



**Rules for the Conduct of Swimming  
Northern Territory Events**

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## 1 Conducting Northern Territory Swimming Events

Northern Territory swimming events shall be conducted under the rules of World Aquatics and World Para Swimming, except in so far as they are varied by these rules.

All events conducted by Swimming Northern Territory shall be conducted under these rules unless otherwise notified prior to the event. Where possible, these rules and any changes to the rules will be made public no later than three months prior to the next Championships event to ensure all participants have time to process the relevant information.

Any changes to these rules must be communicated through the Swimming Northern Territory website and any active social media channels.

## 2 Confirmation of Date and Location of Northern Territory Swimming Events

Swimming events shall be conducted within the Northern Territory under the control of Swimming Northern Territory utilising suitable facilities within the territory. The venue of the Northern Territory Swimming Championships, Northern Territory Short Course Swimming Championships and Northern Territory Open Water Championships shall be proposed and approved by Swimming Northern Territory.

**2.1** The dates of all Northern Territory swimming events will be announced by Swimming Northern Territory in the form of a competition calendar, no later than 2 months prior to the commencement of the subsequent swimming season.

**2.2** No affiliated member club of Swimming Northern Territory will be permitted to conduct a race meet fixture during the period of any Northern Territory sanctioned swimming event without written consent from Swimming Northern Territory.

## 3 Northern Territory Swimming Championships

Swimming Northern Territory shall each year conduct the Northern Territory Swimming Championships over a period of up to four successive days, in a 50m long course pool, unless otherwise approved by Swimming Northern Territory.

Any changes to the order of events and the duration of the championships shall be communicated by Swimming Northern Territory, who shall give as much notice as possible of changes to affiliated member clubs and the Northern Territory Swimming community.

**3.1** The following events shall be contested by female & male competitors:

Gender	Stroke	Distance	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs	13yrs	14yrs	15yrs	16yrs+
Male & Female	Freestyle	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		400m				X	X	X	X	X
		800m				X	X	X	X	X
		1500m				X	X	X	X	X
Male & Female	Backstroke	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m				X	X	X	X	X
Male & Female	Breaststroke	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m				X	X	X	X	X
Male & Female	Butterfly	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m				X	X	X	X	X
Male & Female	Individual Medley	200m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		400m				X	X	X	X	X

Gender	Stroke	Distance	9-12yrs	Open
Male & Female	Freestyle Relays	200m (4 x 50m)	X	X
		400m (4 x 100m)		X
Male & Female	Medley Relays	200m (4 x 50m)	X	X
		400m (4 x 100m)		X
Mixed	Freestyle	200m (4 x 50m)	X	X
Mixed	Medley Relays	200m (4 x 50m)	X	X

Events may be added or adjusted to meet participation, development and performance needs as required, as considered by Swimming Northern Territory.

- 3.2** The following Multi-Class (MC) events shall be contested by both female and male competitors with an impairment:

Distance	Stroke	Classification
50m	Freestyle	S1-S19
100m	Freestyle	S1-S19
200m	Freestyle	S1-S19
400m	Freestyle	S6-S19
50m	Backstroke	S1-S19
100m	Backstroke	S1-S19
50m	Breaststroke	SB1-SB19
100m	Breaststroke	SB3-SB19
50m	Butterfly	S4-S19
100m	Butterfly	S7-S19
150m	Individual Medley	SM2-SM4
200m	Individual Medley	SM5-SM19

Other MC events may be included as determined by Swimming Northern Territory from time to time, and classifications may be adjusted to meet participation, development and performance needs as required.

- 3.3** Swimming Northern Territory may add extra events as participation events for younger swimmers during the Northern Territory Swimming Championships, as determined. These will be non-Championships events and place medals will not be awarded.
- 3.4** The following Program of Events will be the format used, unless a change has been determined by Swimming Northern Territory. Any changes will be made in accordance with clause 1 of these rules.

#### Program of Events – SNT Championships – Session 1 (Heats)

Male	Description	Female	NOTES
<b>1</b>	12yrs & over 1500m Freestyle	<b>2</b>	Timed Final
<b>3</b>	11yrs & over 100m Butterfly	<b>4</b>	Preliminary Heats
<b>5</b>	Open 100m Butterfly – Multi-Class	<b>6</b>	Timed Final
<b>7</b>	9 & over 50m Breaststroke	<b>8</b>	Preliminary Heats
<b>9</b>	Open 50m Breaststroke – Multi-Class	<b>10</b>	Timed Final
<b>11</b>	12yrs & over 200m Backstroke	<b>12</b>	Timed Final
<b>13</b>	10yrs & over 4x50m Mixed Medley Relay	<b>13</b>	Timed Final – Mixed Gender

### Program of Events – SNT Championships – Session 2 (Heats)

Male	Description	Female	NOTES
14	12yrs & Over 400m Freestyle	15	Timed Final (Fastest Heat in the Evening Session)
16	Open 400m Freestyle – Multi-Class	17	Timed Final
18	9-10yrs 50m Backstroke	19	Preliminary Heats
20	11yrs & over 50m Backstroke	21	Preliminary Heats
22	12yrs & over 200m Breaststroke	23	Timed Final
24	9yrs & over 100m Freestyle	25	Preliminary Heats

### Program of Events – SNT Championships – Session 3 (Finals)

Male	Description	Female	NOTES
14	12yrs & over 400m Freestyle	15	Fastest Heat - Timed Final
7a	9-10yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	8a	Age Finals
7b	11-12yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	8b	
7c	13-14yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	8c	
7d	15yrs & over 50m Breaststroke Final	8d	
3a	11-12yrs 100m Butterfly Final	4a	Age Finals
3b	13-14yrs 100m Butterfly Final	4b	
3c	15yrs & over 100m Butterfly Final	4c	
26	Open 50m Backstroke – Multi-Class	27	Timed Final
18a	9-10yrs 50m Backstroke Final	19a	Age Finals
20a	11-12yrs 50m Backstroke Final	21a	Age Finals
20b	13-14yrs 50m Backstroke Final	21b	
20c	15yrs & over 50m Backstroke Final	21c	
26a	9-10yrs 100m Freestyle Final	27a	Age Final
26b	11-12yrs 100m Freestyle Final	27b	
26c	13-14yrs 100m Freestyle Final	27c	
26d	15yrs & over 100m Freestyle Final	27d	
28	Open 100m Freestyle – Multi-Class	29	Timed Final
30	10yrs & over 4x100m Medley Relay	31	Relay - Timed Final

