



Geelong Swimming Club By-Laws

(updated February 2020)

1.0 MEMBERSHIP

1.1 MEMBERS

Members shall be classified as follows:

- a) Dry Members (including Life Members, Coaches, Officials)
- b) Junior Competitive 8yrs and under
- c) Competitive 9yrs – 15 yrs
- d) Senior Competitive 16yrs and older

Each competitor member under 16 must also have a parent or guardian sign up as a dry member to accompany that membership.

The club will pay the Swimming Victoria Fee for GSC Coaches, Life Members and Registered SV officials.

1.2 LIFE MEMBERS

Any member of the Geelong Swimming Club can be nominated to the committee by another member for Life Membership if they have been a member for at least 10 years and their contribution has been over and beyond expectations. That is, they have been extremely active in devoting hours of their time to running and organizing of the club; beyond any unpaid or paid positions they may have held. All nominations must be received by the Club Secretary by April 1st each year. All nominations need to be submitted to the committee for discussion.

1.3 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The position of any member of the Committee who absents him/herself from three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse may be declared vacant by the Committee.

2.0 LEADERSHIP GROUP

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Geelong Swimming Club can appoint a girls' captain, a boys' captain and a leadership team by the committee. Interested swimmers of the current year, are invited to submit an expression of interest to the committee appointed mentor. The committee reserves the right to approach suitable swimmers to apply for Captain Positions in the event that no swimmers apply for the positions.

Prospective candidates may be interviewed. Selection will be determined by the leadership mentor or committee based on the following criteria.

Criteria for Selection

- Being a good role model as a swimmer demonstrating high standards of behaviour in attitude and application, when training and competing.
- Being a good role model as a member of Geelong Swimming Club, showing loyalty and a positive attitude to club policies.
- Being present and of assistance at club organised activities and on some occasions being in charge of organizing activities.
- Make an effort to meet new club members and to be encouraging to all swimmers.
- Always promote club spirit.
- Be available to listen to the needs and concerns of other swimmers and, if needed, represent these to the committee.

3.0 CONDUCT OF TEAMS AND MEMBERS

3.1 ADMINISTRATION

In the event of a team taking part in a carnival the Team Managers will have all power in the control and decisions associated with the team. Any member who does not abide by the decision of the Team Managers, or whose conduct is deemed unsatisfactory and contrary to the interests of the Club will be dealt with by the Committee.

3.2 CONDUCT OF CLUB MEMBERS AT CARNIVALS

Any enquiries regarding decisions made at carnivals should be conducted in a polite and dignified manner, to the referee in charge or to the meet director. If satisfaction is not achieved then the matter must be referred to your club executive for further action. Protracted individual action can only achieve negatives results for all parties concerned and reflects poorly on our Club.

When representing the Geelong Swimming Club at any swim meet, The Club's official polo should be worn to and from the meet and at the pool. The Club's polo shall always be worn during medal and award presentations. The club cap is to be worn for all races.

To prevent injury footwear is to be worn around the pool.

3.3 THE BEHAVIOUR CODE

The following codes have been adapted from the Australian Schools Sport Council document "Fair Play in School Sport – Codes of Behaviour" and have been endorsed by Swimming Victoria Inc.

FOR SWIMMERS

- Be a good sport
- Compete for enjoyment
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself
- Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated
- Make any parents feel welcome on all occasions
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any event

FOR COACHES AND TEACHERS

- Set a good example for your swimmers
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills
- Encourage team participations
- Ensure that the events are appropriate for the age group
- Ensure that the skills are developed for the level of the swimmers involved

FOR SPECTATORS

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour
- Remember children compete for enjoyment
- Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment
- Let officials conduct events without interference
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause
- Demonstrate respect for other competitors and their supporters

4.0 CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

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Over the season, swimmers can compete in different competitions and carnivals ranging from our internal 'club' competition, local competitions right through to competing at National level.

Details of swim meets that have been targeted will be put on the clubs "Events Calendar" which can be found on the website and will also be advised in club emails. A full list of competitions can be found on the Swimming Victoria web- site.

Swimmers are responsible for their own entries and entry fee.

4.2 JP FLYNN CLUB COMPETITION SERIES

JP Flynn Club competition is aimed at giving all our swimmers a chance at being successful, no matter what their age, experience or level of ability. The 'age' of the swimmer for the whole season is taken from December 1 of the current season.

