MSQ Recording 2024

Reference Guide - Hosting a Meet



Masters Swimming Queensland invites your club to host an interclub swim meet. Please consider whether your club has access to the personnel and experience vital to hosting a quality and successful meet. MSQ prides itself on running quality meets with complete documentation, appropriate communications and results produced with a high level of integrity.

This Reference Guide will assist clubs with the sanctioning, planning, development, risk assessment processes and the set up and running of their Interclub Masters Swimming Queensland meet.

Intended audience:

This guide will assist:

- Meet Planners
- Meet Directors
- Race Secretaries (previously known as Club Captains)
- Club/Meet Recorders

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Reference documentation:

- MSQ Rules for Conducting a Sanctioned Swim Meet (SSM)
- Meet Guide template
- Risk Management Form

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Hosting a Meet - Checklist

	Performed by club	Performed by MSQ
Eligibility to host a meet / Meet sanction		
Work within club to determine if able to run a meet	✓	
Consult with MSQ Business Manager / MSQ Director Recording	✓	✓
Dates requested will determine MSQ mandatory attributes, i.e. course and events that	✓	✓
may be required in preparation for upcoming championship meets		
Apply for sanction	✓	
Process sanction applications and publish outcomes via Meet Calendar		✓
Planning the meet		
Develop meet program of events	✓	
Create Meet Guide specifying closing and notification dates, awards, costs, etc	✓	
Review and endorsement by MSQ Business Manager / MSQ Director Recording – copies		✓
of documents and files provided to MSQ		
Setting up the meet in Meet Manager	,	
Create meet in Meet Manager	√	√ \$
Forward backup to MSQ Director Recording for review	✓	✓
Setting up the meet in Swim Central		
Ensure Meet Manager file details are correct and file has been approved by MSQ	✓	
Create draft meet in Swim Central setting nominations open date for opening	✓	√ \$
Approval required by meet organiser to confirm all is correct		√\$
Approval required by MSQ Director Recording		✓
Publication of final Meet Guide with correct details advertised (can happen earlier)		✓
Promotion	✓	✓
Meet opens in Swim Central		
Ensure meet is monitored daily for refund/withdrawal requests, club or relay issues	√	√ \$
Promotion	✓	✓
Meet closes in Swim Central		
Download entries from Swim Central	✓	√Ś
Load entries download into meet in Meet Manager, check and tidy data, incl. teams	✓	√ \$
Develop draft Entry List and provide to MSQ for publication (entrants will know the	✓	√\$
date to find documents on the MSQ website – no bulk emailing)		· ·
Publication of draft Entry List to MSQ event page		✓
Promotion	✓	✓
Receipt of change requests	✓	√ \$
Update entries in Meet Manager file with appropriate changes	✓	√ \$
Update relays in Meet Manager file with appropriate changes	✓	√\$
Close off changes and finalise Meet Manager file	✓	√ \$
Produce Timeline, Program, Entry List, Entry Stats, Marshal Sheets, Timekeeper Sheets	✓	√ \$
Produce final Meet Program document	✓	√\$
Provide Timeline, Program, Entry List, Entry Stats to MSQ for publication	✓	T
Approval required by MSQ Business Manager		✓
Publication of Timeline, Program, Entry List to MSQ event page		✓
Download records file and supply to Meet Recorder where appropriate		✓
Provide a Meet Manager Backup to MSQ Director Recording for checking and archive	✓	
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Post meet finalisation		
Provide Record Breakers report, signed-off by the Meet Referee to the MSQ Director	✓	
Recording		
Provide finalised Meet Manager Backup file to the MSQ Director Recording	✓	
Upload results file to MSQ Results Portal and Swim Central		✓
Provide meet report (with photos) and awards documents to MSQ Business Manager	✓	
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^{✓\$ -} clubs may optionally request these items to be performed by MSQ for an additional SSM fee – see below

MSQ has worked for a number of years to develop standards to ensure Queensland based meets will be produced and delivered with high levels of quality and integrity where meet entrants and the wider Masters community are fully informed with the provision of the best level of information possible.

If the club chooses to run the full process themselves, they must follow the above checklist in detail, or discuss possible changes with MSQ early in the process. There are a number of mandatory steps in the process that MSQ requires adherence to, including a number where items are to be submitted and approvals required. The host club will have plenty of opportunity to apply their own style to the meet design around those mandatory steps. Non-compliance to this will be taken into consideration in future sanction requests to MSQ.

SSM Fee Structure

SSM Fee Structure	Fees Applied
Base Sanctioned Swim Meet (SSM) fee for all MSQ meets	\$150
MSQ optional involvement prior to the meet closing in Swim Central	\$200 ¹
MSQ optional involvement post ² the meet closing in Swim Central	\$200 ¹
Issues assistance/remediation required where club has not followed guidance or the checklist	\$75/hour
¹ SSM fees may be adjusted at BMB discretion	
² Please note that post meet-close does not include running the meet at the venue on the day	

Examples:

- Total Sanction Fee for MSQ managing prior meet-close and post meet-close activities would be \$550.
- Total Sanction Fee for the club managing prior meet-close and post meet-close activities would be \$150.
- A customised fee for a combination of activities can be negotiated with MSQ.

Eligibility to host a Meet

MSQ and MSA have quality standards that are required to be followed by clubs when hosting a meet. It is a requirement of sanction that clubs follow all guidelines and document templates. In some cases, MSQ will prescribe approaches for clubs to consider in structuring and running their meet, based on supporting upcoming championship meets, and timing within the season. In cases where guidelines are not followed, clubs may have future sanction requests denied, or be charged additional fees after the meet. MSQ will be providing the opportunity to allow clubs to perform much of the meet setup and execution.

The host club(s) must:

- be affiliated with MSQ
- have applied for a Sanctioned Swim Meet (SSM) see Sanction section
- have Club Administrator access to Swim Central (club members only you cannot allow members of other clubs to access your club's Administration pages)
- have access to a suitable pool (non-surveyed and short pools will be a non-official time trial meet):
 - pool must adhere to World Aquatics temperature standards at time of competition: between 25°C and 28°C
 - o pool must adhere to MSA block and diving heights, pool depth standards (See MSA Safety Policy)
 - o Any pool regulations, e.g., watches, safety, unexpected events, etc
- have access to suitable equipment:
 - o Meet Manager and portable computer (unless permanently located at pool)
 - Printer for changes, reports and results
 - Timing systems for official meets:
 - Must be functional and well maintained

- Manual stopwatches two per lane minimum. The Chief Timekeeper should have two watches. Both watch times need to be manually entered into Meet Manager with the slower of the two times entered as the Final time.
- Dolphin and Wylas SAT systems two per lane minimum
- AOE with backup plungers, with a manual stopwatch in case of failures. An AOE meet can continue
 with timing pads only, however there is a risk that the timing pads may fail, and swimmers
 affected will receive no time
- Timing systems for non-official meets considered a time-trial:
 - Manual stopwatches one per lane
 - Dolphin and Wylas SAT systems one per lane
- Note: MSA has standards which apply based on pool surveys, whether non-members are participating, and what timing systems/approaches are in use. Please see the MSA website – <u>Results and Records Q & A</u>
- Note: there is no requirement that swimmers need to inform officials of a record attempt.
 For a meet to be considered "Official", two watches must always be on each lane in case someone is unaware they have the potential to break a record. This is a directive from the MSA National Recorder to allow equal opportunity to have records recognised. Clubs will be requested to remove any such statements.
- have access to suitable staff:
 - Recorder and assistant/runner, capable of running Meet Manager and the timing system and producing
 reports for results and awards. A knowledge of Excel spreadsheets is advisable for certain reports. If the
 club is performing the setup and is hiring an external Recorder, you will most likely need them to perform
 some of the tasks during setup phase, and not just operating at the meet.
 - o Timekeepers (at least two timekeepers per lane for an official meet, or one per lane for a time trial meet)
 - Chief Timekeeper must be suitably experienced
 - o Officials will be supplied by MSQ
 - Starter preferable for club to provide an adequately experienced starter additional fee may be charged
 if not provided
 - o Marshal(s) (and assistant where needed) must be suitably experienced
 - Check Starter(s) (and assistant where needed)
 - o Announcer
 - Lifeguard/medical staff.