### Program of Events – SNT Championships – Session 4 (Heats)

Male	Description	Female	NOTES
32	12yrs & over 800m Freestyle	33	Timed Final (Fastest Heat in the Evening Session)
34	9yrs & over 50m Freestyle	35	Preliminary Heats
36	9yrs & over 200m IM	37	Preliminary Heats
38	Open - 200m IM – Multi-Class Open	39	Timed Final
40	9-10yrs 100m Backstroke	41	Preliminary Heats
42	11yrs & over 100m Backstroke	43	Preliminary Heats
44	9-12yrs 4x50m Freestyle Relay	45	Relay – Timed Final
46	13yrs & over 4x50m Freestyle Relay	47	Relay – Timed Final

### Program of Events – SNT Championships – Session 5 (Finals)

Male	Description	Female	NOTES
<b>32</b>	12yrs & over 800m Freestyle	<b>33</b>	Fastest Heat - Timed Final
<b>34a</b>	9-10yrs 50m Freestyle Final	<b>35a</b>	Age Finals
<b>34b</b>	11-12yrs 50m Freestyle Final	<b>35b</b>	
<b>34c</b>	13-14yrs 50m Freestyle Final	<b>35c</b>	
<b>34d</b>	15yrs & over 50m Freestyle Final	<b>35d</b>	
<b>56</b>	Open - 50m Freestyle – Multi-Class	<b>57</b>	Timed Final
<b>36a</b>	9-10yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	<b>37a</b>	Age Finals
<b>36b</b>	11-12yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	<b>37b</b>	
<b>36c</b>	13-14yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	<b>37c</b>	
<b>36d</b>	15yrs & over 200m Individual Medley Final	<b>37d</b>	
<b>40a</b>	9-10yrs 100m Backstroke Final	<b>41a</b>	Age Final
<b>42a</b>	11-12yrs 100m Backstroke Final	<b>43a</b>	Age Finals
<b>42b</b>	13-14yrs 100m Backstroke Final	<b>43b</b>	
<b>42c</b>	15yrs & Over 100m Backstroke Final	<b>43c</b>	
<b>48</b>	Open - 100m Backstroke – Multi-Class	<b>49</b>	Timed Final
<b>50</b>	12yrs & over 200m Butterfly	<b>51</b>	Timed Final
<b>52</b>	10yrs & over 4x100 Freestyle Relay	<b>53</b>	Relay – Timed Final

### Program of Events – SNT Championships – Session 6 (Heats)

Male	Description	Female	NOTES
54	12yrs & over 400m IM	55	Timed Final (Fastest Heat in the Evening Session)
56	9yrs & over 50m Butterfly	57	Preliminary Heats
58	9yrs & over 200m Freestyle	59	Preliminary Heats
<b>60</b>	Open – 200m Freestyle – Multi-Class	<b>61</b>	Timed Final
62	9yrs & over 100m Breaststroke	63	Preliminary Heats
64	9-12yrs 4x50m Medley Relay	65	Relay – Timed Final
66	13yrs & over 4x50m Medley Relay	67	Relay – Timed Final

### Program of Events – SNT Championships – Session 7 (Finals)

Male	Description	Female	NOTES
<b>54</b>	12yrs & over 400m IM	<b>55</b>	Fastest Heat - Timed Final
<b>56a</b>	9-10yrs 50m Butterfly Final	<b>57a</b>	Age Finals
<b>56b</b>	11-12yrs 50m Butterfly Final	<b>57b</b>	
<b>56c</b>	13-14yrs 50m Butterfly Final	<b>57c</b>	
<b>56d</b>	15yrs & over 50m Butterfly Final	<b>57d</b>	
<b>68</b>	Open – 50m Butterfly – Multiclass	<b>69</b>	Timed Final
<b>58a</b>	9-10yrs 200m Freestyle Final	<b>59a</b>	Age Finals
<b>58b</b>	11-12yrs 200m Freestyle Final	<b>59b</b>	
<b>58c</b>	13-14yrs 200m Freestyle Final	<b>59c</b>	
<b>58d</b>	15yrs & over 200m Freestyle Final	<b>59d</b>	
<b>62a</b>	9-10yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	<b>63a</b>	Age Finals
<b>62b</b>	11-12yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	<b>63b</b>	
<b>62c</b>	13-14yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	<b>63c</b>	
<b>62d</b>	15yrs & over 100m Breaststroke Final	<b>63d</b>	
<b>70</b>	Open – 100m Breaststroke – Multi-Class	<b>71</b>	Timed Final
<b>72</b>	10yrs & over 4x50m Mixed Freestyle Relay	<b>72</b>	Timed Final – Mixed

#### 4 Northern Territory Short Course Swimming Championships

Swimming Northern Territory shall each year conduct the Northern Territory Short Course Swimming Championships over a period of up to two successive days, unless otherwise approved by Swimming Northern Territory.

The events to be contested shall be the same as those swum at the Northern Territory Swimming Championships with the exception that all gendered relays will be removed with the addition of the mixed freestyle and medley relays over 100m (4 x 25m) in both age groups. Also, the 100m individual medley will be added for all aged groups for both females and males.

4.1 Swimming Northern Territory may conduct extra events as participation events for younger swimmers throughout the Northern Territory Short Course Swimming Championships, as determined. These will be non-Championships events and place medals will not be awarded.

4.2 The following Program of Events will be the format used, unless a change has been determined by Swimming Northern Territory. Any changes will be made in accordance with clause 1 of these rules.

