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COMPETITION INFORMATION

2026 VICTORIAN OPEN WATER SWIM

19 DECEMBER 2026

GEELONG, EASTERN BEACH

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EVENT DETAILS

Date: Saturday, 19 December 2026
Sunday, 20 December 2026 (Back-up date)

Venue: Eastern Beach, Geelong

Disclaimer:

Swimming Victoria Inc, Masters Swimming Victoria and any other event organisers will not be held liable for any costs and expenses incurred by any person following cancellation of an event outlined in this Competition Information Booklet. This limitation of liability includes but is not limited to any costs and expenses incurred by any members, participants, families, and friends of members and participants, coaches, administrative personnel or medical staff of individual swimming clubs in respect of the competition being cancelled.



COMPETITION DETAILS

Program of Events:
8 Events | Program of Events - Event Listing

Qualifying Times:
There are no qualifying times for this event.

Website: https://vic.swimming.org.au/events/202627-victorian-open-water-swim

Course Map:
Course Map for this event.

Competition Times:
Start times are at the discretion of Swimming Victoria and the Referee. Times advertised on the Event Listing are an approximate, however are subject to change based on entry size.

Age:
Age as at the first day of competition | 19th December 2026

With the exception of Masters Swimming Australia Members having the age as at 31st December 2026.

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

This Competition is also open to members of the public and Masters Swimming Victoria members.

ENTRY PROCESS

Entry Process:

Entries are to be completed via Swim Central for Swimming Victoria & Masters Swimming Victoria members.

General Public entries are to be completed here. This includes international swimmers.

Entries may close early at the discretion of Swimming Victoria.

Entries Open – Members | Friday 11th September 2026 5:00pm
Entries Open – General Public | Monday 14th September 5:00pm
Entries Close | Sunday 13th December 2026 11:59pm

No late entries accepted.

Para-Swimmer Entries:

Para-Swimer entries are to be processed via Swim Central. There is no qualifying criteria for Para-Swimmers.

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.

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).

EVENT ENTRY FEES

Distance	SV/Masters Members	General Public
500m	$35	$40
1.25km	$60	$70
2.5km	$70	$80
5km	$85	$95
7.5km	$105	$115
10km	$125	$135

EVENT AGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Distance	Age
10km & 7.5km	15 & over
500m	12 & Over
5km	13 & Over
2.5km	12 & Over
2.5km	18 & Over
1.25km	12 & Over
4x500m Relay	12 & Over

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Each swimmers must check in at the Swimming Victoria registration tables during the outlined registration time for their race.

Caps:

Each competitor will be provided with a race cap that must be worn during the competition.

Number Marking:

Swimmers will be provided with tattoos according to their race number. Instructions on how to apply will be provided the morning of the competition. More information will be provided closer to the competition.

Event	Registration (approx.)	Start Time (approx.)	Distance
1 & 2	8am	9am	10km & 7.5km
3	7:45am	9:05am	500m
4	8.15am	9:15am	5km
5	9am	10am	2.5km
6	9am	10:15am	2.5km
7	9:30am	10:30am	1.25km
8	9:45am	11:00am	4x500m Relay

TRANSPONDERS/TIMING

Transponders will be used at this competition.

Transponders MUST be returned at the conclusion of your race in the nominated location. More information will be provided closer to the competition.

If a competitior fails to return their transponders they will be liable for the cost. Swimming Victoria will invoice the competitior $110 per transponder for replacement of the missing unit/s.

AOWS 7.2.3 All swimmers must start the race with a microchip transponder on each wrist, with the exception of the first three swimmers in a relay team. The fourth swimmer of the relay must start their lap with at least one microchip transponder on their wrist. If a swimmer loses a transponder the Race Judge or other authorised official, will immediately inform the Chief Referee who will instruct the responsible official on the water to issue a replacement transponder. All swimmers need to finish with at least one transponder on their wrist. Any swimmer who finishes the race without at least one transponder will be disqualified (WA OW 4.1.8)

WETSUITS

Swimming Victoria Members:

Temperature guides for wetsuits:
<16 degrees = Competition will not be conducted
16 – 18 degrees = Wetsuits Mandatory
>18 degrees = Wetsuits NOT permitted

AOWS 8.2 For open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 18°C, the use of wetsuits is compulsory. Wetsuits are not permitted in open water swimming competitions in water with temperature 18°C and above. (WA6.8.1.3.2)

Masters Swimming Victoria Members:

Temperature guides for wetsuits below:
<16 degrees = Competition will not be conducted
16 – 18 degrees = Wetsuits Mandatory
>18 degrees = Wetsuits can be worn at any temperature

General Public:

Temperature guides for wetsuits below:
<16 degrees = Competition will not be conducted
16 – 18 degrees = Wetsuit can be worn at any temperature however at this temperature it is recommended a wetsuit is worn
>18 degrees = Wetsuits can be worn at any temperature however this temperature it is recommended a wetsuit is NOT worn.

GENERAL RULES

No swapping of swimmers or distances will accepted on competition day.

The Chief Referee has the discretion to remove swimmers from the water.
AOWS 6.1.3.1 Swimmers who do not finish the course within the time limit shall be removed from the water except that the Chief Referee may allow a swimmer outside the time limit to complete the course but not be eligible for any points or prizes. (WA OW 4.5.2)

Swimmers MUST be capable of completing the distance they nominate to swim

All swimmers will be checked before entering the water to ensure fingernails and toenails are trimmed short and no body jewellery is being worn.

Flotation devices are not to be used. Public Entrants with a medical reason may be able to use a flotation device.

Feeding:
Feeding will take place from the boardwalk near the finish end.

Feeding sticks are permitted (long pole with cup)

RULES AND RESULTS

Withdrawals:
Please fill out the Online Withdrawal JotForm for withdrawals prior to competition day.

Results:
Results will available via Meet Mobile throughout the competition. Please note these are **NOT** official results.

Swimming Victoria: Official results will be made available in Swim Central and via the Swimming Victoria website the next SV office business day.

Masters Swimming Victoria: Official results will be made available in Swim Central and via the Masters Swimming Victoria website the next SV office business day.

Rules:
Swimming Victoria By-Laws apply.

BL6 - Awards
BL8 - Competitions & Events

Waiver:
Please ensure that you read the waiver here

Once you complete entries for this event, you agree to all terms and conditions in the Waiver and this document, all participants are deemed members of Swimming Victoria for the day of competitions.

MEDALS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Medals, Awards and Presentations:

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

MSV members are eligible for MSV medals in the 2.5km Championships.

Medal presentations will be in place for SV and MSV members. Please come the medal presentation area following the race. Medals will be presented 30 minutes post the first person finishing.

Public entrants are not eligible for any Championship awards/medals and will not have their times approved and verified for use in Swim Central.

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:

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Livestreaming:

This competition will not be livestreamed.

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue - Eastern Beach, Geelong:

Travel & Parking | Street parking is available at Eastern Beach Reserve and suurounding streets.

Entry | Upon arrival at Eastern Beach, please head straight to the registrration desk for check-in.

Spectators | All spectators are welcome. There is no allocated seating.

Lost Property | Swimming Victoria will not be responsible for any lost property.

Food & Drink | Swimming Victoria will not be providing food or drinks for participants. Please visit local vendors during the competition.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 an Teachers Australia (SCTA):

Swimming Victoria and SCTA conduct all meets in accordance with the Pool Deck Code of Behaviour.

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 compliatn under the Victorian Child Safe Sport Standards.

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



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MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medical Certificates & Taping:

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Medical:

Venue First Aid will be on-site.

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