Meet Sanction

A Sanction is the authority to conduct a swim meet in accordance with Masters Swimming Australia or World Aquatics Masters Rules (please see MSA General Rules, Section 9). All swims listed in the National Results Portal must be sanctioned at club, branch, or national level. Please ensure these tasks are done as early as possible to prevent delays closer to the meet:

- Apply for Sanction with MSQ usually around September/October each year in preparation for the following year
- Pay the sanction fee on request from MSQ
- Determine the inclusion of optional services provided by MSQ see <u>Hosting a Meet Checklist</u>

MSQ can optionally perform some of the set up and processing tasks on behalf of the host club which may incur additional sanction fees.

Planning and Meet set up

The following represents the workflow required in planning and executing the meet through to the meet close date in Swim Central. Please ensure these tasks are done as early as possible to prevent delays closer to the meet:

- Once the meet date is approved, assemble a Meet Committee and Race Secretary to plan and develop a
 meaningful and well laid out Program of Events that considers the aspects of swimming (sprint, distance, relays,
 preparation, exhibition, etc)
- Work with MSQ Business Manager to discuss:
 - Optional tasks to be performed by MSQ
 - What events will be run sprint, middle, long, or a combination, including relays? If a meet includes events
 not often offered at local meets, more entrants may be attracted. Very few meets offer distance events in
 the pool, but they have proven to be very popular and are well supported world top ten and records
 cannot be set with a postal.
 - o If Postal swims are to be offered, they must be fully managed by the club
 - o Program of events list, and order
 - o Entry fee amount be aware there will be a small administration fee applied to all payments
 - Entry fee type pay per meet or pay per event, or combination
 - Publication dates for all documentation, and provision dates for recording files
 - Preparation of a Meet Guide adhering to the current MSQ template(s)
 - Preparation of a Meet Program cover page(s)
- Work with assigned Meet Referee to determine:
 - Appropriate number of Technical Officials required
 - Approach to DQs
 - Method of payment of officials @\$75 each
 - Provision of meals and refreshments for all Officials
 - Meet Referee included on emails
 - O Were there any issues with that meet previously?
- Work with MSQ Director of Risk Management to discuss:
 - o Complete MSQ Risk Assessment Form available on the MSQ website.
 - Return this to admin@mastersswimmingqld.org.au and riskmanager@mastersswimmingqld.org.au
- Dates and timings to consider:
 - The dates you select for your meet will be determined mostly by MSQ standards. This is important as entrants will know when to visit the MSQ website event page to look for their entry information. MSQ and meet organisers will no longer send email to entrants directly in bulk this is due to privacy issues caused by errors in broadcasting, sending and the access of private details provided by Swim Central. The expectation by entrants will be that the meet organisers will have the details available in the understood timeframe and location. MSQ will provide communications to support this.
 - Check for clashes check other federation events, e.g., Swimming Queensland, School meets, other MSA meets, or major Open Water Swim (OWS) events
 - It is ideal to have the meet set up in Swim Central as early as possible so that it is advertised in the Events
 Calendar this can be as early as 12 months in advance. Promotion can start well in advance of the meet if the above is well organised, and will not change
 - Entries open in Swim Central five (5) weeks prior to the closing date this is scheduled and will happen automatically
 - All entries close two (2) Tuesdays prior to the meet date late entries should be avoided after entries are exported from Swim Central
 - Relay entries (if offering relays) close at the same time as the individual closing date. Swim Central now allows the offset of a relay close date, but only club Meet Recorders with a high-level experience in Meet Manager should use this feature. Swim Central allows relays to be entered without all swimmers being individually entered in the meet. This removes the need to offset a relay entry closing date.
 - o The Draft Entry List will be available for checking within two days of the meet closing date

- Changes (errors not change of mind) will be accepted by the Friday/Saturday following the closing date, unless a delay was experienced
- Entries are final on the Saturday/Sunday one (1) week prior to the meet date
- o Timeline (Meet Manager Sessions Report) and Meet Program will be available by Tuesday before the meet date
- o Please send all Meet Program information to MSQ Business Manager by the Tuesday prior to the meet
- Create the meet file in Meet Manager in preparation for upload to Swim Central:
 - Please see detailed instructions for setting up the Meet Manager File further below in the <u>Creating the</u> <u>meet in Meet Manager</u> section
 - Send the Meet Manager meet file backup to MSQ Director of Recording for review <u>prior to</u> upload to Swim Central.
- Create the meet in Swim Central and set it to open for entry at the appropriate date (Local Nomination Opening
 Date)
 - Please see detailed instructions for setting up the meet in Swim Central further below in the <u>Creating the</u> <u>meet in Swim Central</u> section
 - The meet is to be saved as draft to allow further checking and approval. From here the meet can be deleted, edited, or published. Once the meet is published, there is very limited opportunity to make changes. Ensure all your details are correct.
 - Once saved as draft, if required, this is the only opportunity to edit event naming details in Swim Central, e.g. changing the name for a fins time-trial race.
 - Once saved as draft, please advise MSQ for review
 - Once reviewed and published, please advise MSQ for Branch-level Swim Central approval
- Swim Central will automatically open for entry at the appropriate date (Local Nomination Opening Date).
- Host club must monitor Swim Central to ensure entries are lodging correctly, including relay team nominations, and
 to respond to refund requests in Swim Central, and general queries. Unfortunately, Swim Central does not send
 notifications for this, so it is important that the Meet Director monitors this every day in the lead up to meet closing,
 and more regularly in the final days.
- The host club needs to check that all relay teams have been correctly nominated and completed. Any team that does not have Entry Completed shown in a green box may not export and then fail to import to Meet Manager. You will need to contact the club to have them complete the process. The person who started entering a team must be the person who completed the team. The key items to check for clubs nominating relay teams, and some advice to give to those who need it:
 - When adding a new team, Swim Central will automatically create what it thinks is the "fastest" default team. The Race Secretary can delete and add members and change their positions, etc.
 - Medley ensure you pick the correct stroke before adding a person to the team
 - o Mixed Medley ensure you pick the correct stroke and correct gender before adding a person to the team
 - o If a team member has an individual NT for that stroke, the whole team will have an NT. It is also possible that the person's name may not display don't worry about it it does make it to Meet Manager
 - Once happy with the team, click Nominate
 - From here you can click on the "3 dots button" to Edit the team, Add the team to the Cart (club cart not personal cart), or Delete the team. Or, you can add another team.
 - o Once all teams are nominated, teams that are currently not added to the cart should now be added
 - Once all are done, go to the "Club Cart", not your own personal cart
 - o Pay for them, but it will be a \$0 pretend transaction for relays that have no cost
 - Finalise until the workflow is complete all teams should have Entry Completed shown in a green box
 - There is a very detailed help page at: https://support.swimming.org.au/hc/en-us/articles/360004234255-How-To-Enter-A-Relay-Team
- Refunds and approvals:
 - if people are asking for a full refund to pull out of the meet, and you are ok with it, you may need to instruct them to click Request Refund on each event they entered, and then Request Refund on the total entry. You will then need to approve each event requested and then the total entry.