##### Program of Events – SNT SC Champs Session 1

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
1	12yrs & over 800m Freestyle	2
3	9yrs & over 100m Individual Medley	4
5	Open 100m Individual Medley – Multi-Class	6
7	12yrs & over 200m Breaststroke	8
9	9 - 10yrs 50m Backstroke	10
11	11yrs & over 50m Backstroke	12
13	Open 50m Backstroke – Multi-Class	14
15	9yrs & over 100m Butterfly	16
17	Open 100m Butterfly – Multi-Class	18
19	11yrs & over 200m Freestyle	20
21	Open 200m Freestyle – Multi-Class	22
23	Mixed 9-12yrs 200m Medley Relay (4 x 50)	24
25	Mixed 13yrs & over 200m Medley Relay (4 x 50)	26

##### Program of Events – SNT SC Champs Session 2

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
27	12yrs & over 400m Freestyle	28
29	9yrs & over 50m Butterfly	30
31	Open 50m Butterfly – Multi-Class	32
33	12yrs & over 200m Backstroke	34
35	9yrs & over 100m Freestyle	36
37	Open 100m Freestyle – Multi-Class	38
39	9yrs & over 50m Breaststroke	40
41	Open 50m Breaststroke – Multi-Class	42
43	12yrs & over 400m Individual Medley	44
45	Mixed 9-12yrs 200m Freestyle Relay (4 x 50)	46
47	Mixed 13yrs & over 200m Freestyle Relay (4 x 50)	48

## Program of Events – SNT SC Champs Session 3

Event No. Boys	Event Details	Event No. Girls
49	11yrs & over 200m Individual Medley	50
51	Open 200m Individual Medley - Multi-Class	52
53	9yrs & over 100m Breaststroke	54
55	Open 100m Breaststroke - Multi-Class	56
57	9yrs & over 50m Freestyle	58
59	Open 50m Freestyle – Multi-Class	60
61	12yrs & over 200m Butterfly	62
63	9-10yrs 100m Backstroke	64
65	11yrs & over 100m Backstroke	66
67	Open 100m Backstroke – Multi-Class	68
69	12yrs & over 1500m Freestyle	70
71	Mixed 9-12yrs 100m Freestyle Relay (4 x 25)	71
72	Mixed 13yrs & over 100m Freestyle Relay (4 x 25)	72
73	Mixed 9-12yrs 100m Medley Relay (4 x 25)	73
74	Mixed 13yrs & over 100m Medley Relay (4 x 25)	74

### 5 Northern Territory Open Water Championships

Swimming Northern Territory shall each year conduct the Northern Territory Open Water Swimming Championships over a period of one day, unless otherwise approved by Swimming Northern Territory.

Any changes to the program of events and / or the duration of the championships shall be made in accordance with clause 1 of these rules.

#### 5.1 The following events will be contested as part of the championships:

Gender	Distance	Open
Male & Female	2500m	X
	5000m	X
	10000m	X

#### 5.2 Swimming Northern Territory may add a shorter non championship event to encourage younger swimmers into open water swimming, as determined. This event will not be awarded placings.

### 6 Country Swimming Championships

Swimming Northern Territory shall each year conduct the Country Swimming Championships over a period of up to five successive days, unless otherwise approved by Swimming Northern Territory.

#### 6.1 The following events will be contested as part of the championships:

Gender	Stroke	Distance	11-12yrs	13yrs	14yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17yrs+
Male & Female	Freestyle	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		400m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		800m		X	X	X	X	X
		1500m		X	X	X	X	X
Male & Female	Backstroke	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m	X	X	X	X	X	X



Gender	Stroke	Distance	11-12yrs	13yrs	14yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17yrs+
Male & Female	Breaststroke	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m	X	X	X	X	X	X
Male & Female	Butterfly	50m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		100m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		200m	X	X	X	X	X	X
Male & Female	Individual Medley	200m	X	X	X	X	X	X
		400m		X	X	X	X	X

Gender	Stroke	Distance	Open
Male & Female	Freestyle Relays	200m (4 x 50m)	X
Male & Female	Medley Relays	200m (4 x 50m)	X
Mixed	Freestyle Relays	200m (4 x 50m)	X
		400m (4 x 100m)	X
Mixed	Medley Relays	200m (4 x 50m)	X
		400m (4 x 100m)	X

Swimmers may only contest one club 4x50m freestyle relay (male or female), one club 4x50m medley relay (male or female), one club mixed 4x100m freestyle relay, one club mixed 4x100m medley relay, one club mixed 4x50m freestyle relay and one club mixed 4x50m medley relay across the Championships. Mixed club relays must consist of 2 female and 2 male swimmers, swum in any order.

**6.2** Swimmers eligibility is determined as those swimmers that are registered 'competitive' members of swimming clubs based in areas classified by the Australian Government as:

**Category 2** – Cities and major regional centres of Adelaide, Perth, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Canberra, Newcastle / Lake Macquarie, Wollongong / Illawarra, Geelong and Hobart; or

**Category 3** - Regional centres and other regional areas.

A postcode list can be found - [HERE](#)

All Swimmers must be fully registered as a competitive swimming member on Swim Central, where applicable. Recreational, social or other non-competitive members are ineligible to enter.

Swimmers from outside NT may need to provide clearance certificates from their state organisation – please consult your state swimming association.

Swimmers from swimming clubs based in capital city areas (Category 1), as described by the Australian Government are not eligible to enter.

Members of other international federations affiliated to World Aquatics, who meet the entry qualifying times and hold a valid clearance from their federation will be permitted to swim, however will be considered a visitor. If these swimmers are based in Australia, they must adhere to the Category 2 or Category 3 requirements above. If these swimmers reside internationally, they must be within a regional area of their country of residence, as determined by Swimming Northern Territory.

Non-Australian citizens who are registered with an Australian member organisation and meet the entry qualifying time will be permitted to swim, however will be considered a visitor.

