

2021 Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships – Event Changes

With the 2021 Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships approaching quickly, Swimming WA is working hard to create a fantastic event for all. We would like to inform you of some changes to the event schedule that will be different from years past but will create a better event.

Entry / Exit Procedure –

As has occurred over the previous years, Swimmers will enter the competition arena through the archway nearest the marshalling yard. Swimmers will then compete in their final and exit the pool via the stairs closest to their lane. This year Swimmers will be asked to head directly toward their clothes which would have been collected by the basket carriers and taken to the grandstand side of the pool.

After each final medalists will be asked to head straight to the medal presentation area, whereas all other swimmers will be free to cool down or speak to their coach.

State Medals –

Similar to National Age Championships, this year Swimming WA will be altering our medal presentation procedure to create a faster paced medal presentation procedure to minimize the impact on the athlete post-race whilst maintaining the integrity of a State Medal.

At the conclusion of each final, the medalists will be walked from the competition pool to the medal presentation area. Medals will be presented at the conclusion of the next event, i.e. Race 1, Race 2, Medals 1, Race 3, Medals 2 etc. As per usual, club shirts, pants (or the bottom half of the race suit) and shoes are required at medal presentations.

If you are unable to attend the medal presentation at the dedicated time, you will be required to retrieve your medal from the volunteers assisting.

Open State Championship Medals –

Given the changes to the event programme, all age groups will swim events at separate times to create a more entertaining event. Swimming WA still wish to recognize the Open State Champion in each event and therefore will present the Open State Champion to the fastest swimmer no matter the age once all age groups have completed the event.

i.e. Friday – Boys 14-15 100m Freestyle, Saturday – Boys 16-17 100m Freestyle & Sunday Men's 18 & Over 100m Freestyle. State Open Champion to be crowned Sunday evening.

State Championship Trophies –

With the recent changes to the Swimmer of the Year Awards Night, Swimming WA wish to recognize the achievements of all athletes who win perpetual trophies. The following trophies will be awarded at the end of the Championships based on the criteria listed [here](#).

PRINCIPAL PARTNER

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- The Old Court Cup
- The Hall of Fame Alumni Trophy
- Swimming WA Life Members' Trophy
- The Eamon Sullivan Trophy
- The Jack Howson Trophy
- The Jennifer Reilly Trophy
- The Frank Osman Memorial Shield
- The Max Gerber Multi-Class Championship Trophy

SPIRIT Award –

After the success of last years initiative, the SPIRIT Award is back for another year. The SPIRIT Award is given to the Club which best demonstrates the Swimming WA values throughout each finals session.

Each night \$500 will be awarded to the winning Club. You cannot win the award twice.

PB Award -

Similar to the SPIRIT Award, the PB Award is back again highlighting the hard work athletes have done throughout the season regardless of whether or not they reach the podium. This year the PB Award will be presented to the swimmer who does the biggest PB based on percentage throughout each heat session. You cannot win the award twice.

State Relays -

Based on feedback received at last years State Championships, relays have been moved from the 2021 Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships and moved to the State Relay Championships to be held on Saturday, January 29. For more information, please visit the Swimming WA almanac.

Basket Carriers –

Swimming WA reached out to Club Presidents last week for expressions of interest for basket carriers during the final's sessions. If your Club would like to get involved, please have your Club President contact Narelle Keys, Swimming WA's Membership Officer for more information.