

Busselton Jetty Swim 2025

Swimmer Briefing - Kids Swim



The following information is subject to change. Last updated 26 January 2025

Welcome

The organisers and sponsors welcome you to the Busselton Jetty Swim 2025 Kids Swim. For an enjoyable and safe event please pay attention to the following:

The Course

220m swim around the jetty starting on the beach to the east of the small swimming Jetty, continuing around the Jetty towards the finish.

Swimming conditions are: *TBA - Weather Briefing for Swimmers to be announced.*

Rolling Beach Start

- Please assemble on the beach by 1:15 pm.
- Beach marshals will direct you to your starting groups and location by age
- Please allow enough time to move into place.
- At 1:30 pm swimmers will enter the water with a rolling start on the beach.

Electronic Bands and Race Number Tattoos

- Swimmers will be checked-in to the water when crossing the start mat and checked out when crossing the finish mat.
- Please check **NOW** that your band is secure on your left wrist and that your swim number tattoo is applied and visible. If you do not have your band or tattoo, please return to check-in following this briefing.
- Marshalls will be checking for compliance.

Post swim clothing

If you need a towel or other item at the end of your swim, ask your parent or supporter to take it to the swimmer recovery area for you.

The Finish

- The finish is marked with the finisher arch.
- You will be recorded as you pass through the electronic check point on the beach 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 so it is clear for following swimmers.
- Bands must be removed before entering the recovery area.
- Continue up the ramp to the recovery area for your finisher medal, fruit and water.

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

- If you withdraw or decide not to swim you must notify Check-in as soon as possible and return your electronic 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 water craft, personnel, 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. Raise your arm to attract attention.
- Tired swimmers may hang on to a ski or a float.
- 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.

Evacuation

- 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.
- Please follow directions given by the 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.

Stingers

Concerned swimmers should be prepared and take personal measures for protection including wearing rash vests and applying stinger cream. If stung, please see a Life Saver or attend the medical tent at the recovery area.

First Aid

There is a first aid post adjacent to the recovery area. If you need help, please go there.

Fluid and energy replacement

Water and fresh fruit are available at the finish.

Sun

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

Personal responsibility

- This is an ocean swim. You swim in an uncontrolled, natural environment. The weather, sea conditions, sea life, your own efforts, 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. Your welfare is the responsibility of you and your legal guardian.
- If you are not officially entered in the Kids 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.