- Promotion MSQ will assist with promotion via email to MSQ club contacts, social media posts and the MSQ website. The more information you can provide, the more effective promotion will be. You are encouraged to provide:
 - Photographs
 - Social media post text and graphics
 - o Information re any points of difference to encourage swimmers to attend
 - o Promote via your club Facebook Page, and tag MSQ for sharing purposes

After Meet Closing

The following represents the workflow required after the meet has closed in preparation for executing the meet:

- Entry List (draft and final) and other documentation will no longer be emailed to individual entrants. All documents must be published to the MSQ website event pages. Entrants will be made aware of the dates that these documents will be available on the MSQ website event pages. Swim Central has the ability to produce detailed lists of entrants, however MSQ recommends not using these for emailing lists and promotion due to privacy reasons.
- **Note:** Seed times cannot be changed in Swim Central. The entrants best time since the Meet Manager "Performed on or after date" will be automatically assigned. If swimmers have a valid reason for varying greatly from these times, such as after time away from training, injury or sickness, please email preferred seed times to the Meet Director or the Director of Recording. Medical documentation should be requested. If accepted, the changes will be made manually in Meet Manager before producing the program.
- Once the meet entry closing date has passed:
 - Export all entries from Swim Central and import into the previously prepared Meet Manager file. Please see
 detailed instructions further below in the <u>Exporting the entries from Swim Central to import into Meet</u>
 Manager section
 - o perform a check of the meet in Meet Manager to ensure entry times and relays teams appear correct
 - o update entries where requested changes have already been supplied, or any manual entries provided
 - o complete a tidy of the Meet Manager Teams names transferred from Swim Central can be of poor format
 - o create a Draft Entry List noting events entered and entry time(s) submitted, without heat/lane allocations
 - email Draft Entry List to the MSQ Business Manager and Director Recording for review and publishing on the MSQ website, and notification will be provided via the MSQ social media services
 - o allow 1-3 days for entrants to notify of any errors. Requests due to change of mind are not to be accepted this is against the spirit of competition
- The notification period will pass and entries will be final
- Create the final Entry List including heat/lane allocations
- Email Draft Entry List to MSQ Business Manager and Director Recording for review and publishing on the MSQ website
- MSQ will provide the current Queensland, Australian, and World (if applicable) Masters records files for both individual and relay events for loading into the meet
- Create of the remaining meet documents, and prepare to run the meet:
 - o Estimated Timeline
 - o Official's Programs
 - o Final Meet Program
 - Marshaling Sheets
 - Timekeeper Lane Sheets
 - Lists in preparation for meet awards
- . Be aware MSQ have published the final Entry List and changes should not be made that might affect swim order
- Prepare Final Meet Program with cover pages, Final Entry List, and Timeline
- Email all Meet Program information to the Meet Referee and MSQ to add to the website

- If MSQ are managing this process on behalf of the club, the final Meet Manager meet file with entries will be provided to the club at this point
- Club needs to thoroughly check the timing system before the meet to ensure it is running well
- Venue staff and Officials are to check that lane ropes and backstroke flags are correctly and safely installed, and well tightened
- Club needs to check that the PA system is functional

During the Meet

The following represents items to consider during execution of the meet:

- Enable Meet Mobile
- Provide ample time keeper and marshalling training prior to the start of the meet
- Marshal/Check Starter ticks those present, strikes those absent, and notes changes of lanes/heats, etc on the Marshal Sheets.
- Time keepers record all manual watch times (and chief timekeeper time if applicable) against the competitor on the Lane Sheet.
- Check starter provides Marshal Sheets to the recorder after each heat is checked.
- Provide Lane Sheets to the Meet Recorder for checking or entry into Meet Manager:
 - o If separate pages for each event after each event has completed
 - If continuous pages for all events after each session or after the meet has completed
- If manually entering times into Meet Manager, enter both watch times in Backup 1 and Backup 2, and the slower of the two time as Final time not average or fastest.
- Keep Marshaling Sheets and Timekeeper Lane Sheets ordered and ready to be scanned or handed over at the end of the meet.

After the Meet

Immediately after the meet has completed is a crucial time for wrapping up all the details, results and finalising the event. This must be given the highest priority and care. There are sanction fee penalties applied if there are numerous issues or inaccuracies – these have far reaching impacts to swimmer's results and state/national/world rankings, and may bring reputation damage to MSQ:

- The Meet Recorder's busiest time of the meet is the 30-60 minutes after the last race. They will have the Meet Director and Meet Referee watching over their shoulder, and in some cases the equipment operators and the pool will be giving them the hurry-up. They are fixing errors, checking all events are closed off correctly, then producing reports such as record breakers, points scores, and calculating club averages in multiple software packages for other awards extracts such as closest to time, etc. They will also be preparing the meet files for the Director Recording typically the Meet Manager backup copy. This is all before they can even consider packing up. It is not acceptable for the Meet Referee to hassle them to be quicker, but it is expected that the Meet Referee will know what to expect and when to provide prompting at the appropriate moment(s).
- The Meet Recorder will ensure all events are finalised in Meet Manager. Please see detailed instructions further below in the *Awards*, and *Other information* sections.
- Meet Recorder produce a "Meet Summary Records Breaker" report and have the Meet Referee sign it this is highly important and must be done before Technical Officials pack and leave. The Meet Referee is to check in with the Recorder to ensure they remember to print records for signing. The Meet Referee must not leave the pool until they have checked that all required record breakers have been printed and signed, and are in the hands of the MSQ Director of Recording (if present, or email scan/photo if not present) or given to the Meet Director.
- Meet Recorder will run the various Meet Manager reports to inform the meet awards, if required, based on previous advice supplied by the Meet Director.

- Meet Recorder will send the Meet Manager backup copy to the MSQ Director Recording with a scan/photo of the signed records report ASAP, preferably the same day or within 24 hours. Hand them over if the Director Recording is at the meet.
- Please keep the Lane Sheets and Marshal Sheets in case MSQ need to confirm any positions or times, etc. Best to
 keep the sheets sorted by event, heat, lane, etc. You should scan these and email to MSQ Director Recording when
 you get a chance MSQ may need to view the sheets where there are discrepancies or a record has been broken.
- Send MSQ your awards sheets so they can be published, and allow the answering of queries.
- MSQ will use the Meet Manager Backup file to perform a final check of the meet results, upload it to Swim Central and the MSA National Results Portal, and process any records set.
- The MSQ Business Manager will publish results, awards, and statistics on the MSQ website event page.
- The Director of Recording will process any records set as soon as possible after the meet. MSQ will print Queensland records and send them to clubs for presentation.
- The Director of Recording will provide Swim Central meet verification once all is complete and confirmed.
- The Meet Director will provide a written meet summary with a selection of photos to the MSQ Business Manager for website publishing within one week.

Other aspects to consider

Meet organising committees will need to decide whether to consider some of these aspects:

- Eligibility Non-members (Guests) are non-members invited to swim at the meet?
 - Having a non-member swimmer in a meet will make it a time trial meet where World Aquatics World Top
 Ten awards, and all records will not be recognised. Even if the meet pool has automatic timing equipment
 (AOE with touchpads), World Aquatics World Top Ten awards, and all records will be disallowed if the meet
 has non-members competing.
 - There may be an additional sanction fee due to the additional set-up and processing in Swim Central required by MSQ for non-members.
 - o If a club wants to reach out to potential new members but do not want to run a time trial meet, they can make the most of their training sessions and club programs to prepare them for membership and competition. They can also run their own non-sanctioned meets, e.g. 3-Way Come'n'Try Carnival

Heat order

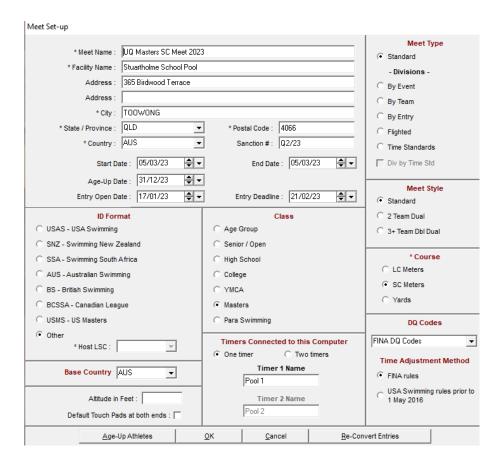
- o All MSQ championship and Masters Games meets are run with the heat order from fastest to slowest.
- o Host clubs are strongly advised to run their meets similarly

