



**masters
swimming**
QUEENSLAND



Date: 16-19 July 2026	Meet Director: Maggie Georgopoulos maggie.georgopoulos@gmail.com www.mastersswimmingqld.org.au	Meet Fee: \$70 (plus fees) Event Entry: \$12 per event (plus fees) Relay Entry: \$30 (plus fees)
MSQ Sanction Number: Q6/26 Entries Close: Friday 3 July 2026 Welcome Function Thursday 16 November ARDO Rooftop 4:30pm to 6:30pm Canapes and cash bar Tickets: \$20pp		Presentation Function & Masquerade Ball Saturday 18 July The Banquet Centre Drinks from 5:30pm. Dinner served 7pm Tickets: TBC

Program of Events

Day 1 – Thurs 16 th July		Day 2 – Fri 17 th July		Day 3 – Sat 18 th July	
Warm-up 10am – 10:45am		Warm-up 7:30am-8:15am		Warm-up 7:30am-8:15am	
Start 11am		Start 8:30am		Start 8:30am	
Session 1		Session 2		Session 5	
1	Mixed 400 Backstroke	7	Men's 50 Freestyle	22	Women's 100 Butterfly
2	Mixed 400 Breaststroke	8	Women's 50 Freestyle	23	Men's 100 Butterfly
3	Mixed 400 Butterfly	9	Mixed 200 Butterfly	24	Mixed 400 Freestyle
4	Mixed 800 Freestyle	10	Men's 100 Backstroke	25	Women's 50 Breaststroke
5	Mixed 800 Breaststroke	11	Women's 100 Backstroke	26	Men's 50 Breaststroke
6	Mixed 800 Backstroke	12	Mixed 200 Individual Medley	27	Mixed 200m Backstroke
		~Break~		~Break~	
* One event only		Session 3		Session 6	
		13	Men's 50 Butterfly	28	Women's 100 Freestyle
		14	Women's 50 Butterfly	29	Men's 100 Freestyle
		15	Mixed 400 Individual Medley	30	Mixed 200m Breaststroke
		16	Men's 100 Breaststroke	31	Women's 50 Backstroke
		17	Women's 100 Breaststroke	32	Men's 50 Backstroke
		18	Mixed 200 Freestyle		
		~Break~		~Break~	
		Session 4 - Relays		Sessions 7 - Relays	
		19	Men's 4x50m Freestyle Relay	33	Women's 4x50 Medley Relay
		20	Women's 4x50m Freestyle Relay	34	Men's 4x50m Medley Relay
		~Break~		~Break~	
		21	Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay	35	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay



Meet Information

Welcome

Join us from Thursday 16 July to Saturday 18 July 2026 at the Long Tan Memorial Pool for three days of exciting pool competition, followed by the iconic 'Ship to Shore' open water swim hosted by TOWSA on Sunday 19 July.

This special event forms part of Masters Swimming Queensland's 50th anniversary celebrations, proudly recognising our *Swimming for Life* philosophy.

The long course meet features a full program of events from 50m to 800m, along with a strong relay offering to bring clubs together. With no event limits on Friday and Saturday, swimmers of all abilities are encouraged to take part and enjoy the experience.

Whether you're chasing medals, aiming for personal bests, or simply love the thrill of competition, all MSQ members are welcome. Enjoy racing with accurate automatic officiating (AOE) timing in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow swimmers and celebrate what it means to be part of Masters Swimming Queensland—*Fitness, friendship and fun*.

For details on the 'Ship to Shore' OWS including entry link, please go to:

<https://my.raceresult.com/403399/registration>

Eligibility

This meet is open to Masters Swimming Queensland (MSQ) registered swimmers, and swimmers registered with other Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) affiliated clubs. International swimmers who are current members of their national Masters Swimming Federation may also compete (proof of membership must be provided).

Non-Member swimmers are not permitted to enter this meet. MSA/MSQ membership is available via the [MSA website](#).

All MSA Swimmers must compete for their primary MSA club.

Age

Age as at the 31 December 2026. Minimum age is 18 years at day 1 of competition.

Entries

Entries are to be submitted online via [Swim Central](#). Entries will open on 1 June 2026. The closing date for

individual entries is Friday 3 July. Relay entries close Sunday 5 July.