**6.3** The following MC events shall be contested by male and female swimmers with an impairment:

Distance	Stroke	Ages	Classification
50m	Freestyle	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
100m	Freestyle	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
200m	Freestyle	12-14yrs & 15-18yrs	S1-S19
400m	Freestyle	12-14yrs & 15-18yrs	S6-S19
50m	Backstroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
100m	Backstroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
50m	Breaststroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	SB1-SB19
100m	Breaststroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	SB3-SB19
50m	Butterfly	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S4-S19
100m	Butterfly	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S7-S19
150m	Individual Medley	12-18yrs	SM2-SM4
200m	Individual Medley	12-14yrs & 15-18yrs	SM5-SM19

The classifications may be adjusted by Swimming Northern Territory to meet participation, development and performance needs as required.

**6.4** The following Program of Events will be the format used, unless a change has been determined by Swimming Northern Territory. Any changes to the program of events and / or the duration of the championships shall be made in accordance with clause 1 of these rules.

**Program of Events – Session 1 – Heats**

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
1	Open 200m Individual Medley	2
3	Open 200m Individual Medley – Multi-Class	4
5	Open 50m Backstroke	6
7	Open 50m Backstroke – Multi-Class	8
9	Open 200m Butterfly	10
11	Open 100m Breaststroke	12
13	Open 100m Breaststroke – Multi-Class	14
15	Open 800m Freestyle	16

### Program of Events – Session 2 – Finals

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
1A	11-12yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	2A
1B	13yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	2B
1C	14yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	2C
1D	15yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	2D
1E	16yrs 200m Individual Medley Final	2E
1F	17yrs & over 200m Individual Medley Final	2F
3	Open 200m Individual Medley – Multi-Class Final	4
5A	11-12yrs 50m Backstroke Final	6A
5B	13yrs 50m Backstroke Final	6B
5C	14yrs 50m Backstroke Final	6C
5D	15yrs 50m Backstroke Final	6D
5E	16yrs 50m Backstroke Final	6E
5F	17yrs & over 50m Backstroke Final	6F
7	Open 50m Backstroke – Multi-Class	8
9A	11-12yrs 200m Butterfly Final	10A
9B	13-14yrs 200m Butterfly Final	10B
9C	15-16yrs 200m Butterfly Final	10C
9D	17yrs & over 200m Butterfly Final	10D
11A	11-12yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	12A
11B	13yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	12B
11C	14yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	12C
11D	15yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	12D
11E	16yrs 100m Breaststroke Final	12E
11F	17yrs & over 100m Breaststroke Final	12F
13	Open 100m Breaststroke – Multi-Class	14
15	Open 800m Freestyle – Fastest Heat	16
17	Open 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	18

### Program of Events – Session 3 – Heats

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
19	13yrs & over 400m Individual Medley	20
21	Open 50m Breaststroke	22
23	Open 50m Breaststroke – Multi-Class	24
25	Open 200m Freestyle	26
27	Open 200m Freestyle – Multi-Class	28
29	Open 100m Butterfly	30
31	Open 100m Butterfly – Multi-Class	32
33	MIXED Open 4 x 100m Medley Relay	33

#### Program of Events – Session 4 – Finals

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
19	13yrs & over 400m Individual Medley – Fastest Heat	20
21A	11-12Yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	22A
21B	13Yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	22B
21C	14Yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	22C
21D	15Yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	22D
21E	16Yrs 50m Breaststroke Final	22E
21F	17Yrs & over 50m Breaststroke Final	22F
23	Open 50m Breaststroke – Multi-Class Final	24
25A	11-12yrs 200m Freestyle Final	26A
25B	13yrs 200m Freestyle Final	26B
25C	14yrs 200m Freestyle Final	26C
25D	15yrs 200m Freestyle Final	26D
25E	16yrs 200m Freestyle Final	26E
25F	17yrs & over 200m Freestyle Final	26F
27	Open 200m Freestyle – Multi-Class Final	28
29A	11-12yrs 100m Butterfly Final	30A
29B	13yrs 100m Butterfly Final	30B
29C	14yrs 100m Butterfly Final	30C
29D	15yrs 100m Butterfly Final	30D
29E	16yrs 100m Butterfly Final	30E
29F	17yrs & over 100m Butterfly Final	30F
31	Open 100m Butterfly – Multi-Class Final	32
34	MIXED Open 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	34

#### Program of Events – Session 5 –Heats

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
35	Open 400m Freestyle	36
37	Open 400m Freestyle – Multi-Class	38
39	Open 50m Butterfly	40
41	Open 50m Butterfly – Multi-Class	42
43	Open 200m Backstroke	44
45	Open 100m Freestyle	46
47	Open 100m Freestyle – Multi-Class	48

### Program of Events – Session 6 – Finals

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
35	Open 400m Freestyle – Fastest Heat	36
39A	11-12Yrs 50m Butterfly Final	40A
39B	13Yrs 50m Butterfly Final	40B
39C	14Yrs 50m Butterfly Final	40C
39D	15Yrs 50m Butterfly Final	40D
39E	16Yrs 50m Butterfly Final	40E
39F	17Yrs & over 50m Butterfly Final	40F
41	Open 50m Butterfly – Multi-Class Final	42
43A	11-12yrs 200m Backstroke Final	44A
43B	13-14yrs 200m Backstroke Final	44B
43C	15-16yrs 200m Backstroke Final	44C
43D	17yrs & over 200m Backstroke Final	44D
45A	11-12yrs 100m Freestyle Final	46A
45B	13yrs 100m Freestyle Final	46B
45C	14yrs 100m Freestyle Final	46C
45D	15yrs 100m Freestyle Final	46D
45E	16yrs 100m Freestyle Final	46E
45F	17yrs & over 100m Freestyle Final	46F
47	Open 100m Freestyle – Multi-Class	48
49	Open 4 x 50m Medley Relay	50

### Program of Events – Session 7 – Heats

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
51	13yrs & over 1500m Freestyle	52
53	Open 100m Backstroke	54
55	Open 100m Backstroke – Multi-Class	56
57	Open 50m Freestyle	58
59	Open 50m Freestyle – Multi-Class	60
61	Open 200m Breaststroke	62
63	MIXED Open 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	63