This is an internal and external competition series for our club swimmers that occurs on a regular basis each season. Separate & targeted JP Flynn Series dates can be found on our website under the JP Flynn Competition Series tab. These internal meets provide an opportunity for all swimmers to get together and compete amongst themselves. It also acts as a beginning introduction to 'racing' for new swimmers

Over the club sessions for the season, the distances swum depend on the age of the competitor. The 8/U swimmers may swim 25 metres in butterfly, and they could compete in 25m, 50m or 100m freestyle. All other age swimmers compete in 50m or 100m events and there is the opportunity for 200m swims throughout the year.

By competing at 'JP Flynn' meets, swimmers make themselves available to win awards and trophies. Swimmers must attend at least three JP Flynn Series meets to be eligible for awards. Points from nominated races are allocated to determine who receives the awards. For more details on awards and trophies and the points system:

- Aggregate awards:
 - Swimmers in each age group receive points for their place in a race
- Scratch awards:
 - A swimmer's first swimming time for stroke/distance is recorded and then points are awarded on a basis of how much improvement they make.
- Handicap awards;
 - In a handicap race, swimmers start swimming on different counts, according to their recorded best 'club' time. Thus everyone has a chance of being a winner and receiving points towards the awards.

4.3 DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

The Geelong Swimming Club is in the Barwon South Western Swimming Association. During the season, each of the district clubs conducts at least one carnival in a local pool. Participation in District competitions is encouraged.

4.4 OTHER DISTRICTS CARNIVALS

There are many other swimming districts across country Victoria and Melbourne. Each district conducts carnivals and members from other clubs can enter them. GSC swimmers often compete, for example, in Colac, Ballarat, and Werribee and in Melbourne carnivals, which are often based at MSAC (Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre).

4.5 COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are held for swimmers registered with Country swimming clubs across Victoria. Country championships are held over a weekend, as determined by Swimming Victoria. Country (short course) Championships are held in Winter and Country Championships (long course) are held in Summer across different country venues in Victoria. This is a major championship for our swimmers and swimmers must achieve qualifying times to enter.

4.6 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Swimmers from all Victorian swimming clubs are eligible to compete, but must achieve the appropriate qualifying times. Short course championships are held in August/September, State championships (long course) in December and Sprint championships in February/March.

4.7 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any registered swimmer can enter these if they achieve the qualifying times.

5.0 RELAY SELECTION

5.1 RELAY TEAMS AND SELECTION

For some competitions the Geelong Swimming Club will enter relay teams, The relay policy is available to all members and is on the Geelong Swimming Club website.

6.0 TEAM LIAISON OFFICERS

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Team Liaison Officers will:

- Make themselves known to new and current clubmembers.
- Ensure that swimmers are aware of their commitments for the season.
- Provide encouragement and positive reinforcement
- Aim to engender team spirit and enthusiasm
- Monitor and ensure safety and appropriate behaviour of the squad.
- For major competitions (e.g. Countries, States and Nationals), ensure that the needs of participating swimmers are met prior and during the competitions in co-ordination with the coaches

7.0 MEDIATION

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If swimmers or parents have questions, concerns or complaints, there is a group of people that can be approached for help, depending on the nature of the query.

- Formal letter committee
- Team liaison officer
- Coaches

- Club president

In the event that an issue cannot be resolved, the committee will nominate a club mediator, to help with resolution.

8.0 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

8.1 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SWIMMERS

Individual swimmers may be awarded up to \$200 annually (being no more than \$100 per meet) for National championship events and up to \$400 for International championship events (being no more than \$200 per meet) of club sponsorship to help meet associated travel costs.

To be eligible:

- The individual must be competing interstate or overseas at National (Schools, Age and Open) or International Championships.
- It is an expectation that swimmers and/or families are actively involved in club activities including helping out with fundraising events.
- Swimmers will have been registered with the Geelong Swimming Club for 90 days or from the season start (whichever is less)
- Swimmers are required to have represented Geelong Swimming Club at Country and Local competitions during the season

9.0 CLUB RECORDS

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There are three types of Geelong Swimming Club records kept:

- a) All pools Long Course records
- b) All pools Short Course records

Records can only be set for Long Course and Short Course at an official qualifying meet. It is the swimmers and parent responsibility to ensure swimmers records are updated. Official results must be provided to the Records officer for the new record to be accepted. Records to be split for season 2019 – 2020 into individual age groups.

Club Records

Age Groups and distances for records at Geelong Swimming Club

50m all Strokes: all age groups
100m all Strokes: all age groups
200m all Strokes: all age groups
400m all Strokes: all age groups
800m Freestyle: all age groups
1500m Freestyle: all age groups

10.0 SWIMMERS TIMES

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All Geelong Swimming Club members have their times recorded by the Records officer. A personal best time can only be acknowledged and used as an official entry time if it has been swum at an approved qualifying meet (club times cannot be used).