International Masters members are invited to contact the [MSQ Director of Recording](#) who will provide specific entry instructions.

No swimmer is allowed to represent more than one club.

Late entries may be considered but will incur an additional fee of \$30. Late entries are subject to lane availability in the event and may result in swimmers being entered in the slowest heat.

Please note: MSQ reserves the right to close entries to specific events **at any time** if they fill quickly, and in accordance with venue capacity and time constraints. If you have favourite events, we strongly recommend entering early to avoid disappointment.

Conduct of events

Heats will be swum from fastest to slowest. The fastest seeded heat will be heat 1 of each event. All events will be conducted as timed finals. Starts will be 'over the top' where possible.

Please note based on numbers and combinations of entries received, the meet organisers reserve the right to make changes and combine heats and events where necessary.

All form stroke events are to be swum as programmed, e.g. a 400m Form Stroke will not be recognised if swum in the 400m Freestyle.

Qualifying times

There are no qualifying times required for this meet. On selecting an event in Swim Central, if you have matching results from the previous two (2) years, the fastest time will be displayed. If you have no previous results, 'NT' will be displayed, and you may be seeded in the slower heats. It is recommended that you compete in the event at a meet prior to entry to ensure you are seeded in the correct heat. If your entry has 'NT' listed, it is advised that you email the [MSQ Director of Recording](#) to provide a recent or training time. If you have an appropriate medical reason that may vary your performance greatly, you may also request a seed time adjustment.

Entry fees

Meet fee: \$70 (plus transaction fees)

Event fee: \$12 (plus transaction fees) per event

Relay fee: \$30 (plus transaction fees)

All entrants must pay the nomination fee online as directed by [Swim Central](#). A swimmer may enter **one event** on Day 1, and unlimited events on Days 2 and 3. Please choose events wisely and enter and swim within your physical limits.

Multi Class events

Masters Swimming Queensland welcomes Multi-Class (MC) swimmers to the 2026 State Championships. The following guidelines will apply:

- Multi-Class events will be conducted as part of the full program.
- MC swimmers will be seeded within the overall field of swimmers in each event.
- Medals for MC swimmers will be awarded according to their age group, gender, and MC classification.
- Details of disability classification must be provided prior to the commencement of the first day of competition if not already on file with MSQ.
- Multi-Class events will not use the Multi-Class point score system for this competition.
- Swim meet points will be allocated based on overall age group placings, including MC swimmers, reflecting current technical limitations.
- The MC Swimmer of the Meet award will be calculated using current Multi-Class State and/or National Masters records.

We encourage all MC swimmers to participate fully and look forward to celebrating their achievements alongside all competitors.

Relays

Race Secretaries must complete and pay for relay nominations in Swim Central by the advertised meet closing date. Only club relays are allowed - no composite teams. Clubs may enter more than one team per age group for all relays.

Swimmers must enter at least one individual event to be eligible to swim in a relay team. All relay teams must consist of members of the same club. The age of the team shall be the sum of the ages in whole years of its members. All teams not disqualified will score points.

A swimmer may only swim a particular relay event once. Relays are to be swum in the order swimmers are nominated in their entry. Mixed relays must consist of two

(2) males and two (2) females. The order of swimmers by gender is optional in mixed relays.

If a nominated relay swimmer cannot compete due to illness, a club may substitute another swimmer from the same club with Meet Director approval before the first event of the day.

Entry List and Timeline

The draft Entry List will be available on the MSQ meet event page on or before Wednesday 8 July 2026. All competitors must check their entries thoroughly and submit discrepancies to the [MSQ Director of Recording](#) by 6PM, Friday 10 July 2026. Program details for this meet will be published to the MSQ website on or before Monday 13 July 2026.

Withdrawal, event editing and refund policy

A swimmer may change their entries or withdraw from the meet **up until the closing date**. You will lodge your request in Swim Central against your entries. Go to your profile, to the meet, to the event, and click the green 'entered' button for the event you wish to withdraw from or remove. You may then add another entry. If a refund is required, click 'request refund' for that event in order history – this will only be considered prior to the closing date. Provide a reason, then click 'request refund'. This requires approval before changes are confirmed. If approved, a refund will be granted, minus the processing fee.

