



COMPETITION INFORMATION

2026/27 MATTIOLI VICTORIAN OPEN LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

12 - 14 FEBRUARY 2027

MELBOURNE SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE

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EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday, 12 February -
Sunday, 14 February 2027

Venue: Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC)
Albert Park, Victoria

Gates Open: 8:15am

Warm-up: 8:30am

Competition Times:

Heat Sessions (AM) | 10:00am

Final Sessions (PM) | 6:00pm

Please note: that the competition pool will be available 30 minutes post competition finishing.



COMPETITION DETAILS

Program of Events:

68 Events | Heats & Finals Format
Program of Events - [Event Listing](#)

Qualifying Times:

Qualifying Times must have been achieved at an approved qualifying meet from 13th February 2026 until entry closing date.

Converted short course times will not be used.

[Qualifying Times](#)

[MC Qualifying Times](#)

Age:

Age as at the first day of competition | 12th February 2027

Eligibility:

This meet is open to registered Swimming Victoria (SV) swimming members affiliated registered with other clubs affiliated with other State Associations and international swimmers who meet clearance criteria.

Website: <https://vic.swimming.org.au/events/mattioli-victorian-open-lc-championships>

ENTRY PROCESS

Entry Process:

Entries are to be completed via Swim Central.

Entries may close early at the discretion of Swimming Victoria.

Entries Open | Friday 11th September 2026 5:00pm

Entries Close | Monday 1st February 2027 11:59pm

Relay Entries Close | Tuesday 2nd February 2027 11:59pm

Late entries will be accepted via Swim Central until 11:59pm Tuesday 2nd February at \$50 per entry. Strictly no entries will be accepted after this time.

Entry Fees:

Individual Event - SV Member | \$25 **Individual Event** | \$29

Individual Event - Interstate | \$27 **Relay Event** | \$49

Clearance Criteria:

International swimmers must have submitted a clearance letter from their National Swimming Federation prior to the competition starting to Swimming Victoria.

Interstate swimmers do not require a clearance letter when entering via the online entry system for Victorian Competitions (unless stated).

PARA-SWIMMER ENTRY PROCESS

Para-Swimmer Entries:

Para-Swimer entries are to be processed via Swim Central, however, entrants must ensure they meet the relevant qualifying criteria for their age group before entering. Those who do not meet the eligibility criteria will have their entries removed.

All Para-Swimmers must hold a national classification and be listed on the Swimming Australia National Classification Masterlist. A Provisional Classification is not recognised at any Swimming Victoria competitions unless otherwise specified.

Para-Swimmer Support persons must nominate via Swim Central to the MC Carer position.

Quiet Room is available to all swimmers located in the indoor officials room. More information is available on the Visual Story Board.

Para-swimmers who have entered the same stroke and distance in both an able-bodied event and a multi-class event must nominate which event they would like to accumulate points in, be eligible for medals in, and attempt to qualify for a final in.

If a nomination is not provided, we will default to allocating points to their multi-class event unless advised otherwise. Please read the process below.

Multi-Class Point Allocation Process.

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMER ENTRY PROCESS

International Entries:

International swimmers can enter via the [Online Manual Entry Form](#). International swimmers must also supply proof of entry times.

All other entries and requests are to be emailed directly to events@vic.swimming.org.au

Invoices will be issued, and payment must be made prior to the event.

International Coaches, Team Managers and Para Carer Support, please send an email to events@vic.swimming.org.au by Monday 1st February to request your accreditation and Working with Children Check (WWCC) or equivalent documentation.

Visitors and International competitors Swimming Victoria By-Law 8 - Competitions & Events

10. Visitors/Visiting Competitors

10.1 Excluding the Victorian Open Championships, at a venue with 10-lanes, no more than two visiting Competitors may swim in a final or in the fastest heat of a timed final.

10.2 At a venue with 8-lanes, no more than one visiting Competitor may swim in a final or in the fastest heat of a timed final.

10.3 At the Victorian Open Championships, no more than five Visiting Competitors may swim in an A-final or in the fastest heat of a timed final. There will be no limit of visitors in a B-final.

