



*SHORT*  
~~LONG~~ COURSE  
Swim Meet 2026

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**MEET GUIDE**

## **Brisbane Southside Masters 2026 Swim Meet Update**

Brisbane Southside Masters (BSM) is pleased to share an update regarding the format of our 2026 swim meet.

After careful consideration, the BSM committee has decided to host the 2026 event as a short course meet, rather than the originally planned long course format. This decision has been made with one clear goal in mind: delivering the best possible experience for swimmers while keeping our events accessible, affordable, and sustainable.

While a long course meet was scheduled for 2026, updated budget projections showed that hosting the event in this format would place unnecessary financial pressure on the club, largely due to rising hire costs at Brisbane's premier aquatic venue. As a community-focused, not-for-profit club, BSM is committed to ensuring our swim meets continue to offer excellent value for swimmers and clubs alike.

Importantly, this decision is also strongly aligned with feedback from the Masters swimming community. During the recent and highly successful MSA National Championships, BSM received enthusiastic requests from multiple clubs to conduct our next swim meet in short course format. Clubs shared that many swimmers are eager to build on recent performances, chase new personal bests, and take advantage of a format that allows broader participation. With Nationals reaching capacity due to its popularity, a short course meet in 2026 presents a fantastic opportunity to meet this demand.

As a one-off change, the 2026 short course meet is expected to be extremely popular and will build directly on the momentum, excitement, and performance focus generated by the MSA National Championships. We see this as a positive step that supports both competitive aspirations and strong participation across all age groups.

Looking ahead, BSM remains firmly committed to long course racing. Over the next 12 months, the club will actively pursue grant funding and sponsorship opportunities to support the delivery of a long course meet in 2027, with the aim of maintaining similarly low entry costs for swimmers.

BSM looks forward to welcoming swimmers to a vibrant and competitive short course meet in 2026, and to continuing to deliver high-quality events that reflect the needs of the Masters swimming community.

<b>Meet Date:</b> Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	<b>Meet Director:</b> Josh Hemelaar <a href="mailto:meet-director@bsmswimming.asn.au">meet-director@bsmswimming.asn.au</a>	<b>Events:</b> Max Six (6) individual + relays
<b>Entries Close:</b> Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	0412 791 886	<b>Enter:</b> Swim Central
<b>Venue:</b> Sleeman Sports Complex Brisbane Aquatic Centre		
<b>Warm up:</b> 9:00am <b>Start time:</b> 10:00am	<b>MSQ Sanction Number:</b> Q14/26	<b>Meet cost:</b> \$50 (plus transaction fees)

## Program of Events

Event	Distance	Stroke
1.	200 m	Individual Medley
2.	200 m	Butterfly
3.	50 m	Freestyle
4.	200 m	Backstroke
5.	200 m	Breaststroke
6.	50 m	Backstroke
7.	25 m	Butterfly
8.	100 m	Breaststroke
9.	100 m	Individual Medley
10.	50 m	Butterfly
11.	200 m	Freestyle
12.	25 m	Men's Freestyle Club Skins
13.	25 m	Women's Freestyle Club Skins
14.	100 m	Backstroke
15.	25 m	Breaststroke
16.	25 m	Backstroke
17.	25 m	Freestyle
18.	50 m	Breaststroke
19.	100 m	Butterfly
20.	100 m	Freestyle
21.	4 x 50 m	Men's Freestyle Relay
22.	4 x 50 m	Women's Freestyle Relay

**Event limits:** Max 6 individual AND 1 x 200m events



# Club Skins Event

25 m Knockout Racing

## What is Club Skin?

Club Skins is a fast, fun knockout event run over 25 m, where clubs race for glory rather than individuals. It is designed to be exciting and emphasise team spirit.

