yrs MC | 2 | | 2 | | |
| 16-19 yrs MC | 2 | | 2 | | |

Section B Championship Rules

1. Placings, Points, Records and Awards

1. The winner, second and third place getters of each event will receive a Pacific School Games branded medal. The first medal shall be a gold colour; the second shall be of a silver colour and the third of bronze colour.
2. Placings for multi-class events will be determined from the multi-class point score system
3. Swimmers of the Meet (male and female able-bodied, male and female multiclass) will be determined by the following:
 1. The swimmer must be 13 years or over
 2. First place will record 5 points, second place 3 points, third place 2 points and fourth place one point.
 3. Five points will be awarded for breaking an existing record.
 4. Awards will recognise the highest scoring athletes.

2.1.4 Competitors will receive a certificate for all championship events in which they break the Pacific School Games Record.

2.2 Substitutions

2.2.1 Substitutions must be presented to the supervisor of the Operations Room 45 minutes before the commencement of each session. Earlier notifications, if known, will be accepted.

2.2.2 Substitutions during the event will not alter original starting positions.

2.3 Starting positions

2.3.1 Starting positions will be determined by the seeding of the meet from the individual and relay times submitted.

2.4 Protests

2.4.1 Protests to the Referee by the Team Manager on behalf of a swimmer must be made through the Technical Director

2.4.2 A protest must be submitted:

(a) in writing

(b) by the responsible team manager only

(c) within 30 minutes following the posting of the respective event result sheet

2.4.3 All protests should be considered by the Referee. If he/she rejects the protest, reasons for the decision must be disclosed. The team manager may appeal the rejection by the Referee to a Judiciary committee whose decision shall be final.

2.5 Warm Up

2.5.1 The competition pool will be made available for warm up one hour before the commencement of the first session of the day and immediately following the completion of that session where another session follows.

- 2.5.2 Warm Up / Cool down lanes will be made available throughout the day for use by swimmers (if facility allows).
- 2.5.3 In a ten lane pool two lanes adjacent to the side of the pool will be made available to multi-class swimmers who have impeded mobility or vision. It is requested that all other multi-class swimmers swim with their teams in the general lanes.
- 2.5.4 Warm Up will cease 15 minutes before competition start time.
- 2.5.5 Only accredited team personnel will be allowed on pool deck.
- 2.5.6 Feet first entry only is permitted in any warm up / cool down lane with the exception of specified dive start lanes.

2.6 Marshalling

- 2.6.1 All events will be marshalled.
- 2.6.2 There will be no marshalling calls. Competitors must follow the score board/claim board and report to the Marshall as soon as their event is displayed. If competitors do not report they will risk elimination. Team managers may report to the Marshall if the swimmer is in another race.
- 2.6.3 Once swimmers have reported to the Marshall they must remain in the marshalling area until directed to their starting positions by the check starter.
- 2.6.4 Coaches and parents are not permitted to enter the marshalling area.

2.7 Progression to Finals

- 2.7.1 Where a 10 lane pool is used the fastest ten (10) swimmers shall progress to the finals with the next two fastest swimmers being named as alternates. Alternates are required to report to marshalling when their event is listed on the scoreboard for marshalling.
- 2.7.2 In the event that two or more swimmers register equal times to 1/100th second for tenth position in the final, that position in the final will be determined by a Swim Off. Swim Offs for first and second reserve may also occur. Swim Offs will be conducted during the session as deemed appropriate by the Technical Director and Session Referee.

2.8 Withdrawal from Finals

- 2.8.1 Finalists and alternates wishing to withdraw from a final must do so in writing on the appropriate form and signed by the appropriate team manager within 30 minutes of the posting of the heats results.
- 2.8.2 Failure to report to the marshal where no withdrawal has taken place may result in the swimmer being banned from competing in his or her next event.
- 2.8.3 A late withdrawal may be permitted where there are medical reasons or proven hardship. The Referee and/or Technical Director shall determine the acceptability on all matters where medical reasons or hardships are claimed. This determination will be final.
- 2.8.4 A swimmer wishing to withdraw from a Timed Final event must do so in writing, through the appropriate Team Manager, within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the previous session.

2.9 Starting over the top

2.9.1 A session referee may choose to start “over the top” in the heats of events only. Competitors from the preceding heat are to move to the side of the lane and hold onto the lane rope, and remain still. When the next heat has started they should leave the pool by the nearest side as quickly as possible taking care not to touch the timing pads.

2.9.2 “Over the top” starts must not be used in multi-class events. **Section C Event Organisation**

3.1 Games Officials / Referees / Student Officials

- 3.1.1 In the context of this event the SSA National Secretary is the appointed Technical Director.
- 3.1.2 The Technical Director may delegate tasks to maintain the efficiency of the meet
- 3.1.3 A dedicated official to check records is to be appointed to the event.
- 3.1.4 A dedicated official to check multi-class results is to be appointed to the event.
- 3.1.5 A dedicated official to manage presentations is to be appointed to the event.
- 3.1.6 The referee/s appointed to officiate each session is to be a State or Nationally accredited swimming referee.
- 3.1.7 All sessions should commence with an appropriate number of Officials / Judges / Timekeepers
- 3.1.8 Team are encouraged to select student officials to participate as a member of their team.
- 3.1.9 When student officials are used the referee must assign an experienced official to act as mentor to the student/s.

3.2 Entries

- 3.2.1 All entries must be submitted electronically in correct format to the SSA National Secretary by COB Friday, one month before the opening day of the competition. Meet Manager is the correct form for all entries.
- 3.2.2 Entry reports will be sent to Teams for confirmation within one week of receipt. All subsequent changes must be notified 14 days before the first day of the event.