Creating the Meet in Meet Manager

Other reference: https://support.swimming.org.au/hc/en-us/articles/360002101276-How-to-Create-a-Meet-in-Swim-Central

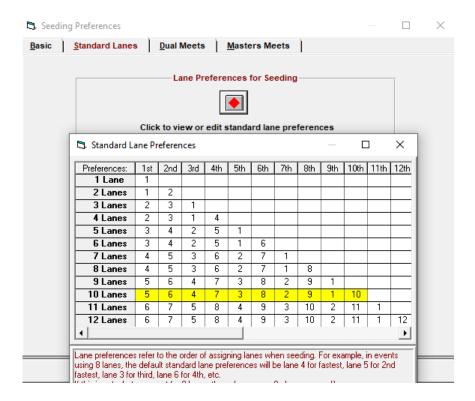
The following are instructions for creating the meet in Meet Manager by the club. All meet files created by clubs must be approved by MSQ. The following examples are taken from several previous MSQ meets. Clubs are advised to tailor these examples to their own meet requirements:

- Create the meet file in Meet Manager
 - Start each new meet completely from scratch re-using an old meet can cause issues for Meet Manager when running the meet
 - o Do not import an RE file or pre-populate Teams
 - Meet Manager Set-Up Meet Set-up:

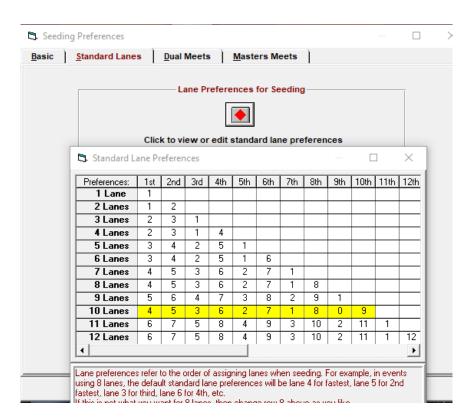


- Complete this screen as the example above
- Meet name format: CLUB NAME + COURSE + MEET + YYYY, e.g.
 - UQ Masters SC Meet 2023
 - Brisbane Southside Masters LC Meet 2024
- Only dual-sanctioned / Swimming Australia meets will start with the year
- The Sanction number must be added ensure you have the correct number (See Calendar of Events on website)
- The Age-Up date is December 31 of the year of the meet

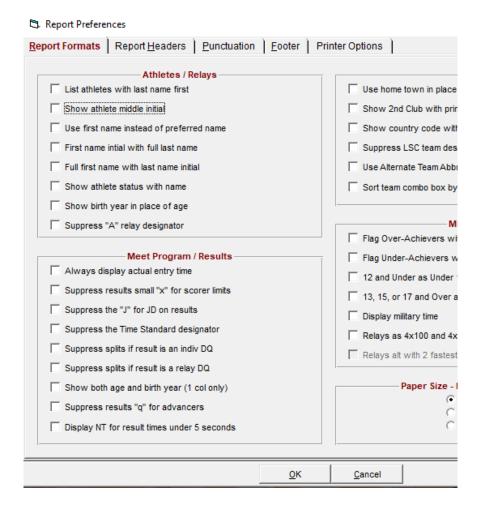
Meet Manager – Set-Up – Seeding preferences – Standard Lanes:



The example above would typically need to be edited to indicate lanes 0-9 (below), rather than 1 10



Report Preferences – Report Formats

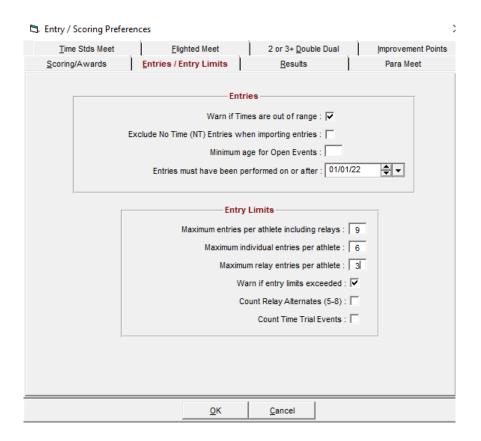


- Uncheck "List athletes with last name first". Looks better in the Meet Program
- No need to show athlete middle name unless you need to
- Meet Manager Set-Up Entry / Scoring Preferences Entries / Entry Limits Entries:



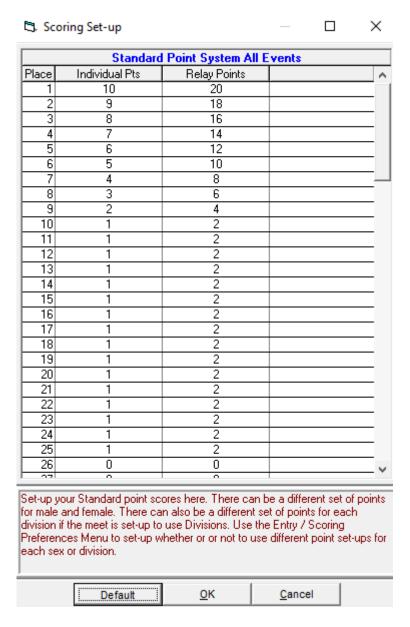
- "Entries must have been performed on or after" should be set to 01/Jan two years previous, or two years – depends how far back you want seed PBs to be considered
- Swim Central will use this period to find the entrants fastest time for that event over the period selected. The example above indicates that only time performed on or after 01/01/2021 will be retrieved for meet entry qualification/seeding purpose.

- A meet held on 21/06/2023 should have the date set to 01/01/2021, allowing a history of times performed 2-3 years prior to be considered. The shorter the period, the more NT times likely. The longer the period, the more likely older swimmers may not be able to perform the earlier times.
- Meet Manager Set-Up Entry / Scoring Preferences Entries / Entry Limits Entry Limits:



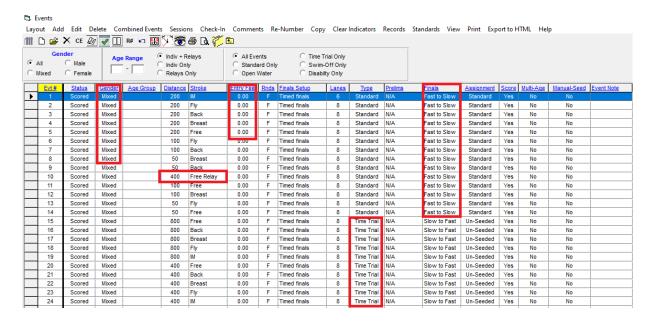
- Swim Central requires the limits for your meet's entry numbers
- If you allow a maximum of 6 individual events and 3 relay events, you will need to specify a total of
 9 events possible, being made up of 6 individual and 3 relay events possible
- If you allow a maximum of 6 individual events and there are no relay events, you will need to specify a total of 6 events possible, being made up of 6 individual and 0 relay events possible
- If you need to restrict numbers for 200m/400m/800m/1500m, you will need to do this via Sessions
 or manually with instructions in your Meet Guide

Meet Manager – Set-up – Scoring Set-up – Standard:



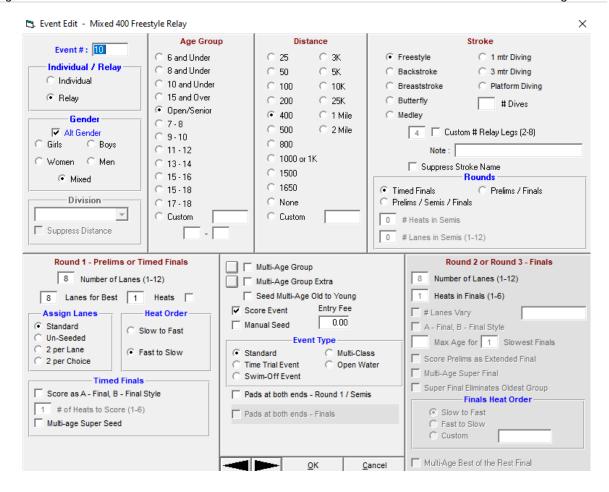
- For MSQ meets, and most MSA meets, point scoring is set to:
 - Individual 10, 9, 8, 7... to 1 in 10th place and every place beyond
 - Relay 20, 18, 16, 14... to 2 in 10th place and every place beyond
- You normally only need to set points to approximately 15 places, but more will be needed for larger meets

