

SunSmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2018 - Race Briefing

The following information is subject to change. Updated 28 January 2018

Welcome

The organizers and sponsors welcome you to the SunSmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2018.

For an enjoyable and safe event please attend to the following:

The Course

Is a 3.6 km swim around the Busselton Jetty starting on the East side and finishing on the West.

The route is marked with yellow buoys; you should use these as a guide.

Today's swimming conditions are: *TBA - Weather Briefing for Swimmers to be announced.*

Wave Starts

Swimmers will start in waves in the following order:

Solo swimmers	Yellow swim cap	Wave A	08:00:00
Solo swimmers	Orange swim cap	Wave B	08:01:30
Solo swimmers	Green swim cap	Wave C	08:03:00
Solo swimmers	Pink swim cap	Wave D	08:04:30
Solo swimmers	Purple swim cap	Wave E	08:06:00
Solo swimmers	Red swim cap	Wave F	08:07:30
2 person relay, first swimmer	Blue swim cap	Wave G	08:10:00
4 person relay, first swimmer	White swim cap	Wave H	08:12:00

You must wear the swim cap provided. It indicates your start wave.

Each wave starts in the water with a 30 second call-up. Listen and move promptly when your cap colour is called.

Timing Bands and Race Number Tattoos

Swimmers will be timed and checked-in and out of the swim electronically with their timing band. Please check **NOW** that your band is secure on your left ankle and that your race number tattoo is applied and visible. If you do not have your timing band or tattoo please return to check-in following this briefing.

Marshalls will be checking for compliance.

Relay Swimmers

The four changeover points are:

- Jetty Platform East 1.0 km 4 person relay change
- Allies Landing 1.4 km 2 person relay change
- Observatory Platform 2.0 km 4 person relay change
- Jetty Platform West 2.6 km 4 person relay change

Relay swimmers should be aware that all landings are accessed by ladders.

Relay swimmers should know which relay point they are to start from and proceed there after this briefing.

Relay change-over points

The 2 person relay change-over at Allies Landing is marked with BLUE feather banners visible from the water.

The 4 person relay change-overs are marked with WHITE feather banners.

At each change-over there is a large pink buoy 20 metres out from the jetty with a line of floats between.

Swim between the jetty and the buoy to tag your team-mate at the line of floats. See the diagram in your check-in bag.

If you are not changing over at a relay point please swim **outside** the large pink buoys.

Marshalls will monitor swimmer conduct and safety.

By tagging your team-mate you are vouching for their safe arrival.

Team swimmers may "swim through" past the end of their swim leg but must exit the swim through an electronic timing point at the finish or at the foot of the jetty to record their safe exit from the event.

Post swim clothing - If you need a towel or clothing at the end of your swim leg ensure your team-mate takes it for you.

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The Finish

The finish is marked with two large chequered buoys, use these to line up for the finishing chute.

Your time will be recorded as you pass through the electronic timing point some metres past the finish arch.

Assistance will be available for swimmers having difficulty getting up the beach.

Please move promptly through the finish area to keep it clear for following swimmers.

Timing bands are collected as you leave the finish area. Continue up the ramp for your finisher's towel and back to check-in for fruit and water.

Provisional times will be available at the check-in tent or via Live Tracker on your mobile.

Official race times will be available at the presentation and at www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au

Withdrawal - DNF - DNS

If you withdraw or decide not to swim you must notify check-in as soon as possible and return your timing band.

Safety

Considerable effort goes in to maximising the safety of participants in this event.

On-water safety – Surf Life Saving (SLS) will be attending to on-water safety. SLS have jet skis, IRB's, surf skis, board paddlers, spotters on the jetty, life-saving equipment and radio communications. They are highly trained for this role and will be highly visible. They are your first option if you need help in the water; raise your arm to attract attention.

Follow the yellow buoys and keep a safe distance away from the Jetty. If you stray too far off course SLS will guide you back.

Tired swimmers may hang on to a ski or a float. You will not be disqualified unless your forward progress is aided.

Swimmers or support craft are not permitted to go under any part of the Jetty unless directed by race officials.

This event has been granted exclusive use of the waters surrounding the Busselton Jetty for the event.

Unauthorized craft and personnel may not enter the swim exclusion zone (within 250m of the Jetty).

Helicopter patrol – The surrounds of the swim will be patrolled for sharks prior to and during the swim. A trained SLS spotter will be in continuous radio contact with the SLS Swim Director.

Evacuation – The on the water emergency evacuation signals are: 3 short air horn blasts; raised red flags by spotters on the jetty; and continuous whistles by surf ski paddlers. If you see or hear any of these signals please exit the swim as directed by SLS personnel. There are ladders every 75 metres along the Jetty marked with red feather banners and the landings are marked by large pink buoys. Please follow directions given by the SLS officers on the water or via the public address system on land. The emergency muster point is on the beach in front of the main stage, west of the jetty.

Personal support craft – must be pre-approved, attend the SLS briefing and wear the hi-viz vest provided.

Stingers - Concerned swimmers should be prepared and take personal measures for protection.

First Aid - St John's have a first aid post with a paramedic and ambulance adjacent to the Check-in area. If you need help please go there. SLS also has first aid and resuscitation equipment on the beach, west of the finish area.

Fluid and energy replacement - Bottled water and fresh fruit are available at the finish.

Sun - Please use sunscreen, which is available at the first aid tent. Wear hats, cover up and seek out shade.

Smoking, alcohol, drugs – The SunSmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2018 is a smoking, alcohol and drug free event.

The Jetty Structure – Footwear is recommended when walking on the jetty. Watch out for the railway tracks.

The Jetty Train will commence operating at 11:00AM.

Personal responsibility - This is an ocean swim. You swim in an uncontrolled, natural environment. The weather, sea conditions, sea life, your own exertions and other factors introduce an element of risk. The organisers go to considerable lengths to keep you safe but ultimately it is your choice to swim today. Your welfare is your personal responsibility or the responsibility of your legal guardian.

If you are not officially entered in the Sunsmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2018 please do not swim while the event is in progress.

Further Information - Please ask one of the event crew in the Orange Crew Safety Vests or green Crew T shirts. **END**