All Swimming Victoria, District and Club results will be accessible on the Geelong Swimming Club website.

11.0 CLUB AWARDS

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At the end of each season various awards and trophies are awarded to our swimmers at a Presentation Night. Some of these will be for achievements at our JP Flynn Series competitions and some will be awarded for achievements right across the swimming season in all pools and competitions.

11.2 AGE GROUP TROPHIES

Each swimmer competes in his/her own age group over the various strokes listed on the club calendar. Points are awarded for each swimmer's individual tally.

- Points are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for each Championship event for JP Flynn.
- If two championship events are held at one meet, points are divided by 2
- If four championship events are held at one meet, points are divided by Four.
- Points from Geelong, District, Vic Country & State Championships are Top 20. Being 1st = 20 points and 20th = 1 point.

The following trophies are known as the Club Age Group Trophies and JP Flynn Series winners:

8/U Boys	Pentz Family Trophy
8/U Girls	Amber Karutz Trophy
9 year old Boys	Parker Trophy
9 year old Girls	Parker Trophy
10 year old Boys	Bob Kelly Trophy
10 year old Girls	Vicki Kelly Trophy
11 year old Boys	Tony Strahan
11 year old Girls	Wood Trophy
12 year old Boys	John Fitzgerald Trophy
12 year old Girls	Leon Touzel Trophy
13 year old Boys	Morton Trophy
13 year old Girls	Firth Trophy
14 year old Boys	Liz Watson Trophy
14 year old Girls	Judy Karutz Trophy
15 year old Boys	Nustyle Trophy
15 year old Girls	Head Trophy
16 year old Boys	John Beckworth Trophy
16 year old Girls	Fiona Skinner Trophy
17/Over Boys	Tom McCoy Shield
17/Over Girls	Marilyn Ford Trophy

11.3 SCRATCH AWARDS

The McNeil Cup

The McNeil family presented this to the Club in 1992. It is awarded to the highest scoring swimmer (boy or girl) in the Scratch events. Points are awarded for time improvement over all strokes. As well as the Perpetual Cup, awards will be made to the winner. For scratch events points will be awarded to Club swimmers based on improvement of times.

Times will be taken from the swimmers' best performances at Club the previous season. New members will be allocated times based on their first swims with the Club.

Scratch Awards

Points score for scratch award.

8 points	Improving by 3 or more seconds
7 points	Improving by 2 seconds
6 points	Improving by 1 second
5 points	equally best club time
4 points	1 second slower
3 points	2 second slower
2 points	3 second slower
1 point	4 or more seconds slower
0 points	If Disqualified

11.4 MAJOR TROPHIES AND AWARDS

12/Over Most Successful Male swimmer

Crawcour Perpetual Cup:

- This cup was donated to the Geelong Western Swimming and Life Saving Club by club member, the late Mr. Addie Crawcour.
- It is awarded on a points system to the most successful male swimmer in all Swimming Australia, Swimming Victoria Championship meets, Geelong Open & District Championship meets
- Including club, district, State, Country & National records.

12/Over Most Successful Female swimmer.

Lucy Bond Memorial Cup;

- This cup was presented to the Club in 1974 by Bob and Norman Bond and their sister Mrs. Jean Kinnersley in memory of their mother. (ex Treasurer of the Club).
- It is awarded on a points system to the most successful female swimmer in all Swimming Australia, Swimming Victoria Championship meets, Geelong Open & District Championship meets
- Including club, district, State, Country & National records.

11/Under Most Successful Swimmer Male & Female.

It is awarded on a points system to the most successful male swimmer in all Swimming Victoria Championship meets, Geelong Open & District Championship meets including all Juniors Finals. Including club, district, & Country records.

12/Over Lucy Bond & Crawcour Cup.						11/Under most successful				
	Aus	Vic	CC	GEE	D23		CC	GEE	D23	All Jun Final
1 st	50	25	20	15	10	1 st	20	15	10	10
2 nd	45	20	18	13	9	2 nd	18	13	9	9
3 rd	40	19	17	10	8	3 rd	17	10	8	8
4 th	35	18	16	9	7	4 th	16	9	7	7
5 th	30	17	15	8	6	5 th	15	8	6	6
6 th	28	16	14	7	5	6 th	14	7	5	5
7 th	26	15	13	6	4	7 th	13	6	4	4
8 th	24	14	12	5	3	8 th	12	5	3	3
9 th	22	13	11	4	2	9 th	11	4	2	2
10 th	20	12	10	3	1	10 th	10	3	1	1

AUS - Australian Age or Open Championships

VIC - Victorian Age Short Course & Long Course Championships
CC - Victorian Country Short Course & Long Course Championships
GEE – Qualifying meets run by Geelong Swimming Club
D23 - District 23 Championship

Nationals Championship Competing Points.

