

- (a) The Combined Swimming Sports Meeting will be held in March at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. All arrangements will be organised by the Sports Coordinators' Committee.
- (b) Age groupings for Boys and Girls are taken at 28 February of that year (or 29 February in a leap year).
- (c) Lanes will randomly allocated. Backstroke ledges will not be used at this meet.

(d) **Uniform**

Competitors must adhere to the following conditions pertaining to swimwear. Those who don't will be disqualified:

- a) Competitors must wear the official swimming cap of their school
- b) **Is FINA approved*
- c) Displays school colours or,
- d) Has been approved by the school (eg. garment branding, colours, slogans)
- e) Not permitted - bathers that display club-state-national branding, board shorts, football shorts.

Unless explicit permission has been granted, any failure to adhere to the following regulation will result in disqualification.

**During trial meets and at the AGSV championships, swim garments worn must be in accordance with FINA rules (refer by-Law 8.1, 8.2, 8.3). Competing in a garment/s that is not approved/ banned by FINA is strictly prohibited. This includes wearing a second garment under the outer garment while competing. Uniform Officials will scrutinise garments being worn by all competitors prior to events to ensure the above stipulations are upheld.*

- (e) Swimmers are **not permitted** to display 'body art' (eg. no school names or slogans) while competing.
- (f) Swimmers are to **self marshal** prior to their event at the end of the pool they start from: no less than three (3) events prior and not more than five (5) events in advance. If running late to marshal, swimmers can proceed directly to the check starter to be allocated to their start lane. A start will not be delayed if a competitor is late for their event.
- (g) A competitor may only swim in one Medley Relay and one Freestyle Relay.
- (h) Relay teams will consist of four members, each swimming 50 metres. Medley relays will be in the following order:
 - 1) Backstroke, 2) Breaststroke, 3) Butterfly, 4) Freestyle.

(i) **Events and Competitor limits**

Girls may compete in a maximum of five (5) events. A competitor **may not** use the same stroke in more than one individual event, with the exception of the following Freestyle events: Girls Open 200m; Open 100 metres; U17 100 metres; U16 100 metres.

<i>All age groups Open, Under 17, 16, 15, 14 & 13 events</i>	50 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Backstroke; 50 metres Breaststroke; 50 metres Butterfly
<i>Additional individual events</i>	Open 200 Freestyle; Open 100 Metres Freestyle; U17 100 metres Freestyle; U16 100 metres Freestyle
<i>Relays - all age groups</i>	4 x 50 metres Medley; 4 x 50 metres Freestyle

(j) Boys may compete in up to four (4) events (including relays), with the option of a fifth event being one of the following: Open 200 metres Freestyle; Open 100 metres Freestyle; Under 17 100 metres Freestyle; Under 16 100 metres Freestyle. A competitor **may not** use the same stroke in more than one individual event, with the exception of the following Freestyle events: Open 200 metres; Open 100 metres; Under 17 100 metres; Under 16 100 metres.

<i>Open events</i>	100 metres Freestyle; 200 metres Freestyle; 100 metres Backstroke; 100 metres Breaststroke; 100 metres Butterfly; 50 metres Freestyle
<i>Under 17 & 16 events</i>	100 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Backstroke; 50 metres Breaststroke; 50 metres Butterfly
<i>Under 15, 14, 13 events</i>	50 metres Freestyle; 50 metres Backstroke; 50 metres Breaststroke; 50 metres Butterfly
<i>Relays - all age groups</i>	4 x 50 metres Medley; 4 x 50 metres Freestyle

(k) **Medical Taping**

All competitors, parents and coaches need to be aware that the FINA rule SW10.8 will be enforced at this meet. Swimmers with any sort of tape on the body need to provide a certificate from a medical professional (doctor, physio etc.) specifying why the tape is required. *The certificate should state that the swimmer is fit to swim and that the taping does not provide any competitive advantage to the competitor.* This must be dated from **25 March 2026** (or later) and be presented by the competitor to the Referee for approval prior to the commencement of the warm up on event day.

(l) **Referee / Event Officials**

This meet is proposed as a qualifying meet, subject to Swimming Victoria approval. All swimmers are to therefore abide by FINA rules, or face disqualification. Accredited officials will be appointed by AGSV: Referee, Starter and Stroke Judges. These officials will strictly enforce the Rules of Swimming, in particular: Starts; Stroke Definition; Turns; Finishes, Relay Changeovers.

NOTE

The **One-Start Rule** will apply. *In relays, teams whose first swimmer has a false start will be also be disqualified, however the team will be allowed to finish the race, although **no points awarded** will be allocated to these teams.

(m) **Scoring**

A competitor or team who does not start, is disqualified, or fails to finish will score zero points.

Girls: 1st 6 points; 2nd 5; 3rd 4; 4th 3; 5th 2; 6th 1 point.

Boys: 1st 9 points; 2nd 8; 3rd 7; 4th 6; 5th 5; 6th 4; 7th 3; 8th 2; 9th 1 point.

(n) **Presentations**

At the conclusion of the event a presentation will take place. Winning teams may celebrate victory on and around the concourse.

Teams are not permitted to jump in the pool as part of their celebrations.

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