Rules

All MSQ/MSA meet guidelines, by-laws and rules, and World Aquatics swim rules apply. By nominating to participate in this swim meet, all swimmers thereby authorise the Meet Director/MSQ/Long Tan Memorial Pool staff to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event of an emergency, and persons involved accept responsibility for all costs arising from such action.

Protests

Protests must be made in writing on the official form and submitted to the Meet Director within a half hour of posting the provisional results. A fee of \$50 applies, to be returned if protest is successful.

Tickets and programs

Entry to this meet is free for spectators – no tickets are required.

No printed programs will be available at the meet. Programs will be available on the MSQ event page for online download prior to and during the meet. Programs made available before the day of the competition will be draft and are subject to change without notice. All changes will be reflected immediately in the Meet Mobile application and swimmers in attendance will be notified by announcement prior to the start of the affected event(s).

Warm-up start time

Thursday 16th July: Warm up from 10am with the competition pool closing at 10:45am for a 11am start.

Friday 17th & Saturday 18th July: Warm-up from 7:30am with the competition pool closing at 8:15am for an 8:30am start.

Friday and Saturday will include session breaks to allow swimmers access to the 50m pool for warm-up and swim down.

An indoor 25m heated pool will be available each day for warm-up and swim down.

Follow the directions of pool staff and Technical Officials for allocated pool and lane use.

Self Marshalling

All swimmers will be required to self-marshall. People who are not swimming or officiating should not be near the starting end of the pool during the meet.

- Swimmers are responsible for knowing the event, heat, and lane they are competing in, and for being aware of what event/heat is currently in the water. The Meet Announcer will be calling the heat number in the water after the start of every heat and regularly reminding how many heats there are in total for the current event.
- An entrant who fails to report to the Marshaling area prior to their heat being called to the blocks may be deemed withdrawn.
- No more than four (4) heats of swimmers are permitted in the marshaling area including behind the blocks:
 - 50m events - 4 heats following heat in the water
 - 100m events - 4 heats following heat in the water
 - 200m events - 3 heats following heat in the water
 - 400m+ events - 2 heats following heat in the water
- Swimmers in the 50m events need to be prepared to move quickly.

- Swimmers in the 400m+ events should be prepared to report early to the marshaling area as heats may be combined to save time.
- The Marshal will be a helper who can verify a swimmers' position, answer questions, and direct heats to the blocks.
- The Check-Starter(s) will do a name and lane check behind the blocks prior to the heat.

Results

Live results will be made available for this meet. The Meet Mobile application will be operating and can be downloaded to your chosen device(s). Results will be posted to the MSA Portal, with results and statistics posted on the MSQ website meet event page in the days following the meet.

Competition results for men and women will be separated and then divided into age groups as follows:

Individual events: 18-24 and then in 5-year groups, i.e. 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, etc.

Relays: 72-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, etc.

Records

Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) timing will be in use. World records will be recognised at this meet pending ratification by MSA and World Aquatics. Any MSQ member may break Queensland records. Any MSA member may break their respective branch and national records. World Aquatics Masters World Top Ten performances will be recognised.

Awards

- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for placegetters in each event (including non-MSQ swimmers)
- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the first three MSQ swimmers in each event
- Male MSQ Swimmer of the Meet
- Female MSQ Swimmer of the Meet
- Male MSQ Multi-class Swimmer of the Meet
- Female MSQ Multi-class Swimmer of the Meet
- Mary Maina Trophy – Highest Ave Points – Small Club
- Max Gillespie Trophy – Highest Ave Points – Large Club
- George Coronas Trophy – Highest Club Points
- Jenny Mack Trophy – Highest combined WA points for the 100m and 200m Breaststroke events

- Margaret Cunningham Award – Highest WA points for 200 IM.
- Denise Robertson Award – Highest WA points for 400m Freestyle
- Visitor Award - Highest WA points over best 5 swims

Award Calculations:

- Individual awards are based on the sum of a swimmer's best five performances, calculated using World Aquatics (WA) points.
- Club awards use standard event points scoring.
- Club average awards are determined by dividing total club points by the total number of events entered, as recorded at the start of Day 1. The number of club team members considered for average awards will be the count on the morning of the meet at the start of Event 1.
- Clubs and individuals must notify the Meet Director via email of any swimmer withdrawals prior to the start of the first day of competition.