RELAY ENTRY PROCESS

Relay Entries:

Relay entries are to be completed and paid via Swim Central

GUIDE | How to enter and pay for a club relay team

Please Note:

Relay teams must be submitted with an entry time that meets the qualifying time. Clubs will be fined if qualifying times are not reached.

While clubs are restricted to entering two teams per event, there are no restrictions on the number of relays an individual swimmer can compete in.

Relay Change Forms are available from the Meet Supervisor/Technical Director Desk located on pool deck.

Relay Change Forms must be submitted to the Technical Director at least one hour prior to the starting time of the session in which the event is to be swum **ONLY** if there has been a change to the online entry.

Relay team members need to swim in the order listed on the team sheet, if found swum in the wrong order, the team will be disqualified.

Mixed relays must include x2 Men and x2 Women swimmers, excluding the mixed para/able bodied relays.

PARA/ABLE BODIED RELAY

Para/Able Bodied Relay – Staggered Start:

The Para–Able Bodied Relay has been introduced to provide our para swimmers with the opportunity to participate in relays alongside their teammates.

A staggered start is used to create a fair and inclusive event for everyone involved.

ACCREDITATION

Pool Deck Accreditation is required **for all** Athletes, Coaches, Team Managers, and Para Carer Support. Athlete Accreditation is required for this competition and is automatically allocated.

Nominations are taken through Swim Central and all valid WWCC must be displayed through your profile. All accreditation holders must have a membership with a club to be eligible for the role. Entry will not be permitted if a position nomination has not been made.

Applications Close | Monday 1st February 2027 11:59pm

Late accreditation applications will be accepted via Swim Central at a cost of \$20 per accreditation.

GUIDE | How to nominate for a position in Swim Central.

Collection will be upon entry to the spectator grandstands or at the SV offices (Level 2 at MSAC) on Thursday 11th February between 11am - 3pm.

EVENT INFORMATION

Withdrawals:

Completed withdrawal forms can only be lodged with the Technical Director, these will be made available during competition.

Please fill out the [Online Withdrawal JotForm](#) for withdrawals prior to competition day.

Any swimmer who finishes in the top 30 in the heat session and does not wish to be considered for a place in a Final is encouraged to complete and submit a withdrawal form within 30 minutes of the results being posted.

Please note: Reserves where listed will also need to withdraw from the finals if they do not wish to swim.

B-Finals:

As per the Swimming Victoria By-Laws | [BL8 Competitions and Events](#)

11.8 At the Victorian Open Long Course Championships, B-finals will take place for events up to and including 200m events, provided 24 or more swimmers contest the heats. B-finals do not have reserve swimmers.

Backstroke Events:

Backstroke Ledges will be used at this competition as stated in the [Backstroke Ledge Guidelines](#).

It is the responsibility of the clubs allocated to the volunteer roster to install and remove the ledges.

Marshalling Procedures & Information:

[Assisted Self Marshalling](#) will be used for this competition.

REFUNDS

Refunds:

Refunds will only be considered under the following circumstances:

1. Injury or Illness

A valid medical certificate must be provided.

Refund Request Process:

All refund requests must be submitted via the [Online Refund Request JotForm](#).

Refunds must be submitted no later than 2 days after the final day of competition.

Swimming Victoria reserves the right to decline refund requests that do not meet the above criteria.

Swimming Victoria do not allow event changes or swaps once entries have been submitted.

RULES AND RESULTS

Results:

Results will be posted in the Aquatics Reception next to the entrance doors following the conclusion of each event. Results will be available via Meet Mobile throughout the competition. Please note these are **NOT** official results.

Swimming Victoria will be using Meet Manager to calculate the MC results.

Official results will be made available in Swim Central on the next SV office business day.

Rules:

Swimming Victoria By-Laws apply.

BL6 - Awards

BL8 - Competitions & Events

Medals, Awards and Presentations:

Medals will be awarded at this championship, please refer to the SV Medal & Award Allocation

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media:

Stay up to date with our events on social media.