## Program of Events – Session 8 – Finals

Event No. Boys	Event	Event No. Girls
51	13yrs & over 1500m Freestyle – Fastest Heat	52
53A	11-12yrs 100m Backstroke Final	54A
53B	13yrs 100m Backstroke Final	54B
53C	14yrs 100m Backstroke Final	54C
53D	15yrs 100m Backstroke Final	54D
53E	16yrs 100m Backstroke Final	54E
53F	17yrs & over 100m Backstroke Final	54F
55	Open 100m Backstroke – Multi-Class Final	56
57A	11-12yrs 50m Freestyle Final	58A
57B	13yrs 50m Freestyle Final	58B
57C	14yrs 50m Freestyle Final	58C
57D	15yrs 50m Freestyle Final	58D
57E	16yrs 50m Freestyle Final	58E
57F	17yrs & over 50m Freestyle Final	58F
59	Open 50m Freestyle – Multi-Class Final	60
61A	11-12yrs 200m Breaststroke Final	62A
61B	13-14yrs 200m Breaststroke Final	62B
61C	15-16yrs 200m Breaststroke Final	62C
61D	17yrs & over 200m Breaststroke Final	62D
63	MIXED Open 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	63

## 7 Classification

Northern Territory swimming events for all classified swimmers with an impairment, shall be conducted using the multi-class (MC) format. Swimmers must hold an eligible classification as outlined in clause 10. Heats of MC events shall be seeded fastest to slowest. Placings for each event shall be determined using the multi-class point score system.

In accordance with MC rule 2.17 a classified swimmer may require assistance from support staff.

## 8 Para Swimming

- 8.1** If there are 3 or less para swimmers register for a specific MC event in a Championship Meet, then at the discretion of the Technical Manager, prior to the commencement of the relevant session, the MC event and corresponding able-bodied event may be merged for the purposes of conducting the event.
- 8.2** If there are 4 or more para swimmers registered in an event, then that event MUST be swum as a MC event and there is NO option for events to be merged with the corresponding able-bodied event.
- 8.3** Results for para swimmers that are transferred to and swim in able-bodied events, as per Clause 8.1, will be removed from the event results of the able-bodied event and inserted into the corresponding MC event for results / medal purposes.
- 8.4** Para swimmers may enter an able-bodied event, if they meet the qualifying standards, or the corresponding MC event, however, they are not able to enter both (e.g. cannot enter 50m freestyle in able bodied and MC events at the same meet). Para swimmers that choose to swim in an able-bodied event, instead of the corresponding MC event, notwithstanding clause 8.1, will not be eligible to earn points or medals for the corresponding MC event.
- 8.5** Para Swimmers are still eligible to break SNT records and Swimming Australia records whilst swimming in an able-bodied event, even if there is a corresponding MC event.

**8.6** Where a specific MC event (classification specific) is not offered at a Northern Territory Championship meet and is available as a competitive event at Swimming Australia or International Championship meets, Swimming Northern Territory will allow entry into the corresponding able-bodied event, if offered, for those affected para swimmers, irrespective of qualifying times.

## **9 Qualifying Times**

Swimming Northern Territory shall adopt a qualifying time for each distance and stroke and/or classification for all Northern Territory Championships swimming events, as determined by Swimming Northern Territory. Notification of the approved qualifying times shall be published on the Swimming Northern Territory website.

**9.1** Long Course Events: Qualifying times for Northern Territory Championship events, including the Country Swimming Championships, if required, must have been achieved at an approved meet in a 25m or 50m pool using electronic timing (including semi-automatic timing (SAT)) at any time after 1 January in the year prior to the year in which the events are held, unless otherwise stated in the event information. For swimmers who do not have a time in a 50m pool, a time in a 25m pool will be accepted with the conversion factor, as determined in Swim Central. As determined by Swimming Northern Territory, entry consideration will be given to swimmers from regional swimming clubs that do not have adequate access to accredited technical officials. Swimming Northern Territory will be the sole determinant of all qualifying times, as well as the required use of qualifying times for championship events.

**9.2** Short Course Events: Qualifying times for Northern Territory short course swimming championships must have been achieved at an approved meet in a 25m or 50m pool, using electronic timing (including SAT) at any time after 1 January in the year prior to the year in which the events are held. For swimmers who do not have a time in a 25m pool, a time in a 50m pool will be accepted without any conversion factor. As determined by Swimming Northern Territory, entry consideration will be given to swimmers from regional swimming clubs that do not have adequate access to accredited technical officials. Swimming Northern Territory will be the sole determinant of all qualifying times, as well as the required use of qualifying times for championship events.

## **10 Facility Requirements**

**10.1** Northern Territory long course swimming championship events shall preferably be conducted in a temperature controlled 50m pool with 10 lanes and that is not less than 25m wide with adequate:

- (a) Automatic Officiating Equipment.
- (b) Seating for swimmers and public.
- (c) Warm up and swim down facilities.
- (d) Potential to facilitate/accommodate television broadcast and media.

**10.2** Northern Territory short course swimming championship events shall preferably be conducted in an indoor heated 25m pool with not less than 8 lanes with adequate:

- (a) Automatic Officiating Equipment.
- (b) Seating for swimmers and public.
- (c) Warm up and swim down facilities.
- (d) Potential to facilitate/accommodate television broadcast and media.

## **11 Eligibility**

**11.1** Northern Territory swimming events, except for the Country Swimming Championships, are open to:

- (a) Swimmers that are registered with Swimming Northern Territory through a member club and meet the entry qualifying time, if required, as per clause 9.