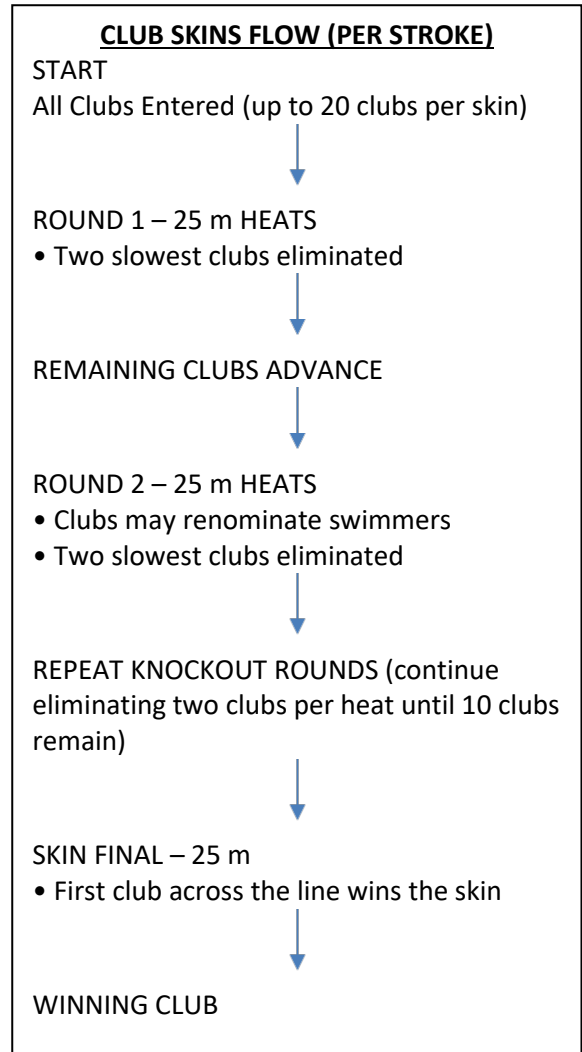
There are two separate skins: Men's and Women's

## Key Principles

- Clubs compete, not individual swimmers
- Tactical nominations encouraged
- Speed, depth, and teamwork all matter
- 25m Race length
- 60 seconds between rounds

## Points:

Awarded for places 1-10.



# Event Details

## Welcome

Welcome to the BSM Short Course Swim Meet 2026. We are delighted to have you with us for another great day of racing, club spirit, and friendly competition. Please note the slightly later start time, with racing commencing at 10.00am, so enjoy a relaxed morning before the action begins.

To finish the day in true BSM style, we will be hosting our famous BBQ at the conclusion of the meet. We look forward to great swimming, good company, and sharing a meal together to round out the day. Enjoy the meet and best of luck to all swimmers.

## Eligibility

This meet is open to Masters Swimming Queensland (MSQ) registered swimmers, and swimmers registered with other Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) affiliated clubs. Swimmers must compete for their primary MSA club. Second claim membership will not be accepted.

International swimmers who are current members of their national Masters Swimming Federation may also compete (proof of membership must be provided).

Non-Member swimmers are not permitted to enter this meet. MSA/MSQ membership is available via the [MSA website](#).

## Age

Age as at the 31 December 2026. Minimum age is 18 years at day 1 of competition.

## Entries

Entries are to be submitted online via [Swim Central](#). Entries will open 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The closing date for entries is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

International Masters members are invited to contact the [MSQ Director of Recording](#) who will provide specific entry instructions.

Late entries may be considered but will incur an additional fee of \$30. Late entries are subject to lane availability in the event and may result in swimmers being entered in the slowest heat.

## Conduct of events

Heats will be swum from fastest to slowest. The fastest seeded heat will be heat 1 of each event. All events will be conducted as timed finals. Starts will be 'over the top' where possible.

**Please note:** based on numbers and combinations of entries received, the meet organisers reserve the right to make changes and combine heats and events where necessary.

## Qualifying times

There are no qualifying times required for this meet. On selecting an event in Swim Central, if you have matching results from the previous two (2) years, the fastest time will be displayed. If you have no previous results, "NT" will be displayed, and you may be seeded in the slower heats. You cannot edit your entry times. It is advised that you email the [MSQ Director of Recording](#) (or Club Meet Director) to provide a recent or training time. If you have a valid reason that may vary your performance greatly, you may also request a seed time change.

## Club Skins

Entries into the club skins can be made by emailing [meet-director@bsmswimming.asn.au](mailto:meet-director@bsmswimming.asn.au)

## Relays

Race Secretaries must complete relay nominations in Swim Central by the closing date. Clubs may enter multiple teams per age group for all relays. Any changes to relay composition shall only be accepted if due to illness or nonattendance and advised to the Meet Recorder before the commencement of competition.

Swimmers must enter at least one individual event to be eligible to swim in a relay team. All relays must consist of primary members of the same club. All teams not disqualified will score points.

Relays are to be swum in the order swimmers are nominated in their entry. Mixed relays must consist of two (2) males and two (2) females. The order of swimmers by gender is optional in mixed relays. A swimmer may only swim a particular relay event once.

## Multi Class events

Multi Class swimmer are always welcome, however there will be no separate Multi Class events conducted at this meet.

## Entry fees

A swimmer may enter a maximum of six (6) competition events for \$50 (plus transaction fees). Relay and skins entries are free.

# Event Details

A swimmer may enter 1 x 200m event.

Please note: additional 200m events entered will be deleted with no exchange.