Facebook: @swimvic

Instagram: @swim_vic

Website: <https://vic.swimming.org.au/>

LinkedIn: Swimming Victoria

TikTok: @swim_vic

Sponsors & Partners:

[Mattioli](#) | [UNCLOUD](#)

[Funky Trunks & Funkita](#) | [SwimMerch](#)

Event Merchandise:

Exclusive event merchandise will be available from SwimMerch - pre-order on the [website](#) or visit the SwimMerch pop-up shop at the event.

Photography & Videography:

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. If you have any concerns, please approach the Swimming Victoria Meet Supervisor on the day.

If you would like to take photographs for your club, please email events@vic.swimming.org.au



LIVE STREAMING

Livestreaming:

Swimming Victoria livestream all Championship events throughout the year **FREE** as a Swimming Victoria membership benefit via YouTube

For more information, visit [Swimming Victoria Livestreaming](#).

Livestream via YouTube [here](#)



GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue - Melbourne Sports Centre (MSAC):

Travel & Parking | [MSAC Venue Information](#)

Entry | Entry will be via Main Reception, accessed from Aughtie Drive or via Aquatics Reception, opposite the multi-deck car park near the outdoor pool.

Spectators | Public restrooms are located at the back of the grandstand.

Athletes | Restrooms & change rooms are located on pool deck adjacent to the pool concourse area.

Lost Property | Swimming Victoria do not collect lost property. Please check with MSAC reception.

Food & Drink | Food & Drink catering outlets will be open during this competition, including coffee and lunch options.

Accessibility | MSAC Accessibility

Please visit the [MSAC website](#) for further information on the venue.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission & Ticketing:

Free entry to MSAC for swimmers, spectators, coaches and officials.

Spectator Seating:

Parents/Guardians/Spectators seating in the grandstand is a general admission area with no allocated seating or tickets assigned.

Safe Sport:

Swimming Australia's National Integrity Framework (including Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy) governs our sport and replaces all previous child and member welfare policies, procedures, and code of conduct. We must also be compliant under the Victorian Child Safe Sport Standards.

Sport Integrity Australia:

Swimming Australia adheres to the Swimming Australia Anti-Doping and Illicit Drug Policy.

For Further Information please visit:

[Swimming Australia Anti-Doping](#)

[Sport Integrity Australia](#)

[Swimming Victoria Rules & Policies](#)

Pool Deck Guidelines - Swim Coaches and Teachers Australia (SCTA):

Swimming Victoria and SCTA conduct all meets in accordance with the [Pool Deck Code of Behaviour](#).

WHATSAPP GROUP

WhatsApp Community:

Swimming Victoria have set up a dedicated WhatsApp channel for each of our Championships in the 2026/27 Long Course Season.

Each group will be used to share important updates and information, helping you stay informed during each event.

How to sign up:

1. Click the link provided [here](#), to join the WhatsApp group.
2. You'll then see all the event channels - join the group(s) for the event (s) you'll be attending.
3. Once joined, you'll receive all chats and updates for that specific group only.

Please note you must join the chat for the specific event to receive notifications.



TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

We encourage and welcome all officials to officiate at Swimming Victoria competitions. If you would like to officiate at this competition, please visit [Swim Central](#) to nominate or contact officials@vic.swimming.org.au with any questions or queries.

Before nominating please ensure that you have uploaded your WWCC to your Swim Central profile and have completed and uploaded the [Community Officiating Essentials Skills Course](#) (COES) through the ASC website.



ACCESSIBILITY



Swimming Victoria is a member of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative. The Sunflower is a globally recognised symbol for Hidden Disabilities. Wearing the green lanyard is a way that people with Hidden Disabilities can indicate to staff that they may need extra support time and understanding. The white logo is worn by supporters of the program, so a sunflower wearer can identify this person to approach for extra help.

We have also partnered with Aspect Autism Friendly to create a Visual Story Board for all SV run competitions. This Story Board can be found linked on the event specific website page.

If you have any feedback please forward it through to events@vic.swimming.org.au



Autism Friendly

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medical Certificates & Taping: Medical Certificates & Taping

Medical:

Venue First Aid will be on-site located opposite the indoor Officials Room.

Emergency & Medical Contacts for Swimming Victoria competitions hosted at MSAC including local medical centres, hospitals, and pharmacies.

SWIMMING VICTORIA EVENTS
events@vic.swimming.org.au