- (b) Swimmers that are registered with another Swimming Australia member organisation and meet the entry qualifying time, if required, as per clause 9. Where required, swimmers are required to hold a valid clearance from their state association. Swimmers entering under these conditions will be considered a visitor.
- (c) Members of other federations affiliated to World Aquatics, who meet the entry qualifying time as per clause 9, if required and hold a valid clearance from their federation. Swimmers entering under these conditions will be considered a visitor.
- (d) Swimmers with an impairment who hold a current national or international classification, including provisional classification, according to the classification database held by Swimming Australia, in line with eligibility requirements outlined in the Swimming Australia classification policy and procedures for classes 1-10 (physical), 11-13 (vision impaired), 14 (intellectual impairment), 15 (hearing impairment), 16 (transplant recipient), 17 (transition), 18 (intellectual impairment with a significant other impairment) and 19 (autism) are eligible to compete.
- (e) The minimum age for swimmers at Northern Territory swimming championship events is 9 years of age and 10 years of age for para swimmers as at the first day of competition.

**11.2** Country Swimming Championships, are open to:

- (a) Swimmers that are registered with any Swimming Australia member organisation and meet the entry qualifying time, if required, as per clause 7. Where required, swimmers from states and territories outside the Northern Territory may be required to hold a valid clearance from their state association.
- (b) Members of other federations affiliated to World Aquatics, who meet the entry qualifying time as per clause 7, if required and hold a valid clearance from their federation. Swimmers entering under these conditions will be considered a visitor.
- (c) Swimmers with an impairment who hold a current national or international classification, including provisional classification, according to the classification database held by Swimming Australia, in line with eligibility requirements outlined in the Swimming Australia classification policy and procedures for classes 1-10 (physical), 11-13 (vision impaired), 14 (intellectual impairment), 15 (hearing impairment), 16 (transplant recipient), 17 (transition), 18 (intellectual impairment with a significant other impairment) and 19 (autism) are eligible to compete.
- (d) The minimum age for swimmers at Country Swimming Championship events is 11 years of age and 10 years of age for MC swimmers as at the first day of competition.

**11.3** A swimmer who is a member of another international federation affiliated to World Aquatics is not eligible to represent or score points for a club or state.

**11.4** In the event of a question arising as to the eligibility of any swimmer under clause 11, the swimmer affected will need to refer the question to Swimming Northern Territory.

**11.5** Each swimmer entered may be subjected to doping control tests as determined by the appropriate doping authority.



## **12 Entries**

- (a) All entries are to be submitted through the Swim Central website online entry system, unless otherwise directed by Swimming Northern Territory. Online entries will close up to 12 days prior to the start of competition.  
Late entries may be considered and if accepted, a late entry fee will be charged, as determined by Swimming Northern Territory.
- (b) An entry fee shall be determined by Swimming Northern Territory and charged for each individual and each team entry in all Northern Territory Championship swimming events.
- (c) Unlimited entries for all individual events shall be accepted provided the qualifying times are achieved as per clause 9.
- (d) International swimmers not registered with a Swimming Australia member organisation that are interested in entering Northern Territory swimming events must contact Swimming Northern Territory for entry details.
- (e) Each swimmer may be asked to produce a birth certificate or statutory declaration to confirm their age.
- (f) Interstate swimmers may be required to obtain a clearance from their own state member organisation. These swimmers may be considered visitors.

## **13 Team Leaders Meeting**

A team leaders meeting may be held prior to, or on the first day of the event, before competition proceedings, as determined by Swimming Northern Territory. In lieu of a meeting, team leader notes will be deemed as the conditions of the meet as outlined in the event program. Any questions about these meet conditions should be directed to the meet director.

## **14 Conduct at Northern Territory Swimming Events**

Swimmers must abide by the Swimming Australia Code of Conduct. Entry into an event indicates that the swimmer and if applicable, their support team, have read and understood the code of Conduct.

## **15 Marshalling**

All Championship events within the Northern Territory are to be conducted utilising self-marshalling. Any swimmer entered in the first two events of each session must report to the marshalling area at least five minutes prior to the start time for each session.

- 15.1** For all heats and timed finals swimmers must report to the marshalling area prior to their race and will be instructed by the Check Starter, where applicable, to move behind the blocks once the race ahead of them has entered the water.

Swimmers will only be permitted to enter the marshalling area as follows:

- 50m events 6 heats prior to their heat
- 100m and 200m events 4 heats prior to their heat
- 400m events 2 heats prior to their heat
- 800m and 1500m events 1 heat prior to their heat

- 15.2** All Individual Event Finals and Relay Timed Finals will be marshalled in the marshalling area. Any swimmer entered in the first or second event of a session containing finals, who fails to report to the marshalling area at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the session, may be deemed to be a withdrawal. For all subsequent finals and/or relay events, any swimmer or team who fails to report at least two events prior to the start their event, may be deemed to be a withdrawal.

**15.3** Where a swimmer has been determined as a withdrawal due failing to report by the designated time, or as withdrawn for medical reasons, they will be substituted with a reserve, if available. Swimmers listed as reserves must report for their event in accordance with clause 15.2.

**15.4** All swimmers competing in the Northern Territory Open Water Championships check in a minimum of hour before the start of the first scheduled event and must assemble in the marshalling zone 30min before the start of the first scheduled event for the safety briefing.

## **16 Withdrawals**

At all Northern Territory swimming events, finalists and reserves (there shall be only two reserves listed) wishing to withdraw from a final shall do so in writing. This must be signed by the swimmer or their representative within 30 minutes of the results being posted following the event in which the qualification took place. when provided, or other designated position as described in the conditions of the meet.

**16.1** A swimmer who does not withdraw as referred to in clause 16, and who does not compete in the event, shall be deemed a late withdrawal and fined the sum of \$100 AUD which must be paid before the swimmer is eligible to swim their next event, except where a medical certificate is provided. Once a withdrawal form has been submitted, the swimmer cannot be reinstated.

**16.2** Entries for future Northern Territory swimming events will not be accepted by Swimming Northern Territory for swimmers who have not paid fines outlined in clause 16.1.

## **17 Swim-offs**

**17.1** At Northern Territory Championship Swimming events where ten lanes are used, in the event of a tie for 10<sup>th</sup> place for a final or 12<sup>th</sup> place for reserves, an announcement will be made for the swimmers and their coaches to report to the Technical Manager / Chief Referee where they will be advised that a swim off may be required.