- Meet Manager Set-up Entry Fee Surcharges:
 - Swim Central controls the meet fees, so please leave all values at 0.00
- Meet Manager Events:



Enter all your events to be held, in the correct order as per your Meet Guide, following some standard conventions:

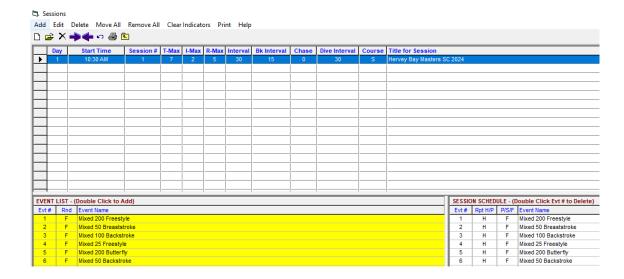
- Gender is typically Mixed for individual events, unless your meet is running with Men and Women events programmed separately
- Gender for relays is either Women, Men, or Mixed
- Distance for relay events is specified as the total of all legs, i.e. 4x50m freestyle relay is specified as
 200 Free Relay, and 4x100 medley relay is specified as 400 Medley Relay, etc.
- Entry Fee is typically set to 0.00 for meets that have a single meet fee, e.g. \$35 for five events. However, if your meet is "pay-per-event" then you will specify the Entry Fee per event here, e.g. a \$6 per event meet will have each individual event Entry Fee set to 6.00. Relays are always 0.00 for MSQ Interclub meets. In the very rare case where a relay will incur a cost (i.e. Championship and Masters Games meets), the Entry Fee is also set here.
- Type indicates whether an event is an official event or time-trial event. Time-trial events are typically a postal event (postal events in pool-based meets are becoming less common) or an exhibition event such as a Fins event or a Dash for Cash event, etc. These events, including postal events will not be uploaded to the MSA National Portal.
- As noted above, postal events, and maybe fins events are not uploaded, but they can be scored, so
 you would select Score for those meets, if required. However, other exhibition events as described
 are not scored so you would unselect Score.
- Finals this is the heat order for each event. MSQ's standard is Fast to Slow please discuss with MSQ if you are planning otherwise.
- Example: Specifying a 4x100m relay event:



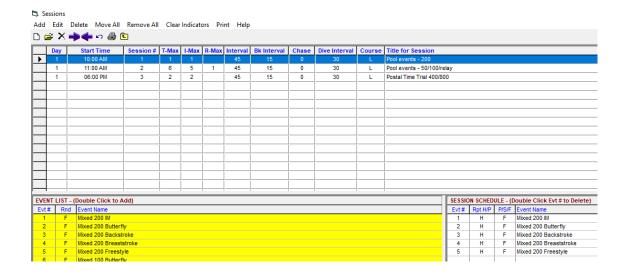
Other distances include:

- 4 x 25 = Distance 100
- 4 x 50 = Distance 200
- 4 x 200 = Distance 800
- Meet Manager Events Sessions:

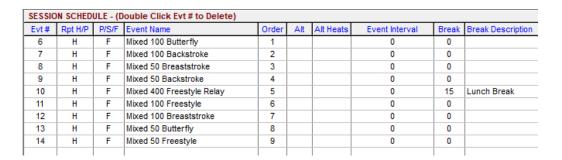
All events in one session:



Events spread across multiple sessions:

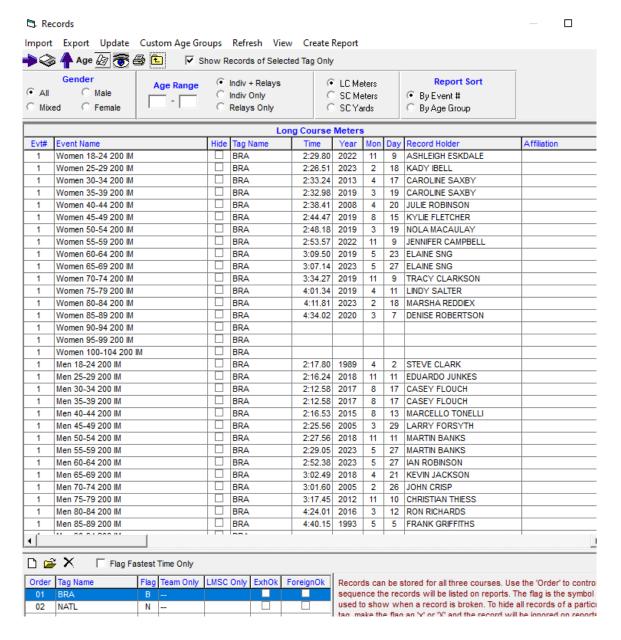


- Determine if you will need multiple sessions in the run of the meet. Separate sessions are appropriate for grouping 200s/400s together for selection limits. This is best achieved if those events are grouped together in the meet program. Session groups are also used to separate out postal events, if offered.
- You must set up at least one session that contains all events offered. There are a number of approaches you can use to session a meet.
- The example above is the typical set up for a meet that restricts the 200m events to only one 200m event per entrant, restricts 100/50/relay events to maximums of 6 total / 5 individual / 1 relay per entrant, and restricts maximum 2 postal events per entrant
- Events are selected for each session
- Heat intervals are set for each session



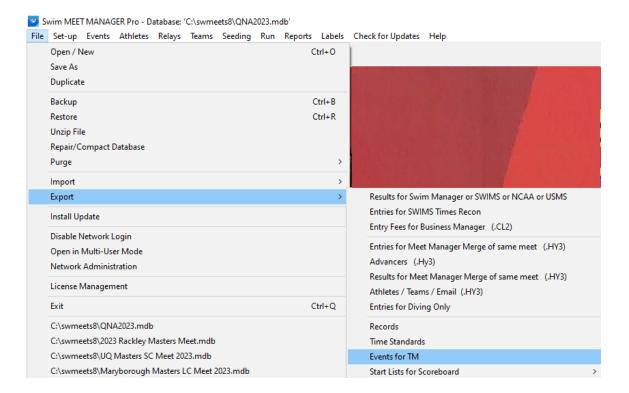
• If you will need a break in the program, you can specify where and how long this will be. The above example specifies a break at the end of Event 10 with a Duration of 15 minutes. This will then appear and be calculated in the Meet Timeline.

Meet Manager – Events – Records:



- When setting up the meet, you do not need to create any records or record types at this time. The MSA Results Portal record file will load the records and you will provide the types.
- MSQ will provide you with the latest record files in the week leading into the meet. You will specify each type, i.e. B = BRA = Branch, N = NATL = National, and W = WLD = World. Where applicable, World records may be loaded here as well. See section Exporting the entries from Swim Central to import into Meet Manager further below.
- You will need to load each record type, for each of Individual and Relay (if applicable).
- Send the meet file to MSQ for mandatory review:
 - File Backup then follow the prompts:
 - Create a backup of the meet
 - This is a backup for you and can be used to send to MSQ and eventually the Meet Recorder
 - The file is created into your Meet folder, e.g.:
 - C:\swmeets8\Swmm8BkupUQ Masters SC Meet 2023-01.zip
 - Email this to the MSQ Business Manager and Director of Recording for review. Once reviewed and given the ok, you will be able to export the meet and upload to Swim Central as part of the Swim Central meet creation process

File – Export – then follow the prompts:



- The file is created into your Meet folder, e.g.:
 - C:\swmeets8\\Meet Events-UQ Masters SC Meet 2023-05Mar2023-001.zip
- Retain this file and then upload to Swim Central when prompted as part of the Swim Central meet creation process.
- That is all that needs to be done in Meet Manager until you have the extract of entries from Swim Central after the meet has closed. You do not need to do anything in the meet file until then.

