

**Masters Swimming Queensland (MSQ)
COVID-19 Information for Attendees at all
Masters Swimming Queensland Swim Meets**

Information on MSQ events is as detailed below. This advice may change prior to the event and any changes will be communicated directly with you.

There are differences from how our events have been conducted in the past and it is important that all Attendees read and understand all information provided to ensure the safety of all members and continual resumption of our sport.



Attendees: includes all swimmers, coaches, club managers, officials, volunteers, event staff, sports medicine personnel, visitors and spectators.



All **Attendees** will be required to understand this information as well as agree to follow/comply with the COVID-19 Terms and Conditions of Entry.

Events are permissible when they comply with the approved [Swimming Pool & Aquatic Centre Industry COVID-Safe Plan](#).

Staging a COVID-Safe event is primarily the responsibility of the event organiser, with the key principles and public health strategies implemented and monitored.

However, **all Attendees have a level of responsibility** for their own welfare, as well as that of others around them by following the instructions and restrictions in place when attending events. This includes providing contact details, assuring they are well and practicing good hygiene.

Please do not attend if you are unwell or experiencing any symptoms on the day.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING & HYGEINE

Physical distancing must be observed during the event, particularly in the designated seating areas.

All attendees have a responsibility to ensure this occurs. Event staff, officials and volunteers will be used to remind all attendees and where necessary, remove from the event anyone not doing the right thing. Please be respectful so we can all stay healthy and continue to participate in the sport.

Club captains, please assist in ensuring your members are seated in the correct area and distancing accordingly.

CONTACT TRACING & GROUP MANAGEMENT

All attendees must provide **Contact Details** to allow for targeted contract tracing and lessen the numbers impacted if a positive COVID case presents.



Contact Details must include:

- ▶ Full **name**
- ▶ Email **address** (or home address)
- ▶ Contact **phone** number
- ▶ Date and **time of entry**
- ▶ **Exit time** or estimated period, where feasible

Upon arrival and departure contact details will be collected using the venue check-in facility. This is a quick and easy process using a QR Code, and needs to be completed for each person on site. All attendees are required to check in and check out so that the time in and out is captured.

Where appropriate, **Group Management** will be used at this meet.



Group Management: is the appropriate separation of participation groups to ensure there is limited co-mingling (e.g. splitting an event into distinct sessions).

An Event Site Map will be distributed for this event that clearly shows defined areas/spaces and flow in and around the venue.

Once nominations are finalised, each club group will be assigned defined areas/spaces, showing clearly where they are to be seated during the event. This will be communicated prior to the event with final information.



Failure keep an accurate record of Contact Details, or inadequate Group Management, may result in ALL Attendees at your event having to undergo isolation for 14 days if a positive COVID case presents.

Infringement notices and significant fines may also be levied against individuals and organisations for non-compliance.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are **not permitted to access the Field of Play** i.e. the pool, the pool deck, or marshalling areas. Please ensure you remain in your allocated seating areas and **do not enter** other group seating areas. Current restrictions have increased emphasis on ensuring record keeping of who is where and when in a venue to allow for targeted Contact Tracing and lessen numbers impacted in the case of an attendee presenting with COVID.

FOOD AND DRINK

You are welcome to bring your own food/drink with you to the event. Alternatively, catering outlets will be operational during the event.

Please be aware, all orders filled as takeaway and all food and drink should be consumed in your designated seat.

SELF-MARSHALLING

Self-marshalling not only allows swimmers to warm up more effectively, as they're not required to spend time in the marshalling room prior to their event, it also frees up Technical Officials to perform other officiating roles, as well as helping host clubs to comply with COVID restrictions.

Self-marshalling process for swimmers

On event day, swimmers report to the Self-Marshalling Area located. Swimmers should report a certain number of heats prior to their heat being in the water, as follows:

- 50m events: Four (4) heats prior to the heat in the water
- 100m events: Four (4) heats prior to the heat in the water
- 200m events: Three (3) heats prior to the heat in the water
- 400m events: Two (2) heats prior to the heat in the water
- 800m and 1500m events: One (1) heat prior to the heat in the water

Before reporting, swimmers must ensure they know their:

- Event number/s
- Heat number/s
- Lane number/s

Swimmers can approach the Help Desk for assistance as required or ask their club manager or coach.

A reporting swimmer follows the below steps:

1. Report to the Self-Marshalling Area
2. Move progressively forward, with the other swimmers in their heat
3. Mark off their name on the program at their designated lane just before their heat is swum



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Routine inspections of events may be conducted, with Queensland Health & Queensland Police Service able to issue on-the-spot infringements for individuals and organisations for non-compliance.
Current fines are \$1,334.50 (individuals) and \$6,672.50 (organisations).