



# MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA

## Dual Sanction Guidelines

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***The Chair of the Swim Meets Committee together with the National Recorder and National Board of Management have developed these guidelines for Dual – sanctioned swim meets. June 2023.***

### **MSA Dual-Sanction**

A Dual-sanctioned meet (DSM) is a Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) sanctioned meet held in conjunction with a Swimming Australia (SA) sanctioned meet where swimmers from both organisations compete together in the same session(s) and where the event times they record are recorded in the register held by their respective organisation. DSM meets open the opportunity for MSA and SA swimmers to compete against each other and demonstrate a pathway for swimmers to MSA and/or SA memberships.

When registering for DSM events, members must select whether they are swimming either as an SA or an MSA member, with records only recognised by MSA where the swimmer nominates to swim as an MSA member and with their MSA-affiliated club.

### **In summary**

- A DSM must be individually sanctioned by both of the relevant MSA Branch and SA State administrators and is to be acknowledged as a dual sanctioned meet; the sanction number from each organisation should be listed on the flyer and/or advertising material for the meet. The MSA National Recorder is to be notified of the DSM sanction number
- The DSM must be advertised to all members in the usual way and appear on the Branch calendar
- For Masters records to be set, a swimmer must be registered to swim for their Masters club and under their MSAID (MSA member number) at the DSM
- The MM file from the meet must be made available to the MSA Branch Recorder so that the results can be loaded to the MSA results portal
- For a National record to be approved, it must be signed by the Meet Referee (MSA referee or SA referee) and sent to the National recorder via the Branch (normal procedure).
- World records (WR), World Top Ten (WTT), National records (NR) and Branch records (BR) can only be set at a DSM when all swimmers participating are either MSA or SA financial members.
- Masters swimmers must have had their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to swim at a DSM
- Masters officials who wish to officiate at a DSM (with swimmers younger than 18) will have to have a current working with children check.

## **RULES: Which may apply at a DSM**

- SW 12.6.11M National records may be broken or set at:
- SW 12.6.11.1M any swim meet involving two or more clubs that has been sanctioned by the Association or any of its affiliated branches
- SW 12.6.11.2M any official Swimming Australia meet, including those conducted or sanctioned by affiliated State Associations; World Aquatic World Masters meets; any Masters meet which has been sanctioned by World Aquatics or any of its affiliated members, subject to the approval by the National Recorder
- GR9 Sanctions
- GR 9.1 A sanction is the authority to conduct a swim meet in accordance with Masters Swimming or World Aquatic Rules
- GR 9.4 The Association may impose such conditions in relation to the granting of a sanction as it deems fit, which might include the form of application, information supporting applications, frequency of meets, insurance, medical arrangements, meet format, and qualifications of officials provided such conditions do not contravene the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of the Association.
- GR9.7 A Sanction may be granted, or granted subject to further conditions, or refused. The applicant will be advised of the granting of a Sanction. In the event of refusal, reasons will be given.
- GR 9.8 A Sanction may be revoked if the grantor becomes aware of circumstances that indicate the grantee will not be able to fulfil the conditions of the Sanction.
- GR9.9 A registered swimmer's times at a Sanctioned Meet may be submitted for record purposes.
- GR 9.10 If the Association is not satisfied that a sanctioned meet has been conducted in accordance with the sanction, it may take such action as it thinks fit, including but not limited to disqualification for any point score purposes, non-recognition of any log sheet hours for technical accreditation purpose and non-recognition of times for record purposes