

# Busselton Jetty Swim 2026

## Swimmer Briefing - Kids Swim



*The following information is subject to change. Last updated 3 February 2026*

### Welcome

Welcome to the Busselton Jetty Swim 2026 Kids Swim.

To help ensure a fun, safe, and enjoyable experience for all swimmers, parents, and supporters, please read the following information carefully.

### The Course

- The Kids Swim is a 220m swim around the swimming jetty
- The course starts on the beach to the east of the small swimming jetty, loops around the jetty, and finishes back on the beach.

### Rolling Beach Start

- Please assemble on the beach by 12:15 pm.
- Beach marshals will direct swimmers into their age-based groups and starting positions.
- Please allow enough time to move safely into position.
- At 12:30 pm, swimmers will enter the water via a rolling beach start.

### Electronic Bands and Race Number Tattoos

- Swimmers are checked into the water when crossing the start timing mat and checked out when crossing the finish timing mat.
- Please ensure:
  - Your electronic band is securely fastened to your left wrist
  - Your race number tattoo is correctly applied and clearly visible.
- Marshalls will be checking for compliance prior to entry.

### Post Swim Clothing

If you require a towel or clothing after your swim, please ask your parent or supporter to take these items to the Swimmer Recovery Area for you.

### The Finish

- The finish is marked by the finisher arch.
- Assistance is available for swimmers who may have difficulty exiting the water or walking up the beach.
- Please move promptly through the finish area to keep it clear for following swimmers
- Timing bands must be removed before entering the recovery area.
- Continue up the ramp to the Swimmer Recovery Area to receive:
  - Your finisher medal
  - Fresh fruit
  - Water

### Withdrawal

- If you withdraw from the swim, you must notify an official as soon as possible.
- Please return your electronic band to the finish area or Info Tent near the Swimmer Recovery area.

### On-Water Safety

Significant planning and resources are dedicated to maximising the safety of all participants.

- Surf Life Saving (SLS) personnel are responsible for on-water safety.
- SLS will be highly visible and equipped with:
  - Rescue water craft
  - Trained personnel
  - Life-saving equipment
  - Radio communications
- If you need assistance, raise one arm to attract attention.
- Tired swimmers may hold onto a rescue ski or flotation device.
- This event has exclusive use of the waters surrounding Busselton Jetty during the swim.
- Unauthorised craft or personnel are not permitted to enter the swim exclusion zone.

### Evacuation

Water emergency evacuation signals include:

- Three short air horn blasts
- Raised red flags by spotters on the Jetty
- Continuous whistles by surf ski paddlers

If you see or hear any of these signals:

- Exit the swim as directed by SLS personnel.
- Follow instructions given by SLS 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

- Swimmers concerned about stingers should take personal protective measures, such as:
  - Wearing a rash vests
  - Applying stinger cream.
- If stung, please seek assistance from a Life Saver or attend the Medical Tent located inside the Swimmer Recovery Area.

### First Aid

- A first aid post is located inside the Swimmer Recovery Area
- If you require medical assistance, please attend this area

### Hydration and Energy Replacement

- Water and fresh fruit will be available at the finish.

### **Sun Safety**

- Sunscreen is available from the Information Tent in the amphitheatre.
- Please remember to:
  - Apply sunscreen regularly
  - Wear hats
  - Cover up when possible
  - Seek shade

### **Personal Responsibility**

- This is an ocean swim conducted in an uncontrolled, natural environment.
- Weather, sea conditions, marine life, personal fitness, and other factors introduce inherent risk.
- While organisers take extensive measures to reduce risk, participation is a personal choice.
- The welfare of each swimmer remains the responsibility of the swimmer and their parent or legal guardian.
- If you are not officially entered in the Kids Swim, please do not enter the water while the event is in progress.

### **Further Information**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with one of our event crew wearing Green Crew shirts.