Eligibility: All major awards are open to MSQ members. The Visitor Award will be presented to the highest-performing non-MSQ swimmer, based on the total WA points from their best five swims.

Photo/video release

All attendees at this meet agree that they may be photographed or videoed, and that the material may be used by MSQ at their discretion, or by others to promote activities of a club or state, or for personal use including social media.

Other important information

- Members from all clubs may be called on to assist with timekeeping throughout the meet.
- 400m+ swimmers are to provide their own lap counter should they require one.
- Paddles are not permitted to be worn during the meet, including warm-up and swim-down.
- Watches are not to worn during warm-up or swim-down.
- Swimmers must comply with signage and pool staff on pool deck regarding the use of the warm-up and swim-down lanes. Diving will not be permitted unless the signage indicates otherwise.
- Pool deck access is limited to marshaling for events,

the officials and technical staff. Please do not stand in front of the recording area.

- Swimmers must wear only one pair of World Aquatics approved swimwear. In accordance with MSA Inclusive Swimwear Policy swimsuits may be modified or alternative swimsuits may be worn to accommodate a swimmer's individual needs, provided any modification or proposed alternative swimsuit is approved by the Referee prior to the swimmer's first event at the competition. See [MSA Swimwear Rules](#) for more information.
- At the conclusion of warm-up periods, swimmers must leave the competition pool promptly when requested.
- Swimmers should keep clear of timekeepers moving to the blocks to collect times. Use care and discretion when preparing for your start prior to the previous heat completion, i.e. adjusting your block's kick position.
- Starts will be 'over the top'. Move quickly to the lane rope away from the wall once you have completed your heat. Competitors will remain in their respective lanes until the next heat is started, then move quickly to the nearest side to exit.
- MSQ notes that the information provided is correct at the time of publishing. However, some aspects are subject to change, including changes required in the event of too many entries being received for the allowed duration of the meet.
- Lap counters will be supplied for the events; however, swimmers are asked to provide their own assistants to operate the lap counters during their races if desired.

Unforeseen events/incidents

If the meet is affected by an unforeseen event or incident, a mandatory safety suspension of events may be imposed. This may require a shortened meet format which will be determined by the Meet Director and Long Tan Memorial Pool staff. No refund of entry fees will occur under such circumstances.

First aid

Pool lifeguarding and patrols will be carried out during the meet by pool lifeguard(s). Any accident or injury should immediately be brought to their attention and to the attention of the Meet Director.



Meet Information

Merchandise

Information on merchandise will be available soon.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Function

Thursday 16th July

Enjoy an afternoon watching the sunset over Townsville's Strand at [ARDO Rooftop](#) while catching up with fellow swimmers and supporters. Tickets are only \$20 and includes canapes. A cash bar is available to purchase drinks. Purchase your ticket at:

states2026.mastersswimmingqld.org.au

Presentation Function & Gala Ball

Saturday 18th July

The Championship Presentation Function will coincide with MSQ's 50th Anniversary Gala Masquerade Ball which will be held at [The Banquet Centre](#) in the heart of Townsville in Flinders St Mall. Tickets are limited to 200 and include a 2-course alternate drop menu and live entertainment. A cash bar is available to purchase drinks. Tickets: TBC. Purchase your ticket at:

states2026.mastersswimmingqld.org.au

Open Water Swim Presentations and After Party

Sunday 19th July

Wind down and celebrate while enjoying uninterrupted views of Townsville's iconic Strand at [The Surf Club](#). Presentations for the Ship to Shore OWS will take place as soon as possible after the conclusion of the race. Food and beverages will be available to purchase. No tickets required for this event.

Long Tan Memorial Pool

316 Fulham Road, Heatley, Townsville

Kiosk/Café

Grab a pick-me-up at the kiosk/café featuring a barista coffee machine, cold drinks, ice creams and light snacks - a handy stop for swimmers and spectators alike.

On site catering

Local community groups will be providing more substantial food items available for purchase on Friday and Saturday. More details to come.

Contacts

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Meet Entry [Swim Central](#)

Important dates

Entries open Monday 1 June 2026

Individual entries close.....Friday 3 July 2026

Relay entries close Sunday 5 July 2026

Entry list available Wednesday 8 July 2026

Entry list finalised..... 6pm Friday 10 July 2026

Program available Monday 13 July 2026