## Entry List and Program

The Entry List will be available on the MSQ meet event page on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026. All competitors must check their entries thoroughly and submit discrepancies to the [MSQ Director of Recording](#) (or Club Meet Director) by 6PM, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The Program for this meet will be published on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.

## Event Changes, Withdrawals & Refund Policy

Swimmers may change entries or withdraw from the meet in Swim Central until the closing date. Refunds are only considered before this deadline.

### To Modify Events:

- If within the event limit, add a new event.
- To withdraw from an event, follow these steps in Swim Central:
  - Go to your profile, then navigate to the meet and event.
  - Click the green 'Entered' button for the event you wish to withdraw from.
  - On the Order History page, click the 'Request Refund' link and provide a reason.
  - Once approved by the meet organiser, you may enter a new event.

### To Withdraw from the Meet Entirely:

- Request a refund for **each** event (including \$0.00 events) and the Meet Entry Fee (if applicable).
- Follow the same steps above for each event and fee.
- Provide a reason and await approval.
- If approved, a refund will be issued minus administration fees.

## Rules

All MSQ/MSA meet guidelines, by-laws and rules, and World Aquatics swim rules apply. By nominating to participate in this swim meet, all swimmers thereby authorise the Meet Director/MSQ/Brisbane Southside Masters/ Pool staff to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event of an emergency, and persons involved accept responsibility for all costs arising from such action.

## Tickets and programs

Entry to this meet is free for spectators – no tickets are required.

No printed programs will be available at the meet. Programs will be available on the MSQ event page for online download prior to and during the meet. Programs made available before the day of the competition will be draft and are subject to change without notice. All changes will be reflected immediately in the Meet Mobile application and swimmers in attendance will be notified by announcement prior to the start of the affected event(s).

## Participant Safety

For the safety of all participants, please do not attend this Meet if you have Covid or are displaying flu-like symptoms.

## Warm-up start time

Warm-up will commence at 9:00AM in the outdoor pool. No warm ups will occur in the competition pool prior to the meet due to a priority pool booking from the Australian Olympic Team. Once competition commences at 10AM the Dive pool will be available for warm up and warm downs. Follow the directions of pool staff, MC and Technical Officials for lane use.

## Self Marshaling

All swimmers will be required to self-marshall. People who are not swimming or officiating should not be near the starting end of the pool during the meet.

- Swimmers are responsible for knowing the event, heat, and lane they are competing in, and for being aware of what event/heat is currently in the water. The Meet Announcer will be calling the heat number in the water after the start of every heat, and regularly reminding how many heats there are in total for the current event.
- An entrant who fails to report to the Marshaling area prior to their heat being called to the blocks may be deemed withdrawn.
- No more than four (4) heats of swimmers are permitted in the marshaling area including behind the blocks:
  - 25m events - 8 heats following heat in water
  - 50m events - 4 heats following heat in water
  - 100m events - 4 heats following heat in water
  - 200m events - 3 heats following heat in water
- Swimmers in the 25m and 50m events need to be prepared to move quickly.
- The Marshal will be a helper who can verify a swimmers' position, answer questions, and direct heats to the blocks.

# Event Details

- The Check-Starter(s) will do a name and lane check behind the blocks prior to the heat.

## Results

Live results will be made available for this meet. The Meet Mobile application will be operating and can be downloaded to your chosen device(s). Results will be posted to the MSA Portal, with results and statistics posted on the MSQ website meet event page in the days following the meet.

Competition results for men and women will be separated and Individual events: 18-24 and then in 5-year groups, i.e. 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, etc.

Relays: 72-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359 and 360-399.

## Records

Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) timing will be used at this meet allowing World Records to be recognized at this event.

## Meet awards and presentation function

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of this meet:

- Overall Gold, Silver and Bronze medals per age group
- Swimmer of the Meet
- Highest Ave Points – Small Club
- Highest Aggregate Club Points

The *club team member* count for average awards will be the count on the morning of the meet at the start of Event 1. Clubs/individuals are to notify the meet director via email of swimmer withdrawals as early as possible prior to Event 1.

Please note that Swimmer of the Meet awards are calculated using the sum of the best 5 swims using World Aquatics points. Club and relay awards are calculated using standard event points scoring.

All swimmers, Queensland and visitors, are eligible to score points and win awards.

Full meet results, statistics and rankings will be made available in the days following the meet.

At the conclusion of this meet competitors and supporters are welcome to join us in the aquatic lounge for a complimentary BBQ.