Creating the Meet in Swim Central

Other references provided by Swimming Australia Swim Central Support: https://support.swimming.org.au/hc/en-us/articles/360002101276-How-to-Create-a-Meet-in-Swim-Central

Please note that Swim Central are continually providing enhancement updates to the product, so some of the following diagrams may not be accurate – please contact the MSQ Business Manager or MSQ Director Recording if you have issues.

The following are instructions for creating the meet in Swim Central by the club. All meet files created by clubs must be approved by MSQ prior to publishing:

- The meet is created in Swim Central and set it to automatically open for entry at the appropriate date (*Local Nomination Opening Date*)
 - Please note that many of the settings for your meet are passed into Swim Central via your Meet Manager
 Export please see detailed instructions in the Creating the meet in Meet Manager section
 - o In Swim Central, Administration, Admin Home, Events, Create Event

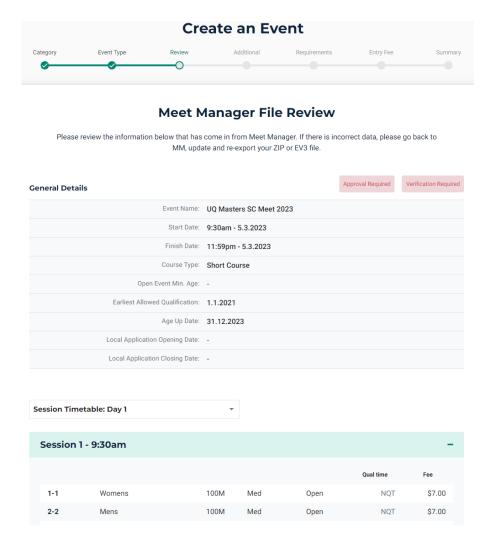


What type of Event are you hosting?



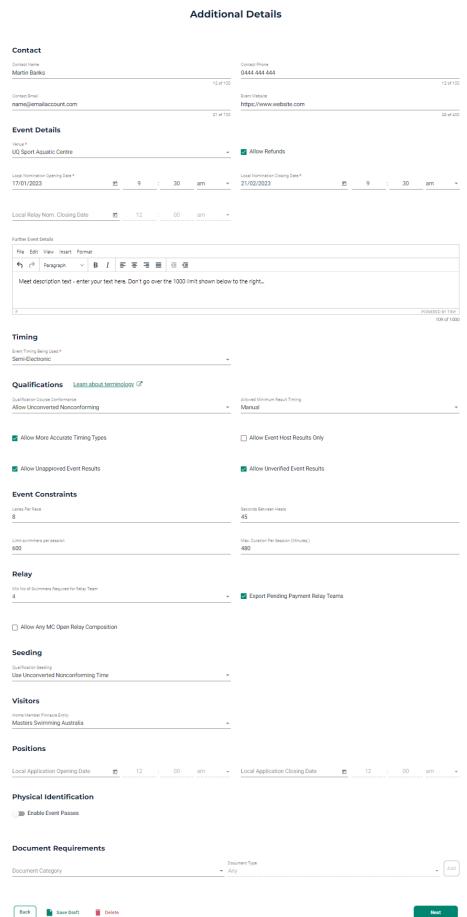
- Choose "Meet Manager Event"
- Choose "Interclub Meet". As you hover over the button it will inform you that you are uploading MM ZIP or EV3 file. Click this.
- Choose your MM Events file that you created from Meet Manager (referred to as MM)
- The button text will change to "MM file loaded".
- Click "Next"

o Review the details that have been imported from your MM Events file.



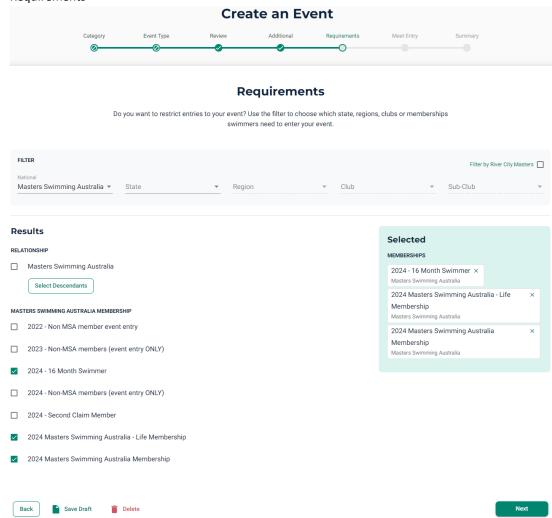
- If all looks ok, click Next, otherwise click Delete, fix the issue, and start again
- You will notice that this meet example has pay per event Meet Fees
- Complete the Additional Details





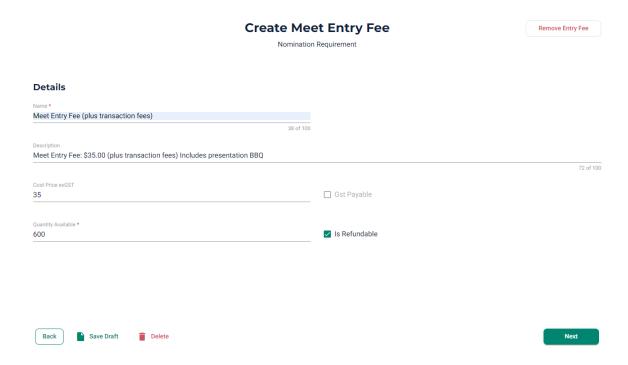
- Contact your Meet Director and contact details. The website is the MSQ event page URL for your meet
- Event Details (Local Nomination Opening Date date and time you want the meet to open typically 10:00AM on opening day, Local Nomination Closing Date date and time you want the meet to close typically 11:59PM on closing day).
- Swim Central now allows the offset of a relay close date which appears on this page, but only club Meet Recorders with a high-level experience in Meet Manager should use this feature. Swim Central allows relays to be entered without all swimmers being individually entered in the meet. This removes the need to offset a relay entry closing date.
- Further Event Details any information you want to enter (a 1000 characters limit will apply).
- Timing (Manual for stopwatches / Semi-Electronic for Dolphin-Wylas / Electronic for AOE).
 Important: If your event is a time-trial, or has non-members in attendance, the Timing must be set to "Manual", regardless of the equipment being used.
- Qualifications (choose "Allow Unconverted Nonconforming", "Manual", select "Allow More Accurate Timing Types", "Allow Unapproved Event Results", "Allow Unverified Event Results").
- Event Constraints (enter Lanes Per Race, Seconds Between Heats (usually 45), Swimmers per session (how many can your meet handle), Max Duration (how many minutes will you allow your meet to run 9AM start with a 3PM finish is 360 minutes)).
- Relay = 4
- Seeding = "Use Unconverted Nonconforming Time".
- Visitors = "Masters Swimming Australia", i.e. people outside of MSA are visitors. If this is not set correctly you may see names with the visitor symbol next to their entry, i.e. (V).
- Positions/Physical Identification/Document Requirements: not required for MSQ
- Click "Next"

Requirements



- Results: Select Relationship = Masters Swimming Australia leave unselected.
- Masters Swimming Australia Memberships:
 - for a standard Interclub meet with no non-members attending, only select current standard and current Life Membership membership products. Do not choose previous year, any Second Claim Member memberships, or Non-MSA members (event entry ONLY) memberships.
 - for a non-standard Interclub meet with non-members attending, only select current standard, current Life Membership, and the state-based Non-MSA members (event entry ONLY) memberships products. Please note: this will require MSQ assistance and searching additional filters – please discuss with MSQ. Do not choose previous year, or any Second Claim Member memberships.
- If you feel you need more than just the MSA memberships listed, please contact MSQ
- Click "Next"
- If your meet allows non-members to compete, please contact MSQ as this section will need to be completed differently by selecting all individual membership components that apply, as described above.
 You will also need MSQ to set up a non-member Product to allow them access to an MSA/MSQ meet.
- Create Meet Entry Fee (optional) if you have a meet fee, e.g. \$40 then click "Create Fee" and enter your details. If you have a fee per event selected then you need to have set this up in Meet Manager for each event. You can also use a combination of both methods e.g. \$10.00 meet fee plus \$5.00 per event entered. Click "Next".

