

## SWIMMING PROGRAMMES, CLOSING DATES AND RULES

### [A] GENERAL SWIMMING COMPETITION RULES

- 1 FINA Technical Rules will apply to all National Competitions.
- 2 IPC rules will apply when there are events for Para swimmers at national competitions.
- 3 All Age Group competitions will be club based.
- 4 S A Nationals will be Provincial Based – the 9 Political Provinces.
- 5 Clubs should be encouraged to participate at all the levels of Age Group Competitions
- 6 South African participants must be registered with SSA and have competed in competitions to ensure that their times for entries are on the National Database.
- 7 **Due to the postponement of the 2020 season, if requested, entry times from 1 May 2019 may be used. Swimmers who qualified for the various levels based on these times may request to remain in these levels even though they have aged up and do not meet the qualifying times.**
- 8 Visitors must forward a clearance to compete. Their entry times must be verified. The National Federations must confirm that the swimmers entered, meet the stipulated cut off and entry times for the events, that they have been entered in.
- 9 If, due to weather conditions, any section of a swimming program cannot be completed the following will apply:
  - 9.1 On the final day of the competition, if the Finals cannot be completed, the Final results and Medals will be awarded as per the results of the Heats.
  - 9.2 If on any of the other days, the Finals cannot be completed, due to time constraints, the Finals will either, be rescheduled or the results awarded as per the heats results.
  - 9.3 If circumstances require, any part of the program may be swum as timed finals.
- 10 **TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**
  - 10.1 The names of SSA registered, trained and available officials must accompany the swimming entries. This will be a requirement for the acceptance of swimming entries. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the penalty will be a fine of R1000.00 for every official not present and the swimmers from the club/province may be excluded.
  - 10.2 For Inter Club and Provincial Competitions, clubs/provinces will be required to provide SSA registered trained officials for EVERY SESSIONS, according to the number of swimmers entered in the competition:
    - 10.2.1 1 - 4 swimmers, one judge per heats session.
    - 10.2.2 5 – 10 swimmers, one judge and one timekeeper for every session.
    - 10.2.3 11 and over swimmers, a minimum of three officials, two judges and one timekeeper for every session.
    - 10.2.4 The names of the officials must accompany the entries.
    - 10.2.5 All Technical Officials must be correctly attired;
      - 10.2.5.1 White shirts and Navy Blue Trousers or skirts for finals sessions;
      - 10.2.5.2 Navy blue shorts for Heats will be permitted.