**17.2** At Northern Territory Championship Swimming events where eight lanes are used, in the event of a tie for 8<sup>th</sup> place for a final or 10<sup>th</sup> place for reserves, an announcement will be made for the swimmers and their coaches to report to the Technical Manager / Chief Referee where they will be advised that a swim off may be required.

**17.3** The Technical Manager / Chief Referee is responsible for arranging the swim-off and will instruct the session Referee and Control Room Supervisor when the swim-off will take place. The swim-off will be scheduled in a timely manner. Wherever possible, this will be immediately following the conclusion of the 30 minutes from the closing time for withdrawals from the respective event to enable finalists for that event to be published.

## **18 B Finals**

**18.1** B finals may be conducted for all Northern Territory Championship long course swimming events up to and including 100m events provided at least 24 swimmers contest the heats, with the exception of the Country Swimming Championships.

**18.2** There will be no B-Finals conducted at the Country Swimming Championships, unless determined by Swimming Northern Territory.

## **19 Timed Finals**

**19.1** All 400m, 800m and 1500m events at Northern Territory Championships and Country Swimming Championships shall be timed finals; places shall be awarded on a time basis. Swimmers will be seeded in heats according to the fastest declared times. The sequence shall be on the basis of the fastest heat as a timed final in the finals session and the remaining heats as timed finals in order of fastest to slowest in the heats session. Swimmers are required to declare their intent to swim no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start time of these events in the heats session.

**19.2** All events at Northern Territory Short Course Championships shall be timed finals, places shall be awarded on a time basis. Swimmers will be seeded in heats according to the fastest declared times. Swimmers are required to declare their intent to swim for all 400m, 800m and 1500m events no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start time of these events.

**19.3** Relays shall be conducted as timed finals during either the heats or finals session as listed in the Program of Events. Relays will be seeded in the order of slowest to fastest.

## **20 Finals**

**20.1** The first, second and third placegetters in each championship event, as per eligible age, shall receive a medal. The first medal shall be gold in colour, the second medal shall be silver in colour, and the third medal shall be bronze in colour. Numbers may be used in lieu of colours. No medal shall be awarded if the placegetter fails to achieve the qualifying time set for the event, unless approved by Swimming Northern Territory.

**20.2** The first Northern Territory swimmer to finish in each championship event shall be awarded the title of 'NT Champion'. In the event of any visiting swimmer placing first, second or third, they shall be awarded a medal similar to that given by Swimming Northern Territory.

**20.3** A maximum of 2 visiting swimmers are eligible to compete in the final of all events at any Northern Territory Championships and Country Swimming Championships meets. This also applies to the fastest seeded heat of a timed final.

## **21 Relays**

**21.1** In timed final relay events, the names of the swimmers and the order in which they are to swim shall be submitted via the online entry system prior to the closing date.

**21.2** Any alterations to originally submitted relay teams and the addition of reserves, must be submitted to the Swimming Northern Territory representative at the Help Desk 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the session in which the relay event will be contested. For clubs who enter multiple teams in an event, swimmers listed in these relay teams are automatically considered as reserves for all teams nominated by that club for that club relay event.

**21.3** If there are no alterations to the names of the swimmers or the order in which they are to swim, a paper form is not required to be submitted on the day of the event.

**21.4** In club relay events a maximum of two teams from one club will be eligible to win medals and/or score points towards the club point score.

**21.5** Swimmers that are members of another federation affiliated to World Aquatics, may compete in relays, however they are ineligible to score points. These swimmers may compete for a Swimming Australia affiliated club, with a maximum of one swimmer per relay.

**21.6** Swimming Northern Territory may submit composite relay teams, where possible. Composite relay teams are not eligible to win medals and/or score points towards the club point score.

## **22 Protests and Jury of Appeal**

**22.1** Protests are possible:

- (a) If the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competition are not observed.
- (b) If other conditions endanger the competition and or swimmers; or
- (c) Against the decisions of the Referee, however, no protests shall be allowed against decisions of fact.

**22.2** Protests must be submitted:

- (a) To the Referee
- (b) In writing on the Swimming Australia protest form setting out the reasons for the protest
- (c) By the responsible team leader
- (d) Together with a cash deposit or EFT of \$100 AUD
- (e) Within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event

(f) If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

**22.3** All protests shall be considered by the Referee, taking into account the reasons for the protest (as set out in the Swimming Northern Territory protest form) and any other information the Referee considers relevant. If the Referee rejects the protest, they must state the reasons for this decision. The team leader may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

**22.4** The Jury of Appeal for all Northern Territory swimming events shall consist of the 3 most senior Referees present and not involved in the protest. In the event of three senior Referees not being available, the Technical Manager / Chief Referee shall appoint Technical Officials to fill any vacancy.

**22.5** The Jury of Appeal shall consider the appeal, taking into account the reasons for the protest (as set out in the Swimming Northern Territory protest form) and any other information the Jury of Appeal considers relevant. The Jury of Appeal may seek footage from where available, to be reviewed when considering the appeal.

**22.6** If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to Swimming Northern Territory. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be returned.

**23 Club Point Score**

**23.1** The point score allocation for all Northern Territory Swimming Championship and Country Swimming Championship events:

Individual Events				Club Relay Events			
1st	10 points	6th	5 points	1st	20 points	6th	10 points
2nd	9 points	7th	4 points	2nd	18 points	7th	8 points
3rd	8 points	8th	3 points	3rd	16 points	8th	6 points
4th	7 points	9th	2 points	4th	14 points	9th	4 points
5th	6 points	10th	1 point	5th	12 points	10th	2 points

All subsequent individual placings will receive 1 point, while all subsequent relay placings will receive 2 points.

**23.2** Visitors are not eligible to score points. If a visitor is placed in an event the swimmers who are placed lower than the visitor shall have their points adjusted.

