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# The Great Public Schools' Association of Queensland

## RULES OF COMPETITION

### SWIMMING

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## 1. ADOPTED RULES

GPS Swimming competitions are conducted in accordance with the Rules of Swimming as recognised by FINA, except where these differ from the GPS competition Rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to all GPS By-laws, Policies and Procedures. These rules are to be read in conjunction information available on GPS Net.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

To compete in a GPS competition, students must meet the eligibility criteria stated in the GPS Eligibility Bylaw.

- 2.1 Students enrolled in Years 5 to 12 of a GPS member school are eligible to participate in the competition. All competitors must first be registered with the GPS Office.
- 2.2 Students may compete in only one (1) age group where their first event determines the division in which they will compete for the entire duration of the Championship.
  - a. Exception: Students may compete in age group events and all-age events at the GPS Championships.

### Individual Events

- 2.3 Students may only compete in three (3) individual events at the GPS Championships.
- 2.4 There is no restriction on the number of individual events that students may compete in at the Junior Championships, however they may only compete in one (1) division in any event.

### Relays

- 2.5 Students may only compete in one (1) relay event.

## 3. BEHAVIOUR

All misconduct by participants or other personnel that occurs during the normal proceedings of a Sport or Activity will be actioned as according to the Governing body and the GPS Code of Conduct.

## 4. STRUCTURE

GPS competitions must have a minimum number of five (5) teams from five (5) member schools competing in a division.

- 4.1 The competition will follow the schedule as set by the GPS Calendar and the Competition Draw.
- 4.2 Events will be conducted in age-groups 10 Years & Under to 16 Years & Under, Open events (18 Years & Under) and All-Age events.
- 4.3 The following events will be contested at the GPS Junior Championships:

Category	Events at GPS Junior Championships						
	(number of divisions)						
Boys 10 & Under	100m Freestyle (2)	50m Breaststroke (4)	50m Freestyle (8)	50m Backstroke (4)	50m Butterfly (2)	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (1)	4 x 50m Medley Relay (1)
Boys 11 & Under	100m Freestyle (2)	50m Breaststroke (4)	50m Freestyle (8)	50m Backstroke (4)	50m Butterfly (2)	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (2)	4 x 50m Medley Relay (1)
Boys 12 & Under	100m Freestyle (2)	50m Breaststroke (4)	50m Freestyle (8)	50m Backstroke (4)	50m Butterfly (2)	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (2)	4 x 50m Medley Relay (1)

4.4 The following events will be contested at the GPS Championships:

Category	Events at GPS Championships (one division per event)							
	Boys 13 & Under	50m Freestyle	50m Backstroke	100m Freestyle	50m Breaststroke	50m Butterfly	200m Freestyle	6 x 50m Freestyle Relay
Boys 14 & Under	50m Freestyle	50m Backstroke	100m Freestyle	50m Breaststroke	50m Butterfly	200m Freestyle	6 x 50m Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m Medley Relay
Boys 15 & Under	50m Freestyle	50m Backstroke	100m Freestyle	50m Breaststroke	50m Butterfly	200m Freestyle	6 x 50m Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m Medley Relay
Boys 16 & Under	50m Freestyle	50m Backstroke	100m Freestyle	50m Breaststroke	50m Butterfly	200m Freestyle	6 x 50m Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m Medley Relay
Boys Open	50m Freestyle	100m Backstroke	100m Freestyle	100m Breaststroke	100m Butterfly	200m Freestyle	6 x 50m Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m Medley Relay
Boys All-Age	400m Freestyle	200m Individual Medley						

## 5. OFFICIALS

5.1 The GPS Association, with the assistance of Swimming Queensland, will appoint qualified swimming officials for the Championships.

## 6. ADDITIONAL RULES

- 6.1 Uniforms of competitors and personnel must comply with the GPS Uniform Policy. The use of individual names of competitors on competition dress/caps/togs is not permitted. Racing briefs are the only acceptable apparel to be worn by competitors.
- 6.2 The replacement of competitors must be completed prior to marshalling using the GPS Championship Changes Form.
- 6.3 In all events, schools will compete in a designated lane as determined by the GPS Swimming Lane Rotation.

### Disqualification – GPS Junior Championships

- 6.4 A swimmer is permitted to swim if they are disqualified for starting before the starting signal was given, however they will be awarded zero (0) points.
- 6.5 A swimmer may not be disqualified for incorrect stroke providing they have made a legitimate attempt to perform the style of swimming designated for the event. The Judges of Stroke are asked to report any violations to provide feedback to the swimmer.
- 6.6 A swimmer who misses their division race will be permitted to swim in another race if there is a lane available. They will have a time recorded but zero (0) points will be awarded.

## 7. RESULTS

- 7.1 Points, Premierships and Championships will be awarded in accordance with the GPS Championships & Premierships Policy.
- 7.2 Reviews & Protests of results will be conducted in accordance with the GPS Reviews & Protest Policy.
- 7.3 Where n is the number of tied competitors in an event, the points awarded for that placing and the next (n-1) place(s) will be summed, divided by n, and awarded to all tied competitors.
- 7.4 A DQ will be awarded zero (0) points.

**GPS Championships**

7.5 The GPS Swimming Championships winner (champion school) will be the school(s) with the highest aggregate for all events contested at the GPS Swimming Championships.

7.6 Place points awarded for each event:

Event	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
All	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

**GPS Junior Championships**

7.7 The GPS Junior Swimming Championship winner (champion school) will be the school(s) with the highest aggregate for all events.

7.8 Place points awarded for each individual event:

Division	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
1	15	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
2	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
3	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
4	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1
6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1
8	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

7.9 Place points awarded for each relay event:

Division	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
1	30	24	20	18	16	14	12	10	8
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7.10 Ribbons will be awarded in every division for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

7.11 Event Records will be recorded by age group, not by division.

**1. CANCELLATIONS**

When required, cancellations will be conducted in accordance with the Abandonment of GPS Competitions and Activities Policy.

**2. AMENDMENTS**

No amendment to these Rules of Competition is authorised unless such amendment is issued by the Executive Officer of the GPS.