4 Team Documentation

- 4.1 Team lists listing name, date of birth, school and media clearance for each student are to be presented at, or before, the pre-event meeting of team managers.

5 Competition Format Summary Table

2017 PSG Swimming **DRAFT** Schedule of Events

| Date | Day | Session | Event | Age Groups | Heats / Finals |
|-------------|-----|---------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday 3/12 | | | OPENING CEREMONY | | |
| Monday 4/12 | 1 | 1 | 1500m Freestyle - Boys | Open - 13-19 Years | Timed Final |
| Monday 4/12 | 1 | 1 | 150m Individual Medley | MC (SM1-4 only) | Timed Final |
| Monday 4/12 | 1 | 1 | 200m Individual Medley | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15- | Timed |

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|----------------|---|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | 16, 17+ and MC | Final |
| Monday 4/12 | 1 | 1 | 1500m Freestyle - Girls | Open - 13-19 Years | Timed Final |
| Monday 4/12 | 1 | 2 | 4 x 50m Medley Relay | All Ages - 10 - 17+ and MC | Timed Final |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 3 | 200m Freestyle | 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Timed Final |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 3 | 200m Freestyle | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 3 | 100m Breaststroke (Heats) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Heats |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 3 | 100m Breaststroke (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 3 | 50m Butterfly (Heats) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Heats |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 4 | 50m Butterfly (Finals) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Finals |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 4 | 50m Butterfly (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 4 | 200m Backstroke | 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Timed Final |
| Tuesday 5/12 | 2 | 4 | 100m Breaststroke (Finals) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Finals |
| Wednesday 6/12 | | | EXCURSION DAY | NO SWIMMING | |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 5 | 400m Freestyle | 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Timed Final |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 5 | 50m Freestyle (Heats) | All Ages - 10 - 17+ | Heats |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 5 | 100m Backstroke (Heats) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Heats |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 5 | 100m Backstroke (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 6 | 200m Breaststroke | 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Timed Final |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 6 | 200m Butterfly | 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Timed Final |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 6 | 50m Freestyle (Finals) | All Ages - 10 - 17+ | Finals |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 6 | 50m Freestyle (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Thursday 7/12 | 3 | 6 | 100m Backstroke (Finals) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Finals |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 7 | 50m Breaststroke (Heats) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Heats |

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| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 7 | 100m Butterfly (Heats) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Heats |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 7 | 100m Butterfly (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 7 | 50m Backstroke (Heats) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Heats |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 7 | 100m Freestyle (Heats) | All Ages - 10 - 17+ | Heats |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 7 | 400m Individual Medley | 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Timed Final |
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| Date | Day | Session | Event | Age Groups | Heats / Finals |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 8 | 50m Breaststroke (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 8 | 50m Breaststroke (Finals) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Finals |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 8 | 100m Butterfly (Finals) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Finals |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 8 | 50m Backstroke (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 8 | 50m Backstroke (Finals) | 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+ | Finals |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 8 | 100m Freestyle (Finals) | All Ages - 10 - 17+ | Finals |
| Friday 8/12 | 4 | 8 | 100m Freestyle (TF) | MC (10-12, 13-15, 16-19) | Timed Final |
| | | | | | |
| Saturday 9/12 | 5 | 9 | 800m Freestyle - Girls | Open - 13-19 Years | Timed Final |
| Saturday 9/12 | 5 | 9 | 10 x 50m Freestyle Relay | 5 Boys and 5 Girls - Open | Timed Final |
| Saturday 9/12 | 5 | 9 | 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay | Open | Timed Final |
| Saturday 9/12 | 5 | 9 | 800m Freestyle - Boys | Open - 13-19 Years | Timed Final |
| Saturday 9/12 | 5 | 9 | 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay | All Ages - 10 - 17+ and MC | Timed Final |
| Saturday 9/12 | 5 | 9 | 8 x 50m Freestyle Relay | All Age | Timed Final |
| Saturday 9/12 | 5 | 9 | CLOSING CEREMONY | | |
| | | | | | |

This is a draft schedule of events & may change. Please check the School Sport Australia website for updates or changes.

Program Management and Results

The meet will be run through the most current available version of Hytek's Meet Manager program

Team officials will receive heat sheets prior to each session

Team officials may obtain an electronic copy of the previous day's results through submission of a

USB to the Operations Room supervisor or representative.

Results will be posted on the SSA/PSG website each day.

No paper copies of results will be printed.

When possible live results will be utilised.

Meetings

A pre-event meeting of managers of competing teams will be held 24 hours prior to the commencement of the Championships with opportunity for team managers to lodge any team documentation, withdrawal and relay slips and discuss any errors or omissions with the technical director or their nominated representative.

Any updated competition information will be provided to the managers at this meeting.

The date and timing of the post event meeting will be determined at this meeting.

Agenda items for the post event meeting must be sent to the National Secretary 24 hours before the meeting.

Two votes are available to teams comprising both 10-12 years and 13-19 years students. Teams with 10-12 years or 13-19 years students only are eligible for one vote.

Minutes of the pre and post event meetings are to be taken by the National Secretary and included in the Championship report.

Daily informal team manager meeting will be held 30 minutes before the commencement of first session of each day to update teams and discuss any concerns.

Team communication

Each team will be allocated a pigeon hole for receipt of technical information, heat sheets and event updates.

Each team is to identify a key contact person/s for their team for the purposes of conveying information additional to that communicated at the daily meeting.

Facilities

The competition pool shall be 50m in length with electronic timing pads at each end if available.

At all times warm up and cool down lanes need to be available if possible at the facility.

No hoist will be available for multi-class swimmers.

First Aid

There will be designated first aid areas and officers.

Educational Activities

A range of age appropriate excursion opportunities will be made known to team managers.