**23.3** Points shall only be awarded to swimmers or teams achieving the qualifying time.

**23.4** Where a swimmer who competed in a final is disqualified, the position the swimmer would have held shall be awarded to the swimmer who finished next. All the lower placing swimmers in the final shall be advanced one place and club points will be adjusted accordingly. If the disqualification occurs after the presentation of awards, the awards shall be returned and given to the appropriate swimmers applying the aforesaid provisions.

**24 Northern Territory Awards**

The following awards are to be presented at Northern Territory Championship Swimming events.

**24.1** Northern Territory Championships (awarded for performances at this Championship meet only)

- a) **Jim Gayton Trophy** – Awarded to the Northern Territory female athlete who records the fastest time in a heat or final of the women’s 50m freestyle.
- b) **Paul Kinter Trophy** - Awarded to the Northern Territory male athlete who records the fastest time in a heat or final of the men’s 50m freestyle.
- c) **Champion Male/Female** - Awarded to the Northern Territory male and female athlete gaining most points.

- d) **Champion Distance Male/Female** - Awarded to the Northern Territory male and female athlete who achieved the strongest performance, as measured by the Hy-Tek Single Year Points System, in any one of the following events: the 400m, 800m, 1500m freestyle, 400 IM or a 200 form stroke.
- e) **Judith Green Trophy** - Awarded to the Northern Territory athlete gaining the most points in Multi Class events.
- f) **Swimmer of the Meet** - Awarded to the Northern Territory athlete with the most outstanding performances in five events, as measured by the combined total of the Hy-Tek single year Points System.
- g) **Keith Gabel Trophy** - Awarded to the Northern Territory club whose athletes gain the most points in finals and timed finals of breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly events at these Championships.
- h) **Relay Trophy** - Awarded to the Northern Territory Club gaining most points in the Championships relay events.
- i) **NT Championships Club Trophy** – Awarded to the Northern Territory Club gaining most points, from individual and relay events, during the Northern Territory Championships as a percentage of total swimmers. Must have a minimum of 5 swimmers competing in individual events to be eligible.
- j) **Age Champion** trophies will be awarded to Northern Territory male & female swimmers who achieve the most points in their 7 best events throughout the championships for their age group. Age groups awarded will be presented for 9yr, 10yr, 11yr, 12yr, 13yr, 14yr, 15yr, 16yr, 17yr & over. Visiting swimmers may be awarded a recognition award for outstanding achievement in an age category.

**24.2** Northern Territory Short Course Championships (awarded for performances at this Championship meet only)

- a) **Swimmer of the Meet** - Awarded to the Northern Territory athlete with the most outstanding performances in five events, as measured by the combined total of the Hy-Tek single year Points System.
- b) **Junior Champion Male/Female Trophy** – Awarded to the Northern Territory male and female swimmer gaining the most points, in their best 7 events, across all 9-12 years swimming events not including relays.
- c) **Champion Male/Female Trophy** – Awarded to the Northern Territory male and female swimmer gaining the most points, in their best 7 events, across all 13 & Over events not including relays.
- d) **NT SC Championships Club Trophy** – Awarded to the Northern Territory Club gaining most points, from individual and relay events, during the Northern Territory Championships as a percentage of total swimmers. Must have a minimum of 5 swimmers competing in individual events to be eligible.

**24.3** Country Swimming Championships (awarded for performances at this Championship meet only)

- a) **Age Champion** trophies will be awarded to male & female swimmers who achieve the most points in their 8 best events throughout the championships for their age group. Age groups awarded will be presented for 11-12yr, 13yr, 14yr, 15yr, 16yr, 17yr & over. Visiting international swimmers may be awarded a recognition award for outstanding achievement in an age category.
- b) **Swimmer of the Meet** - Awarded to the swimmer with the most outstanding performances in six events (Finals only), as measured by the combined total of the Hy-Tek single year Points System.

## **25 General Swimwear Policy**

- 25.1** All swimwear must be FINA / World Aquatics approved and are subject to the Swimming Australia Commercial Guidelines.
- 25.2** Subject to clause 25.6 and 25.7, in pool swimming competitions the swimmer must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit. For pool swimming competitions swimsuits for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor below the knee. The swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.
- 25.3** The swimwear (swimsuit, cap and goggles) of all swimmers shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the individual sports disciplines and are not to carry any symbol which may be considered offensive.
- 25.4** All swimsuits shall be non-transparent. It is permissible to wear two caps.
- 25.5** Modification of swimsuits to accommodate a swimmer's impairment is permitted as per **WPS10.15.2**. provided that for Northern Territory Championship Swimming Events any such approval may be granted by the Technical Manager / Chief Referee. Proposed modified swimsuits shall be presented to the Technical Manager / Chief Referee prior to the swimmer's first event at the competition for approval.
- 25.6** Unless otherwise directed by Swimming Australia, swimmers may wear swimsuits that do not bear a valid FINA / World Aquatics approval label provided they satisfy the material requirements outlined in the current World Aquatics requirements for swimwear approval and meet the following criteria:
- (i) Men's swimsuits are limited to one (1) suit that covers at most the body surface from hips to knee/s. Swimsuits may not extend above the navel or below the knees;
  - (ii) Women's swimsuits are limited to one (1) suit in up to two (2) pieces that is of 'open back' and 'open shoulder' designs that may extend down to the knee; swimsuits must not extend below the knees;
  - (iii) Swimsuits must be of textile material (i.e., permeable textile open mesh materials such as cotton, nylon, lycra and the like) with no application of surface treatment closing the open mesh structure.
- 25.7** Notwithstanding any other clause in this by-law, swimsuits may be modified or alternative swimsuits may be worn to accommodate a swimmer's individual needs and preferences, including in respect of modesty, religious or cultural purposes, gender identity, physical disability or in connection with any other protected attribute under federal or state anti-discrimination legislation provided any modification or proposed alternative swimsuit:
- (a) complies with the Swimming Australia Inclusive Swimwear Policy; and
  - (b) is approved by the Technical Manager prior to the swimmer's first event at the relevant competition.
- 25.8** The referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any swimmer whose swimsuit or body symbols do not comply with this rule.