 Please be aware of the GST (10%) and Administration (3%) fees. GST will be calculated, or ignored based on your club's GST status. You must always indicate where an additional fee/percentage will be added at checkout

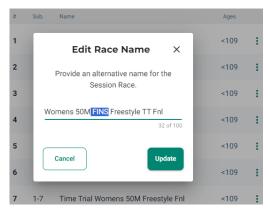


- Enter details for meet costs as above, relevant to your meet
- o From this point you can save a draft, delete the meet, edit your details, or publish your meet
 - It is recommended you save as draft and request MSQ to review
 - It is at this point that you can edit event names:
 - Go to Event Home, Event Session, Races section, click on the 3 dots for the event name you want to change:

Search Q Mixed 400M Freestyle Fnl 1-1 <109 1-2 Mixed 200M Medley Fnl <109 1-3 Mixed 200M Butterfly Fnl <109 Mixed 100M Freestyle Fnl <109 Mixed 200M Breaststroke Fnl <109 Mixed 50M Backstroke Fnl <109 Time Trial Womens 50M Freestyle Fnl <109 Time Trial Mens 50M Freestyle Fnl <109 Mixed 200M Medley Relay Fnl <109 1-9 10 1-10 Womens 200M Medley Relay Fnl <109

Races · Session 1 @ 10:00am

• Select Edit Race Name, adjust the text, and click Update to save and return



- Please use care you cannot change this once you have published the meet
- Once the draft meet is checked and given the ok by MSQ, you can publish
- To now Publish the meet, use the "Complete Setup" button in the draft meet and step through all the sections in the workflow and finally select Publish
- Once you publish the meet, you will have very limited opportunities to make changes. Ensure all
 your details are correct prior.
- o Once published, please advise MSQ to allow the start of promotion and to link the meet to MSQ and clubs.
- The club will then need to monitor Swim Central at least daily to ensure entries appear to be lodged correctly and respond to queries and refund/withdrawal requests, relays team nominations, and correct club:
 - If an entrant has an additional Swimming Australia membership and the member does not set their Masters
 membership to Primary, they will enter with an incorrect club. Please contact MSQ immediately to have to
 rectified with Swimming Australia
- The entry system will close individual, on the entries closing date and time (Local Nomination Closing Date).

Exporting the entries from Swim Central to import into Meet Manager

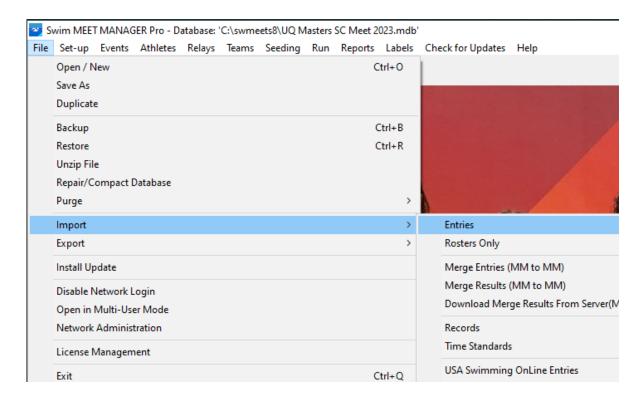
The following are instructions for exporting the meet entrants and entries from Swim Central once the meet has closed, and importing them into the Meet Manager file you created earlier. From there you will be able to prepare the meet, update entries if required (i.e. changing requested NTs to times), and to prepare files and documents. Times cannot be edited in Swim Central, so if an entrant requires a change, they can request it via the Meet Director and will need to be adjusted directly in Meet Manager if approved.

- The meet entries have been entered into Swim Central by entrants. The meet has closed and is ready for loading into Meet Manager:
 - o In Swim Central, Administration, Admin Home, Events, and select the meet, to display the meet dashboard:



- Click the HY3 Entries button
- An email will be sent to the Administrator for the club with the HY3 file attached
- Once the email has been received from Swim Central, save the HY3 attachment in a convenient location where you can access it from Meet Manager to import the entries
- Please carefully note: for privacy considerations, please do not use the reports that contain the
 attendee email addresses and personal details for distribution or email sending. Please contact the
 MSQ Business Manager for more details or assistance.
- Your work is now complete in Swim Central.

o Go to Meet Manager and open the Meet you previously created and exported:

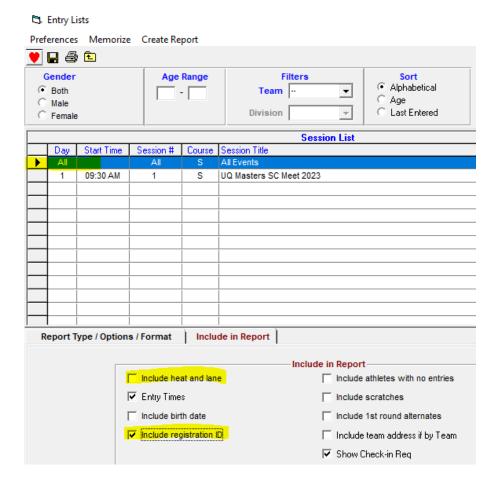


- File Import Entries and choose the HY3 file you received from Swim Central
- Click Open and follow the prompts
- You have now loaded all entries received by Swim Central
- You may now prepare your meet in Meet Manager update entries, create documents and files, etc., and distribute where required:
 - Tidy the Team names and codes:

Somerset Masters Swim Club	QSS	Somerset
Southport Masters	QPB	Southport
Sunshine Coast Masters Swimmin	QSC	Sunshine Coast
Toowoomba Masters Swimming Clu	QTW	Toowoomba
Tsa Masters Inc	QSW	Tsa Masters
Tuggeranong Masters Swimming A	NTN	
Unattached	UNAT	Unattached
University of Queensland Maste	QUQ	UQ Masters
Yeronga Park Yabbies Masters S	QYP	Yeronga Yabbies

- In this case some names are too long and are truncated. Most clubs will simply be named with main name then Masters. Examples are "Somerset Masters Swim Club" should be changed to "Somerset Masters", "University of Queensland Maste" should be changed to "UQ Masters", etc.
- Update entrant and relay details already sent
 - You can adjust entries based on requests for NT changes and time adjustments where medical reasons are provided – both individual and relay
- Check the Athletes screen for entries that look incorrect, or break meet rules (e.g. multiple 400 events where a maximum of only one is allowed, no or incorrect team, no registration number, of date of birth
- Check relay teams have four members, a team letter, and an age group
- Seed the meet this simply orders the heats to allow a timeline to be produced. This is not the final seed of the meet:
 - Individual events By Time
 - Relay events By Age, then time

Create draft Entry List

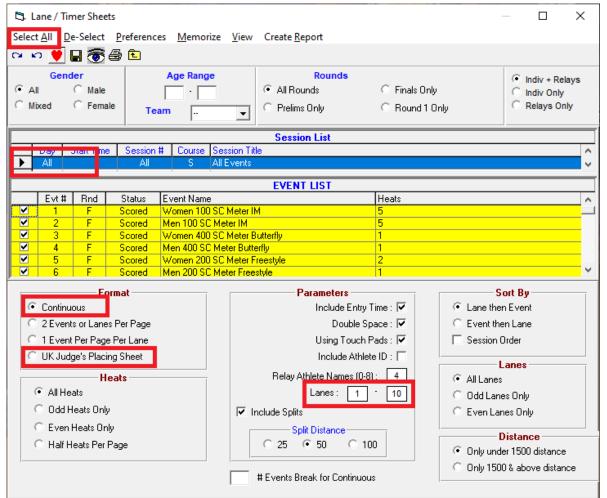


- Go to Reports..Entry Lists
- Select All, unselect Include heat and lane, select Include registration ID. Ensure that the draft entry list never includes the entrants heats/lanes, as this will change a number of times before it is final.
- Click Create Report and check the details appear correct
- Click the export button in the toolbar:



