



# EVENT DETAILS AND ENTRY PROCEDURE

**2018 McDONALD'S QUEENSLAND OWS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**20 October 2018**

**Lake Kawana**

## Eligibility

The Meet is open to SQ registered swimmers, members of Clubs affiliated with other State Associations and International swimmers who meet clearance criteria.

## Age

Age group of competitors for the meet is the age as at the day of competition (i.e. 20 October 2018).

Exemption:

- 12 year-old competitors who turn 13 years in 2019 may nominate for the 13yrs 5km event (i.e. borne in 2006).
- 14 year-old competitors who turn 15 years in 2019 may nominate for the 15yrs 7.5 km event (i.e. borne in 2004).

## Medals

Medals will be awarded to the first three placegetters in the following age categories:

- **10 km** 16yrs, 17/18yrs, and Open
- **7.5 km** 15yrs, 16yrs, 17/18yrs, and Open
- **5 km** 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17/18yrs, and Open
- **2.5 km** 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs & Over
- **1.25 km** 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs

## Entry Information

Entries for this Meet are available via Online Meet Entries.

Online Meet Entries:

\$35.00\*

Mixed Relay (Team Event) Entries:

\$45.00\*

\*Plus a transaction fee (debit/credit card processing) 1.5%

*Please note, International swimmers training with clubs in Australia must be nominated under their country name, not the Australian club name. Current International clearances must be obtained before 9 October 2018.*

## Online Meet Entries (OME)

If you are wishing to enter using Online Meet Entries [click here](#). For help entering via OME [click here](#). OME closes Midnight, Tuesday 9 October 2018.

## Photos

In nominating for this Championship, swimmers agree that they may be photographed by Swimming Queensland's approved photographers that the images may be displayed for viewing and purchasing on site during the Championships and on the photographer's secure website after the Championships; and that they may also be used by Swimming Queensland at its discretion.



### Registrations

Competitors' registration starts from 7.00am until the commencement of the pre-race brief (20 minutes prior to start).

### Pre-Race Brief

A pre-race briefing for all competitors will be held at the venue 20 minutes prior to each race start time.

### Escort Craft

Safety craft will be in attendance. Individual escort craft are not permitted.

### Rules

- All Swimming Queensland General Rules, Open Water Championship By-Laws, SAL & FINA Open Water Swimming Rules apply.
- NO swapping of distances will be accepted on the day.
- FINA OWS Rule 6.17 will be applied at this Meet:
  - OWS 6.17  
In all events, time limits shall apply as follows from the finish time of the first swimmer (meaning first swimmer in each age group): 15min per 5km (or part thereof) up to a maximum time of 120 min.
  - OWS 6.17.1  
Competitors who do not finish the course within the time limits "shall be removed from the water except that the Referee may allow a competitor outside the time limit to complete the course but not be eligible for any points or prizes."
- Swimmers must be capable of completing the distance they nominate to swim.
- Fingernails and toenails must be trimmed short and no body jewellery - including tongue studs and watches – is to be worn. Swimmers will be checked as they enter the water. No wetsuits or floatation devices will be permitted.
- One handler per swimmer in the 10km & 7.5km events will have access to the feeding station, located on the eastern foreshore between the start and the first turn buoy. No feeding in 5km, 2.5km and 1.25 km events.

### Transponders

- Transponders will be used at this meet. FINA OWS 7.2.2 will be applied at this meet.
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It is mandatory for all swimmers to wear a microchip transponder on each wrist throughout the race. If a swimmer loses a transponder the Race Judge or other authorized Official, will immediately inform the Referee who will instruct the responsible Official on the water to issue a replacement transponder. Any swimmer who finishes the race without a transponder will be disqualified.
- Competitors must return their transponders to the Clerk of the Course when having their names checked off at the checkpoint at the finish of their event (the checkpoint will be located under the McDonalds marquee on the sand, where the First Aid attendant will be stationed). If a competitor fails to return the transponder/s, they will be liable to reimburse Event Timing at the rate of \$75.00 per transponder for replacement of the missing unit/s.



### **Waiver & Indemnity Form**

Important: Stockland Park no longer requires SQ to collect Waiver & Indemnity Forms on its behalf from all athletes competing at this meet. The reason for this is that Stockland Park's liability is now covered by the Lake Permit issued to SQ, Schedule 3 - Permit Conditions – Clause 1(n) which states: "Obligations of Hirer - The Hirer (SQ) must: use Lake Kawana at the Hirer's own risk, including risks of swimming, submerged objects and marine creatures".

### **Qualifying Times**

There are no Qualifying Times for this event.