Swimming Australia International Clearance Policy

Purpose

All athletes wishing to compete in an International Competition individually or with their club or state (not when representing Australia), are required to apply for a clearance from Swimming Australia and must abide by the policy terms and conditions outlined below.

This policy applies to both Pool and Open Water Swimmers of all ages and abilities.

Athletes, clubs or state teams that are departing Australia for training camps only are not required to complete this process, it is only for athletes or teams competing overseas.

Terms and Conditions

- Athletes, Clubs or State Member Organisations are required to complete the appropriate online SwimAus Clearance Request Form, either the Individual form (for only 1 athlete) or Team form (for 2 or more athletes from the same Club or State). Clearance applications submitted using the incorrect form will not be accepted
- Applications should be submitted via the online forms no later than 28 days prior to departure
- The SwimAus International Clearance Request Forms can be accessed via the links below or by contacting your State Member Organisation or Swimming Australia directly
- All athletes seeking clearance to compete in an International Competition must hold valid membership with their Australian club for the duration of their clearance request
- Athletes who compete at International Competitions without valid clearance approved by Swimming Australia, or who do not hold valid membership at the time of competition, will not be eligible to achieve Australian Records during this time. Results achieved under these circumstances will not be included in the national results database and times will not be eligible for inclusion in the Australian Top 10 or Top 25 Rankings
- Times achieved by Australian swimmers at International Competitions are not guaranteed to be uploaded into Swim Central upon return. Athletes should refer to the **Swim Central Policy for International Performances (Appendix 1)** for further information
- To submit eligible times achieved by Australian swimmers at International Competitions for inclusion in the Australian Top 10 and Top 25 Rankings, the athlete or their coach/club representative shall email a copy of the official results to events@swimming.org.au for consideration. These results must clearly show the swimmers name, the distance & stroke, the date of achievement, the course, and the time
- By submitting a SwimAus Clearance Request Form, all named athletes agree to observe the rules of the Organisation which governs swimming in the country where the competition is held

Individual Clearance Request Form:
https://form.jotform.com/262300817436049

Individual Team Clearance Request Form:
https://form.jotform.com/262301697211855

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International Performances by Australian Swimmers into Swim Central Policy

Background

Following international performances, there is an expectation from Australian swimmers and coaches that the athlete's times will be uploaded into the Swimming Australia Swim Central database so athletes can use these times for entry into future Australian (and International) events.

All times swum at approved international meets since 1 July 2022 are now in the Swim Central database.

With more than 100 athletes competing at international swim meets each year, the following process is to be followed from 1 August 2024.

Future Process

1. Swimming Australia Teams to International Meets

   The HP Unit shall provide the results of all Australian athletes, who compete in teams selected by Swimming Australia, at an approved international World Aquatics meet, within 2 weeks of the meets completion. The results shall be provided in a Meet Manager or Team Manager file format (where possible) to events@swimming.org.au.

   The following should be provided to the events team with each file:
   - Meet Name
   - Start and End date
   - Venue (including address, state, country)
   - Timing type - would assume this would be automatic for all of them
   - Course type - Short/Long

2. State Teams to International Meets

   Member Organisations who select and send teams to international meets shall provide a summary of the official results of Australian swimmers from their State to the Swimming Australia Swim Central team support@swimming.org.au for those results to be uploaded. Member organisations are requested NOT to upload the results into the Swim Central database themselves.

   The following should be provided to the support team with each file:
   - Meet Name
   - Start and End date
   - Venue (including address, state, country)
   - Timing type - would assume this would be automatic for all of them
   - Course type - Short/Long

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3. Individual Athletes to International Meets

Individual swimmers who are financial members of Swimming Australia at the time they compete in an international meet are eligible to have their results uploaded into Swim Central. To request this, swimmers must email the Swimming Australia Swim Central Team at support@swimming.org.au with a clear photo or scan of their official results, along with the following information:

- Meet Name
- Start and End dates
- Venue (including full address, state, and country)
- Timing Method (e.g. automatic/electronic timing)
- Course type (Short Course or Long Course)

Please note that individuals travelling to Australia who wish to compete in an Australian meet must submit their official international qualifying times directly to the Meet Convenor – not the Swim Central Team. These times must meet the published qualifying criteria and be accompanied by all relevant details outlined above to be considered for entry.

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