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CHAMPS

Sat 11th – Sun 12th
JULY 2026

ST ANDREW'S AQUATIC CENTRE

40 Peregian Springs Dr, Peregian Springs QLD 4573



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KEY EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION AND DATES	St Andrew's Aquatic Centre 40 Peregian Springs Dr, Peregian Springs QLD 4573 11-12th July 2026
RULES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These Championships will be conducted under the rules as documented within: "Swimming Queensland General Rules", "SQ Championship By-Laws", "World Aquatics" and "SAL" rules. • Self Marshalling rules will apply. Ensure swimmers know their event, heat and lanes when attending marshalling. • We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a respectful environment for everyone involved in our swimming competitions.
OPEN, WARM-UP & START TIMES*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday (Session 1) – 7.00am – 7.45am Warm-up for 8.00am Start • Sunday (Session 2) – 7.00am – 7.45am Warm-up for 8.00am Start • *Times are subject to change. Gates open 6:30am.
ENTRY & PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers & Coaches - FREE • Spectator entry covered under nomination fees (see below). • Please ensure that a personal copy of the program is printed as no programs will be available to spectators at the gate. Programs will only be available for coaches who have made prior arrangements with the SWB Committee.
NOMINATION FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15.00 per Individual Event • No refunds will be given for withdrawal from the meet unless it is due to a medical reason. If withdrawing due to a medical reason, a medical certificate needs to be provided by 5pm on Thursday 9th July. • No refunds apply if the meet is cancelled on the days due to inclement weather, extreme heat or public health restrictions.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGE DETERMINATION & ELIGIBILITY • Age as at 11th July 2026. • Athletes cannot swim 'up' an age in individual events. • Minimum age to compete at these championships is 9 years. • Minimum age for 1500m is 12 years. • Minimum age for 800m Free, 400m Free, 400m IM, 200m Back, 200m Breast and 200 Fly is 11 years. • Minimum age for 100m Free, 100m Back, 100m Breast, 100m Fly, 200m IM, and 200m Free is 10 years.
QUALIFYING TIMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifying times must have been achieved at an approved meet between 1st January 2024 and 29th June 2026 (after Bundaberg Swim Team Winter Preparation Meet). Qualifying times: https://swimmingwidebay.org.au/short-course-championships/ • Entries Close: Midnight Monday 29th June 2026.

EVENTS

- All events in the Program of Events will be swum as timed finals.
- Events will be swum on a seed-entry basis and not in age groups, i.e., competitors will be grouped by time rather than age group.
- Seeding will be fastest to slowest.
- The Meet Director, in consultation with the Chief Referee, may amalgamate or reseed heats at their discretion.
- 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.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION (NEW)

To support the delivery of our Championships and reduce pressure on the small organising committee, a Club Liaison Officer model will be implemented.

Large and medium clubs will be required to nominate a Club Liaison Officer (or Officers). Swimming Wide Bay will allocate clubs to specific volunteer roles, and the Club Liaison Officers will be responsible for coordinating their club's volunteers.

Responsibilities of the Club Liaison Officer include:

- Assigning club members to allocated volunteer roles
- Managing volunteer attendance and arranging replacements where required
- Acting as the primary point of contact between the club and Swimming Wide Bay

Where required, smaller clubs may be paired with medium or larger clubs to help support volunteer requirements, including timekeeping duties, ensuring the workload is shared across the event. We are all here for the enjoyment, development and growth of our sport and our children, and as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

If your club is one of our smaller travelling clubs attending with only one coach or parent, please reach out to the committee prior to the event so we can work together to provide support and ensure everyone can enjoy the meet experience.

Club Liaison Officers will be clearly identifiable on the day (e.g. high-visibility vests). A volunteer roster will still be distributed prior to the event.

Volunteer roles will be allocated in 2-hour time blocks and will include, but are not limited to:

- Check Starters
- Self-Marshalling / Help Desk (including scratchings and withdrawals)
- Medals Table
- Event Set-up and Pack-up*
- *Does not include Timekeeping responsibilities.*

*Note: We understand that for many of our travelling clubs, assisting with event Set-up and Pack-up can be difficult due to long travel commitments. These responsibilities will therefore be shared amongst clubs located closer to the venue, helping ensure our travelling families can begin their journey home safely.

MULTI CLASS LIAISON OFFICER (NEW)

To support the delivery of Multi-Class (MC) events and ensure a positive experience for all MC swimmers, a Multi-Class Liaison Officer (or Officers) will be appointed for the Championships.

The MC Liaison Officer will act as the primary point of contact for MC swimmers and their families, working closely with the Meet Director, technical officials, and event administration to manage any requirements throughout the meet.

Responsibilities of the Multi-Class Liaison Officer include:

- Providing support and guidance to MC swimmers and parents/carers
- Assisting with event processes, particularly where MC swimmers are competing in able-bodied events
- Overseeing progression from heats to finals where applicable, and liaising with meet timing administration on any required manual processing of Meet Manager for Multi-Class swimmers in able-bodied events.

