

# Masters Swimming Australia – Records and Results Q & A



**Questions and Answers** regarding where and when swim times for masters swimmers can be attained and listed for National Top 10, World Top 10, Branch, National and World Records.

## **What is a sanction?**

A Sanction is the authority to conduct a swim meet in accordance with Masters Swimming or FINA Rules. (GR 9.1)

All swims listed in the portal must be sanctioned at club, branch, or national level. All club activities would have a branch sanction by default e.g., e1000 swims.

*Dual Sanction* could apply to events conducted by a non-masters organisation so that swims may be recognised for World Records and World Top 10 (MSA SW 12.6.11.2M; SW 12.6.11.5M; FINA SW 12.5.5M)

## **Which swims can be listed in the records/results portal?**

Any swims from activities including club events, branch meets, national championships, world championships, all masters games.

## **What are the categories of swims listed in the records/results portal?**

- Time trials – swum with one club present, one time recorded, e1000, pool maybe unsurveyed. There can be no records or World Top 10 listing.
- Interclub – swum with two or more clubs, minimum of two timekeepers (may include AOE, SAT), surveyed pool. Records at both branch and national level. Times acceptable for world top 10.
- International Meets – branch, national and world records, world top 10
- Postal – swum at club level, with one timekeeper, equivalent to time trial; refer to Guidelines for Conducting a Sanctioned National Postal Swim (Nov 2021)
- E1000 – swum at club level with one timekeeper, equivalent to time trial; swims at interclub, branch championships, international meets are also eligible for e1000
- Masters Games – includes regional, Pan Pacs, Australian Masters Games and World Masters Games; swims not recognised by FINA Masters for world records or world top 10

## **Participation Eligibility**

Who can have results and records in the MSA portal?

- A financial and active Club Member has the right to participate in National programs and competitions as well as Branch programs and competitions (MSA C9.2)

- A Club Member maybe be a member of more than one Club (MSA BL9.1), however the member must nominate and only swim for one club in any one Meet (MSA BL9.1.3)
- For a (swim) time to be recognised for inclusion in a National Top 10 list of Individual Events, the club member must be swimming for his or her MSA club and using his or her Masters Swimming Australia registration number. (MSA GR15.1.1)
- National Top 10 times and National Records (MSA SW 12.6.11M), however members must be domiciled in Australia or in the case of being overseas, must have been domiciled for a period of six months prior to the record being broken. (MSA SW 12.6.11M)
- World Records and World Top Ten times (FINA MSW 5.3) (MSA SW12.5.5.M) can only be set a masters meet and in which only swimmers registered as a club member of a FINA Member Federation participated).

*Note: if guests (MSA GR6.5) participate, times for all swimmers in the meet are excluded from WR and WTT.*

Meet Category	Guests	Survey	Nat TT	W TT	Records	Recommended Timekeepers	Officials	Notes and Rules
Time Trials	✓	NA	✓	×	Branch × National × World ×	1	Minimum	
Interclub (with AOE)	×	✓	✓	✓	Branch ✓ National ✓ World ✓	1 + SAT	SW 1.2M	MSA GR 15.2; SW12.6.12M, FINA SW 12.5.5.4M
Interclub (without AOE)	×	✓	✓	✓	Branch ✓ National ✓ World ×	2	SW 1.2M	MSA GR 15.2; SW12.6.12M
Branch Championships (with AOE)	×	✓	✓	✓	Branch ✓ National ✓ World ✓	1 + SAT	SW 1.2M	MSA GR 15.2; SW12.6.12M; FINA SW 12.5.5.4M
Branch Championships (without AOE)	×	✓	✓	✓	Branch ✓ National ✓ World ×	2	SW 1.2M	MSA GR15.2; SW12.6.12M
International Swims (with AOE)	NA	✓	✓	✓	Branch ✓ National ✓ World ✓	1 + SAT	SW 1.2M	For National and Branch Records, swimmer must swim for their MSA club (do not represent a Federation) MSA GR 15.1.1; and comply with SW 12.6.11.6.3M
Postal Swims	NA	NA	✓	×	Branch × National × World ×	1	SW 1.2M	GR 9.2.4; Refer to Guidelines; use to record 3,5,10 km swims

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Masters Games (with AOE)	NA	✓	✓	×	Branch ✓ National ✓ World ×	1 + SAT	SW 1.2M	After records are verified, swim meet converted to Time Trials; times not included in WTT submission
E1000 (aerobic)	NA	NA	✓	×	NA	1	At least 1	
Non-Masters (not sanctioned)	NA	✓	✓	×	Branch ✓ National × World ×	1 + AOE/SAT	SW 1.2M	Does not comply with MSA GR 15.1.1; FINA SW 12.5.5M; MSA GR 9.9A; MSA GR6.3
Non-Masters (dual sanctioned)	NA	✓	✓	✓	Branch ✓ National ✓ World ✓	1 + AOE/SAT	SW 1.2M	May comply with MSA GR 15.1.1; FINA SW 12.5.5M; MSA GR 9.9A; MSA GR6.3

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