## Photo/video release

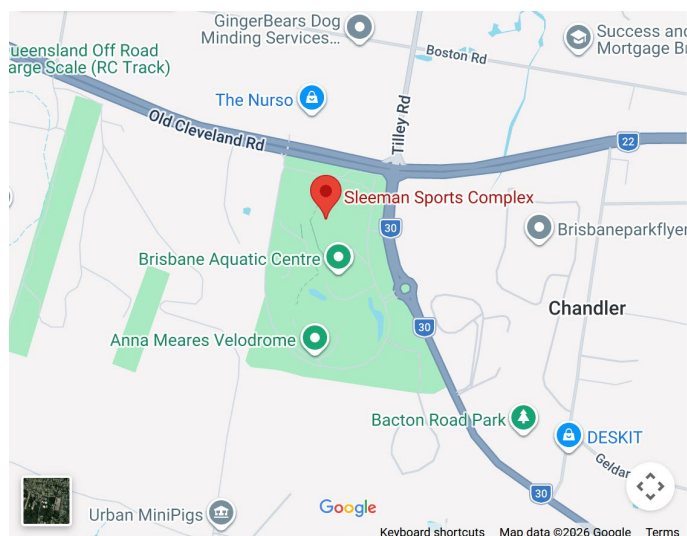
All attendees agree that they may be photographed or videoed, and that the material may be used by MSQ at their discretion, or by others to promote activities of a club or branch, or for personal use including social media.

## Other important information

- Members from all clubs maybe called on to assist with timekeeping throughout the meet.
- Paddles are not permitted to be worn during the meet, including warm-up and swim-down.
- Watches are not to worn during warm-up or swim-down.
- Swimmers must comply with signage and pool staff on pool deck regarding the use of the warm-up and swim-down lanes. Diving will not be permitted unless the signage indicates otherwise.
- Pool deck access is limited to marshaling for events, the officials and technical staff. Please do not stand in front of the recording area.
- Swimmers must wear only one pair of World Aquatics approved swimwear. In accordance with MSA Inclusive Swimwear Policy swimsuits may be modified or alternative swimsuits may be worn to accommodate a swimmer's individual needs, provided any modification or proposed alternative swimsuit is approved by the Referee prior to the swimmer's first event at the competition. See [MSA Swimwear Rules](#) for more information.
- At the conclusion of warm-up periods, swimmers must leave the pool promptly when requested.
- Swimmers should keep clear of timekeepers moving to the blocks to collect times. Use care and discretion when preparing for your start prior to the previous heat completion, i.e. adjusting your block's kick position.
- Starts will be 'over the top'. Move quickly to the lane rope away from the wall once you have completed your heat. Competitors will remain in their respective lanes until the next heat is started, then move quickly to the nearest side to exit.
- When asked to clear the pool lanes 0-4 will exit via the side at lane 0, and lanes 5-9 exiting via the side at lane 9.
- MSQ notes that the information provided is correct at the time of publishing. However, some aspects are subject to change, including changes required in the event of too many entries being received for the allowed duration of the meet.

# Event Details

## How to get to the xx Aquatic Centre



## Severe Weather Policy

MSQ recognises the dangers of extreme weather in Queensland and the need to ensure that all staff and users of facilities take the correct precautions in the event of extreme weather.

Extreme weather includes unexpected, unusual, severe, or unseasonal weather that may pose a safety risk to users including rain, drought, wind, flood, storms, dust, hail, and extreme temperature.

If the meet is affected by extreme weather, a mandatory safety suspension of events will be imposed. This may require a shortened event format which will be determined by the Meet Director and Sleeman Sport Complex staff. No refund of entry fees will occur under such circumstances.

## First aid

Pool lifeguarding and patrols will be carried out during the meet by Sleeman Sports Complex pool staff. Any accident or injury should immediately be brought to their attention and to the attention of the Meet Director.

## Venue

Indoor seating is plentiful and available therefore there is no need to BYO chairs.

No glass is to be brought on site.

The Aquatic Centre will remain open to the public during the swim meet. Please respect other patrons as they utilise the 50m pool and amenities.

Food such as tea, coffee, cold drinks, and snacks will be available for sale from the Aquatic Centre canteen throughout the event.

## Contacts

Meet Director ..... [meet-director@bsmswimming.asn.au](mailto:meet-director@bsmswimming.asn.au)

MSQ Business Manager...[admin@mastersswimmingqld.org.au](mailto:admin@mastersswimmingqld.org.au)

Director of Recording .. [recorder@mastersswimmingqld.org.au](mailto:recorder@mastersswimmingqld.org.au)

MSQ website ..... <https://mastersswimmingqld.org.au>

Meet Entry..... [Swim Central](#)

## Important dates

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Closing date ..... 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Entry list available ..... 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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