This role is critical to ensuring that MC swimmers are appropriately supported and that all processes are managed efficiently throughout the Championships

MULTI CLASS EVENTS

The following events will be open to all 9 years & over multi-class swimmers:

- 50m - All events
- 100m - All events
- 200m - Individual Medley and Freestyle

Notes:

- Awards will be presented to both males and females in three age categories: 9-11, 12-14, 15 and Over
 - Medals (1st to 3rd) will be awarded in the above events in these three age categories.
 - Age Champions will also be awarded in these three categories
- Swimmers wishing to compete in events not listed above may enter via Swim Central if the able-bodied qualifying time has been achieved. Manual entries may also be considered and can be submitted by emailing Sophie at hello@widebayswimming.org.au
- Swimmers must have competed in these events on or after 1 January 2024
- **Multi Class swimmers will have a designated lane for warm-up.**

Swimming Wide Bay and Swimming Queensland are committed to a 'swimming-for-all' philosophy, creating opportunities for all Queenslanders to participate in our sport. We encourage clubs to provide a safe, fun and inclusive environment. Multi-class swimming refers to the international structure of classifying competitors according to their ability, thereby providing a fair and even structure for swimmers with disabilities. Link: <https://qld.swimming.org.au/multi-class-competition>

<h2>MEDALS & MEET RECORDS</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Group Events: Medals for all age group events will be awarded to the top three placegetters – Gold for 1st, Silver for 2nd, and Bronze for 3rd. • Age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & Over. <p>Meet Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet records will be announced during the event, and recipients will receive a Swimming Wide Bay digital certificate (PDF) in the following weeks after the Championships. • Meet records are awarded 2x the points awarded for an individual first-place finish. • Meet Record Holders will be published on the SWB Website in a PDF format in the weeks following the Championships.
	<p>Age Champions & Swimmers of the Meet (NEW) Swimmers of the Meet and Age Champions will be officially announced and recognised at the Swimming Wide Bay Awards Ceremony in May 2027.</p>
<h2>AGE CHAMPIONS</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Champion events are: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & Over age groups. • Multi Class Age Champions are in 9-11, 12-14, 15 & Over age groups. • Points will be awarded for all events. • A swimmer must have completed 4 swims to be eligible to become Swimming Wide Bay Age Champion. An individual's total will be determined from their 5 highest point-scoring events. • In the event of a tie, we will work backwards in points score totals until a winner has been determined. • Points to be awarded: 1st - 6, 2nd - 3 and 3rd - 1. • For any events contested for the first time at any SWB Championships, the winning time will be recognised as the Championship Record for the purpose of calculating these awards.
<h2>SWIMMERS OF THE MEET</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swimmers of the Meet awards will be presented to the male and female swimmers who accumulate the highest total points across the Championships. In addition, Swimmers of the Meet awards will also be presented to Multi-Class male and female swimmers, recognising outstanding performances within the Multi Class categories. • Swimmers who break a record are awarded 2x the points awarded for an individual first-place finish. • Swimmers of the Meet will be announced at the end of the Championships and will receive a Swimming Wide Bay digital certificate (PDF) in the following weeks after the Championships. • For any events contested for the first time at any SWB Championships, the winning time will be recognised as the Championship Record for the purpose of calculating these awards.
<h2>RESPECT FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS</h2>	<p>Technical officials play a vital role in ensuring fair competition and swimmer safety. All coaches, swimmers, and spectators must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with all directions and decisions of Technical Officials at all times • Respect the 1-meter clear-zone on both lengths of the pool reserved for officials • Avoid any interference with officials performing their duties • Any concerns must be raised calmly and respectfully with the Meet Director or Head Referee.

SELF MARSHALLING

Self-marshalling, as it implies, is a system of marshalling whereby swimmers are responsible for being in position behind their lane in time for the Referee's whistle to start a heat.

- For this Championships, heats are self-marshalled and finals are marshalled in the traditional manner.
- Before entering the self-marshalling area it is necessary to know which event, heat and lane you are entered in. Swimmers will often have their event numbers, heat numbers and lane numbers written on their arm or leg. At the Help Desk, or near the marshalling area there will be a programme displayed for you to check when you are to race. The Help Desk officials can answer your questions and help you find the details of your event. The Check Starters all have programmes you can check as well.
- To avoid congestion in the marshalling area it is requested that swimmers assemble:
 - 8 heats prior for 50m events
 - 3 heats prior for 100m and 200m events
 - 2 heats prior for 400m event
 - 1 heat prior for 800m and 1500m events.

25m Freestyle Events – Coach Area Access (NEW)

- Due to limited space in the coach area (Marshalling side) and for health and safety reasons, swimmers are not permitted in the coach area during 25m Freestyle events. All swimmers must return to their assigned club areas after their race. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the 25m Freestyle events being paused until the area is cleared. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep this area safe and accessible for coaches, officials, and swimmers.

