

## 2022 School Sport ACT Swimming Program

### Delivery and Entry Information

The ACT Education Directorate, on advice from ACT Health, has confirmed the Term 1 continuance of school based measures to reduce the impact of COVID in ACT schools. Due to the implementation of these measure School Sport ACT (SSACT) cannot delivery its Swimming Program as previously shared on the website and Calendar of Events. This document shares the revised delivery and entry process, devised in consultation with Swimming ACT, that will be implemented to conduct the SSACT Swimming Program in 2022.

**For 2022 only**, due to the inability to conduct School and Regional Swimming Carnivals as qualifying events, SSACT is planning for the SSACT 12&U and 13&O ACT Swimming Championships to be conducted as a State Team Selection Trial for 10-19 year olds as well as determining ACT Champion for all age groups including, 8 and 9 year olds. Students will be competing to gain a position on the SSACT Swim Team to represent the ACT at the School Sport Australia Championships currently scheduled in Brisbane in August. For this reason, the qualifying number of entries per school, in place for a typical operational year, will not apply, the nomination process is open to all students for whichever events they choose to nominate, regardless of other entries from their school.

### Term 1 Timeline Summary

Week 2	SSACT will share the nomination of entry process with all member schools, the nomination process will be open for just over 3 weeks.
Week 3 – 5 (14 Feb – 2 Mar)	Students unable to provide a verifiable time will be able to obtain a time through various ways outlined in the Nomination Process below. If a student can only obtain a time after 4 March but before the 18 March, it is important that they still ask their school to place them on the nomination form for 4 March entry, outlining which opportunity they intend to achieve the verifiable time. The school must follow up and send along the time before 18 March (end of Week 7)
Week 5	Friday 4 March the nomination window closes to all entries. No late entries will be considered.
Week 6 – 8	Swimming ACT will process all nominations and determine each students' verifiable times and place them into relevant heats/events. Nominated students obtaining a verifiable time after March 4 must ensure their time is submitted via their school by 18 March (end of Week 7)
Week 9	Schools will be informed of students who have successfully qualified and are invited to compete at their respective ACT Championship.
Week 9 – 10	Schools will provide successful students with a permission note to attend, the \$10 SSACT Participation Fee will need to be paid directly to the school.

### Nomination Information

Schools will be provided with a form to enter interested students' Name, DOB, Events and where the latest/personal performance can be obtained e.g. Swimming ACT Meet Results, Swimming Australia National database etc.

- Multi Class Nominations will be accepted by completing the Multi Class Nomination Form, submitted via the school. The School Sport Coordinator will have access to this form in the Resources section of the SSACT website. March 4 nomination deadline applies.
- Entry age is determined by the age the student is turning in this year of competition e.g. 12 years 50m Freestyle is open for all students turning 12 in 2022.
- The SSACT Swimming Program will once again be open to 8 and 9 year olds. They are not eligible for state team selection but are competing to achieve ACT Champion in their event.
- The 2022 12&U and 13&O ACT Championship Program of events available to each age group, can be found on the Swimming page of the School Sport ACT website.
- To broaden the opportunity for students to qualify, 2021 SSACT Regional Carnival and ACT Championship results can be utilised for students' verifiable times.
- The timeframe utilised to determine performance will be from 1 January 2021 to 4 March 2022, except for nominated students that obtain a verifiable time after March 4 and before 18 March from an opportunity they have previously indicated they intend to use.
- **No times will be required at this stage** as Swimming ACT will independently verify each student's performances.
- As a guide, the SSACT State Team Selection Qualifying Times can be located on the Swimming page of the SSACT website.
- As in previous years, expressions of interest to nominate for events that are not available in the ACT Championship Program due to time constraints but are in the School Sport Australia Championships e.g. some 200m events, can be submitted utilising the 2022 Swimming Team Selection Criteria & Process information document and 2022 State Team Representation Request for Event Consideration Form, both of which can be found in the Resources section and Swimming page of the SSACT website.

### **Qualifying Time Opportunities (verifiable times)**

Students who are new to the sport of Swimming, or who have not been able to obtain a verifiable time in the most recent Swim Season, can obtain a verifiable time through the following mechanisms;

- Tuggeranong Vikings Swim Club are kindly offering a School Clinic for stroke development and an invitation for students to attend their Club Night on afternoon/evening of Sunday 27 February at Lakeside Leisure Centre, to obtain a verifiable time. Times TBC, please contact Adele Gow [adelegow@hotmail.com.au](mailto:adelegow@hotmail.com.au) (TVSC Committee Member) for more information.
- Swimming ACT is offering an invitation for students to attend a time trial from 2pm Sunday 13 March at the AIS. Entry request would need to be supported by a statement of capability from their swim coach or swim instructor giving an approximate time for each event. Students wishing to take up this opportunity must contact Lorraine Wuth [school.liaison@swimmingact.com.au](mailto:school.liaison@swimmingact.com.au) prior to the 4 March deadline. There will be limited spaces available and not guaranteed.
- Contact an ACT Swim Club and request to join one of their Club Night's or other especially arranged opportunity to obtain a verifiable time from a Club Official in their specific event(s).

If the verifiable time can only be obtained after the 4 March deadline it is a necessity for the School Sport Coordinator to be informed prior to the deadline, and for the student to still be placed on their school nomination form and submitted with the intent to obtain a time e.g. Swimming ACT Time Trial 13 March or local swim club Club Night or other special opportunity. This later obtained time(s) must be shared with your School Sport Coordinator for submission by the 18 March deadline. No late submissions will be entered.

### Acceptance of Offer to Compete

- Many qualifying entries may be nominated to compete at the ACT Championships. Due to lane and heat limits to fit the entire Championship Program into one day, there will be a maximum number of qualifiers for each event, meaning some students who make qualifying times may miss out.
- It is important for students to inform their School Sport Coordinator if they are accepting the offer to compete or if they are no longer able to compete on the day due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances, as their lane can be allocated to the next qualifying student.

### Term 2 Timeline Summary

<p>Week 1 (System will open for registrations from Week 10 Term 1 and close Tuesday 10 May)</p>	<p>Parents of successfully nominated students are invited to register into the Swim Team Trial on the Swimming page of the SSACT website to express their child’s expression of interest to accept a position of the team if offered. <b>(This ensures we have parents contact details and to which specific events the student is wishing to compete at SSA Champs)</b> Information on how to register can be found in FAQs on the website homepage.</p>
<p>Week 2</p>	<p>SSACT 12&amp;U and 13&amp;O ACT Swimming Championships to be conducted as the State Team Selection Trial for 10 to 19 years age students as well as determining ACT Champion for all age groups including 8 and 9 year olds.</p>
<p>Week 4</p>	<p>Selection process finalised and team positions offered to students via the SSACT online system.</p>