Nationals – 20 points per qualified Age or Open event. (Must attend Nationals to gain points)

Points for obtaining Records

Geelong Swimming Club – 10 points ea
BSW District 23 Events – 15 points ea
BSW District 23 – 20 points ea
Vic Country – 25 points ea
Vic Age or Open – 30 points ea
National – 50 Points ea

11.5 Multi Class Most Successful Swimmer

This award was donated to the Geelong Swimming Club by club members Megan & Sadat Hussain. It is awarded on a points system to the most successful multi class swimmer in all Swimming Victoria Championship meets, Geelong Open, District 23 Championship meet, Australian Age & Open Championships, International meets calculated on swimmers individual classification.

11.6 Most Improved Swimmers 11/Under and 12/Over

Trophies are awarded to the most improved swimmers, both boy and girl using a set formula.

Mrs. A. W. Henry Cup

This trophy was presented to the Club in 1958 by Mrs. Henry (ex Secretary and Treasurer of Geelong Western Ladies Swimming Club).

Peter Doak Trophy

This trophy was presented to the Club by Mr. Peter Doak in 1982.

Scoring for Most Improved Trophies

These trophies are awarded depending on the improvement made over various strokes, short course and long course meets.

For 11/U swimmers improvements are taken over 50m all strokes and 100 IM SC.

For 12/O swimmers improvements are taken over 50m all strokes, 100m all strokes and 200 IM

All improvements are added together and an average improvement is calculated.

11.7 Most Successful Swimmers by Stroke

Most successful swimmers by stroke – Overall most successful 11/under or 12/over cannot win a most successful by stroke. Same calculation used as per most successful swimmers 11.4

11.8 Phoebe Mitchell Perpetual Trophy

The recipient of this trophy is selected by the committee. It is to be awarded to the person who has best served the club during the current season.

11.9 Most Promising – The Bob Bond Shields

These shields are presented to the most promising first full year swimmers both boy and girl

11.10 The President's Award

These are not performance-based awards, but rather awards for encouragement, persistence, consistent effort and attendance at training and club meets.

Leigh Mitchell Award

This was presented to the Club in 1989 by the President – Mr. Leigh Mitchell. Until 1993 any Club swimmer was eligible, but in 1994 this was changed and it is now restricted to a senior boy or girl 13/Over. This award is selected by the President and Secretary.

Edna Touzel Memorial Cup

Members (past and present) donated money to provide this trophy in memory of Edna Touzel. This award is selected by the President and Secretary after recommendations from the chief recorder and the Referee in Charge. This award is for a junior swimmer 12/Under

11.11 Coaches encouragement awards

This award is not a performance-based award, but rather an award for encouragement, persistence, and consistent effort, attendance at training and at meets. The swimmer has a good attitude to swimming and always gives 100%.

11.12 Coaches TEACH awards

This award is a performance-based award. This award is based on swimmers training standards, performances at meets and upholds the TEACH values all year round.

11.13 Be Your Best

Our Be Your Best campaign aims to encourage our swimmers to always try to do their best by rewarding them for accumulating their own personal best times. PB's are tallied over the current season.

Swimmers will be awarded:

A bronze medal	10-19 personal best times
A silver medal	20-29 personal best times
A gold medal	30-49 personal best times
A Platinum medal	50+ personal best times

An additional trophy to the swimmer who has the highest tally at the end of the season.

11.14 Service Awards

Service Awards may be **NOMINATED** and presented to swimmers, active committee member, TLO's, Coach, officials etc: with a minimum of ten years membership at the discretion of the committee.

11.15 Open Water Trophy

The trophies will be for the best Female (Harriot Brown Trophy) and Male (Tony Strahan Trophy) open water swimmer. Below is the criteria for eligibility and point scoring system. They will be calculated from the Danger 1000 & Pier to Pub (1.0 – 1.2 km distance)

- **Points and Ranking**

- Points will be award by event ranking in age category 12 - 17, and Open.
- Points will be totalled from both events.
- You must swim both events to be eligible.
- 10 points for 1st, 9 for 2nd....1 point for 10th

Male Trophy to be named *after Tony*

***To reward swimmers who compete in the longer distances of open water, double points will be awarded to 12yo who compete in the 2.5km race and 13&O who compete in the 5km race.*