- If you are entered in the first few heats of the session you need to be in the marshalling area 10 minutes before racing begins to ensure a prompt start to the session.
- The Announcer will announce every heat after the swimmers have entered the water.
- There may be a marshalling board indicating which event is currently in the water, if the pool does not have a scoreboard showing the current event and heat.
- To help you know when to make your way to the marshalling area it may be helpful to mark in your programme when you need to make your way there.
- It is your responsibility to be aware of what heat is behind the starting blocks, and to listen to the Check Starter in the marshalling area who will indicate when to move onto the pool deck. Check Starters on the pool deck will observe the swimmers moving to their positions at the blocks but will only interact with them if they appear to be in the incorrect lane, are not wearing their club cap or other unusual situations occur. The exception to this is for swimmers in Multi-Class events, when the Check Starters will offer more assistance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you miss your heat you need to immediately notify the Help Desk who will let the Referee know. If possible a place will be found in a spare lane in the last heat of the event. It is the Referee's decision as to whether the swimmer will swim. • Events of 400m and over require swimmers (or their Coach/Team Manager) to confirm their intent to swim. This must be completed at the Help Desk, a minimum of one hour prior to the published start time of the relevant event. Failure to confirm their intention to swim will be taken as a withdrawal. Confirmed swimmers must then follow the self-marshalling procedures. If the number of withdrawals causes the event to be reseeded, swimmers will be notified by the Announcer, after the reseeding has been done, to go to the Help Desk to check their new heat and lane allocations. The Check Starters will have the new allocations as well.
VISITORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will have (V) next to their names. • They cannot set or break Swimming Wide Bay records and are not eligible for Age Champion Awards. • Visitors are eligible to receive a visitors medal.
TIMEKEEPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timekeepers / Officials will be required to be provided by each Club. A timekeeping schedule will be provided at a ratio dependent on the number of swimmers attending. • For those Clubs with swimmers in the 800m and 1500 Freestyle events you must provide 2 timekeepers for each swimmer/team entered.
TENT PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Club will have a tent area allocated for swimmers and spectators.
PHOTOGRAPHY & IMAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guardian/Parent permission: By nominating for this championship, swimmers and their guardians/parents acknowledge that an official, SWB-approved photographer will be operating on-site. • All official photographers are screened and hold valid Queensland Blue Card • Responsible use of images: Images captured will be used responsibly and ethically by Swimming Wide Bay and Swimming Queensland to promote the sport, adhering to the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) and National Child Safeguarding Principles.
ENQUIRIES	Enquiries to hello@widebayswimming.org.au
FOOD AND DRINK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lanes Café is located on the premises, serving coffee, snacks, breakfast and lunch.



Swimming Wide Bay merchandise will be on sale by Miklin & Co
Order at: <https://miklin.com.au/pages/event-merchandise>
Preorders will close Midnight Monday 29th June 2026,
unless sold out prior.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SESSION 1 - SATURDAY 11TH JULY

EVENTS		AGE	DISTANCE	STROKE
BOYS	GIRLS			
1	2	11 & Over	50m	Breaststroke
3	4	9 & Over	50m	Breaststroke MC
5	6	12 & Over	1500m	Freestyle
7	8	11 & Over	400m	Individual Medley
9	10	9-10	50m	Breaststroke
11	12	10 & Over	100m	Butterfly
13	14	9 & Over	100m	Butterfly MC
15	16	9-10	50m	Backstroke
17	18	10 & Over	100m	Breaststroke
19	20	9 & Over	100m	Breaststroke MC
21	22	11 & Over	400m	Freestyle
23	24	9-10	50m	Butterfly
25	26	11 & Over	200m	Backstroke
27	28	10 & Over	100m	Individual Medley
29	30	9 & Over	100m	Individual Medley MC
31	32	9-10	50m	Freestyle
33	34	10 & Over	100m	Freestyle
35	36	9 & Over	100m	Freestyle MC

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SESSION 2 – SUNDAY 12TH JULY

EVENTS		AGE	DISTANCE	STROKE
BOYS	GIRLS			
37	38	11 & Over	50m	Backstroke
39	40	9 & Over	50m	Backstroke MC
41	42	11 & Over	800m	Freestyle
43	44	10 & Over	200m	Individual Medley
45	46	9 & Over	200m	Individual Medley MC
47	48	11 & Over	200m	Butterfly
49	50	10 & Over	25m	Freestyle
51	52	11 & Over	200m	Breaststroke
53	54	10 & Over	100m	Backstroke
55	56	9 & Over	100m	Backstroke MC
57		11	50m	Freestyle
58		12	50m	Freestyle
59		13	50m	Freestyle
60		14	50m	Freestyle
61		15	50m	Freestyle
62		16	50m	Freestyle
63		17 & Over	50m	Freestyle
64		9 & Over	50m	Freestyle MC
	65	11	50m	Freestyle
	66	12	50m	Freestyle
	67	13	50m	Freestyle
	68	14	50m	Freestyle
	69	15	50m	Freestyle
	70	16	50m	Freestyle
	71	17 & Over	50m	Freestyle
	72	9 & Over	50m	Freestyle MC
73	74	11 & Over	50m	Butterfly
75	76	9 & Over	50m	Butterfly MC
77	78	10 & Over	200m	Freestyle
79	80	9 & Over	200m	Freestyle MC