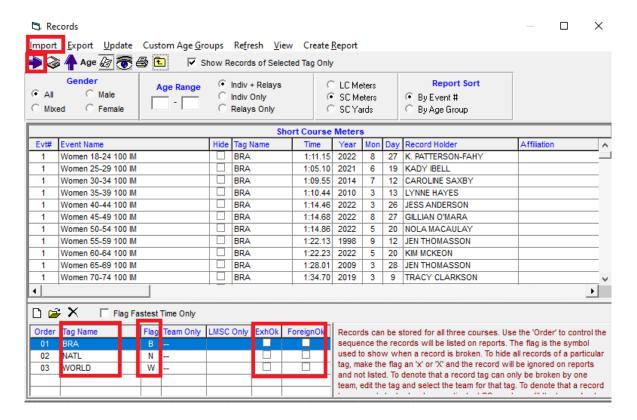
- Select OK and save the report to your documents location. The PDF format is the default, but more advanced users of Meet Manager can select other formats if required
- Send the saved report to MSQ Business Manager and MSQ Director Recording for checking and publishing to the MSQ Website as the Draft Entry List
- Continue to update entrant and relay details as requests are received
- Finalise the entries on the Saturday/Sunday prior to the meet
- Seed the meet this is the final seed of the meet, and changes can no longer be made (changes required from this point should be made on the day of the meet by the Meet Recorder in consultation with the Meet Director and Meet Referee
- Create final Entry List with the addition of Include heat and lane 0
- Create a Timeline (Reports.. Sessions report)
- Club entrant/entry counts (Reports..Teams report) 0
- Create final Meet Program pages (Reports.. Meet Program)
- Compile the full Meet Program with cover pages and meet information check the templates and MSQ standards for guidance
- The above documents just created, and a backup of the Meet Manager file is to be emailed, by the published availability date, to the MSQ Business Manager and MSQ Director Recording for checking and publishing to the MSQ Website. The following will be published to the MSQ Website:

- Final Entry List
- Final Timeline
- Final (full) Meet Program
- Create Check Starter sheets, and Timekeeper Lane sheets Reports.. Lane / Timer Sheets:



- Click All in the Sessions List
- Click Select All records
- Ensure your lane number range matches the Lanes value fields. You will need to change 1 − 10 to 0
 − 9 for the typically numbered ten lane pools
- UK Judge's Placing Sheet will produce the Check Starter sheets
- Continuous will give you a continuous sheet(s) of events for the Timekeeper Lane Sheets
 - If you require one event per page and not continuous, then change Continuous to 1 Event Per Page Per Lane
- After you have made your option selection, click Create Report

o Load record files supplied by MSQ – usually supplied on the Tuesday/Wednesday prior to the meet



- Events..Records
- Use the Import menu item or button to insert each file
- Ensure the Tags and Flags are configured correctly
- This is a crucial step and can cause major issues if not done correctly contact the MSQ Director Recording if unsure
- o Ensure you regularly create and archive backups of your meet
- You are now ready to run your meet

Awards

What awards should be offered to entrants, if any? MSQ can assist with determining a standard set of awards for your meet. There are a number of awards that are standard and easy to determine on the day. There are other awards that require more knowledge of computer systems and access to the National Portal requiring a higher level of qualified people to be present at the meet. Some meets offer more flexibility and less fuss with pay per event and do not offer awards. Some a combination of both.

• Basic:

- Requires Meet Manager report and basic Microsoft Excel knowledge
- Age/gender points champion highest meet points total per swimmer in each age and gender [Meet Manager]
- Champion club highest club total meet points [Meet Manager]
- Large club average club total meet points per club entrant count [Meet Manager and Excel]
- Small club average club total meet points per club entrant count [Meet Manager and Excel]
- o Relay club average club total relay points per club entrant count [Meet Manager and Excel]

Advanced:

- Requires direct administrator access to National Portal at the meet, the Points report, with intermediate
 Excel knowledge, some manual adjustments, and will take additional time to produce
- Swimmer of the meet men and women (World Aquatics points based) [Meet Manager, Excel, Portal Admin]
- Closest to nominated time variety of variations including % difference [Meet Manager and Excel formulas].

There are many other considerations, so get in touch with MSQ and have a chat. Clubs should allow plenty of time and speak with MSQ early. MSQ will do all that they can to help clubs host a great event and keep entrants happy.

For more information on hosting swim meets, please see additional documents on the MSQ website.

Other information

How to produce a Record Breakers report in Meet Manager:

- Reports..Meet Summary
- Report Type = Record Breakers
- Format = By Event
- Options = Athletes + Relays
- More Options / Splits = Include birth date, and Include registration ID
- Print and have the meet referee sign it, scan and email to Director recording.

Age/gender points champion - highest points total per swimmer

- In Meet Manager
- Reports..Scores
- Gender = All
- Select Indiv Only
- Report Type = Individual
- Report Gender Choices = both Male and Female
- Athlete Criteria = Use athlete age
- Click Age Criteria button if Masters age groups are not in place, click the "FINA 5 Year" button to populate them
- Points = Std Pts
- Select all the events you are including in the scoring calculation

- Click Create Report
- Print the Meet Manager report displayed

Champion club - highest club total meet points

- In Meet Manager
- Reports..Scores
- Gender = All
- Select Indiv Only (+ Relays if you have relays events)
- Report Type = Team
- Report Gender Choices = Combined
- Athlete Criteria = No age criteria
- Points = Std Pts
- Select all the events you are including in the scoring calculation
- Click Create Report
- Click the Export Report button up top left; Format = Microsoft Excel 97-2000 Data only (XLS); OK; OK; save it where you can get to it later for club average calculations (default location is Documents)
- Print the Meet Manager report displayed

Large (and Small) club average - club total meet points divided by entrant count

- Meet Manager:
- Reports..Teams
- Team Rosters = Athlete / Entry Count
- Entry Fee Summary: nothing selected
- Click Create Report
- Click the Export Report button up top left; Format = Microsoft Excel 97-2000 Data only (XLS); OK; OK; save it where you can get to it (default location is Documents)
- You are only interested in the Entrants column for the Teams Average Report
- Align Team, Athletes and the Team Points from the Teams Score saved earlier
- Sort the sheet so that you have your Large Club count separate to Small Club count
- In a new column calculate the average by dividing the Points by Athletes
- Print results once you have them looking the way you want
- Read out the top five in reverse order for each large and small

Meet Mobile set up:

Make sure you do this with the final MM file as MM and MMob are linked via an ID in the meet file you have set up. You cannot test a meet in MMob.

Go to Set-up .. Meet Mobile Publishing

Settings Tab:

- Select Full Meet data
- Tick Free Heat Sheets
- Click View Contract to Agree
- Enter your name and DOB
- Confirm you may get a message about the free heat sheets just acknowledge it and move on
- You don't need to do anything with Active.com set-up only for the USA version. We do not make \$\$ from publishing meets here in Australia

Publish Tab:

- Team scoring option Male, Female and Combined
- Display the event time line

- Then press the two publish buttons
- Done for the pre-meet
- You should now be able to see the meet in Meet Mobile may have to wait a few minutes.

At the meet:

• Just before start, make sure you have internet access, go to the Run page, click Meet Mobile to start publishing. It should be automatic from there, but you can hit Ctrl-M to upload, but you shouldn't need it.

More info can be found at:

- Help files in Meet Manager
- http://www.myswimresults.com.au/Help/MSR%20Meet%20Manager%20Handbook.pdf
- There is a Meet Mobile appendix which is comprehensive.