

## Busselton Jetty Swim 2025 Swimmer Briefing: Team Swim



*The following information is subject to change. Updated 3 February 2025*

### Welcome

Busselton Jetty Swim is presented by local not-for profit organisation, Busselton Allsports Inc., managed by volunteer members of the Busselton community. We would like to welcome you to Busselton Jetty Swim 2025, our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

For a safe and enjoyable event please adhere to the following:

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

### The Course

- Swim out 450 metres, cross under the Jetty and swim 450m back along the Jetty to the transition point on the beach, to the west of the Jetty.
- The route is marked with pink buoys. The pink buoys are the turnaround point.
- For the 2 Person Team Swim
  - o Each swimmer will complete 2 laps of the course.
  - o The second swimmer will swim one full lap, then on the second lap they cross under the Jetty and swim to the finish.
- For the 4 Person Team Swim
  - o Each swimmer will complete 1 lap of the course
  - o The fourth swimmer will swim under the Jetty and to the finish

### Rolling Beach Start

- Please assemble on the beach by 2:00 pm
- The 500m Swim will start before the Team Swim
- You must wear the swim cap, swim number tattoo and timing chip provided
- The first swimmer from each 2 Person Team and 4 Person Team will start on the beach on the eastern side of the Jetty with a self-seeded rolling start.
- The 2 Person Teams will start, followed by the 4 Person Teams

### Team Transitions

- Spot your teammate as they swim towards the beach
- You must tag your team mate. By tagging your team-mate you are vouching for their safe arrival.
- Marshalls will monitor swimmer conduct and safety.

### Timing Bands and Race Number Tattoos

- Swimmers will be timed and checked-in and out of the swim electronically with the timing bands. Times will start recording as you cross the timing mat at the start line or at the Transition point.
- Team swimmers finishing at the Transition point will remove their timing band and hand to volunteers on the beach
- Swimmers swimming to the finish will remove their chips in the finish chute before entering the swimmer recovery area.
- Please check **NOW** that your band is secure on your left wrist and that your race number tattoo is applied and visible. If you do not have your timing band and tattoo, please return to check-in following this briefing.
- Marshalls will be checking for compliance.

## **The Finish**

- The finish is marked with two large, chequered buoys. Use these to line up the finishing chute and finish arch on the beach.
- Swim times will be recorded as you pass through the electronic timing point on the beach.
- Assistance will be available for swimmers having difficulty getting up the beach.
- Move promptly through the finish chute to keep it clear for following swimmers.
- Timing bands must be removed prior to entering the recovery area.
- Continue up the ramp to the recovery area for fruit and water.
- Provisional times will be available at the swimmer recovery area.
- Official race times will be available at the presentations and at [www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au](http://www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au)

## **NEW – Team Finish**

- Team swimmers may wait together at the finish to meet their final team swimmer and cross the finish together.

## **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, exit the swim as directed by SLS personnel.
- There are ladders every 75 metres along the Jetty marked with green feather banners.
- Follow directions given by SLS personnel on the water or via the public address system on land.
- The emergency muster area is the amphitheatre in front of the main stage

## **Withdrawal - DNF – DNS (did not finish / did not start)**

- If you withdraw or decide not to swim you must notify the Check-In crew 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.
- 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 from winning an award 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. Unauthorised craft and personnel may not enter the swim exclusion zone (within 250m of the Jetty).

## **Personal support craft**

Must be pre-approved, attend the SLS briefing and wear the Hi-Viz vest provided.

### **Bag Drop**

- For a gold coin donation to a local community group, there will be a bag drop available for all swimmers. It is located in the amphitheatre near the entry to the Jetty.
- Please no valuables

### **First Aid**

- There is a first aid post with a paramedic and ambulance adjacent to the recovery area. If you need help, please go there.
- SLS also has first aid and resuscitation equipment on the beach, near the finish area.

### **Stingers**

Concerned swimmers should be prepared and take personal measures for protection, such as wearing a rash vest or applying stinger cream. If stung, please see a Surf Life Saver or visit the medical tent near the swimmer recovery area.

### **Fluid and energy replacement**

Water and fresh fruit are available at the finish.

### **Sun**

Please use sunscreen, which is available at the Information tent in the amphitheatre. Wear hats; cover up and seek out shade.

### **Smoking, alcohol, drugs**

Busselton Jetty Swim is a non-smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes), zero alcohol and drug free event.

### **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.
- 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 Busselton Jetty Swim, please do not swim while the event is in progress.

**Further Information** - Please ask one of the event crew in the Green Crew shirts.