

Busselton Jetty Swim 2026

Swimmer Briefing – Simon's 500m Shortcut



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

Welcome

Welcome to Simon's 500m Shortcut 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 swim starts on the east side of the Jetty and finishes on the west side.
- The course is clearly marked with buoys. Swimmers will head out approximately 200 metres, round the buoy, then turn left and swim toward the finish line.

Rolling Beach Start

- Please assemble on the beach by 1:15 pm.
- Beach marshals will direct swimmers into their starting position. Please allow sufficient time to move into place.
- This is a self-seeded start:
 - Faster and more competitive swimmers should position themselves toward the front of the waiting area.
 - Slower or more relaxed swimmers are encouraged to start toward the back of the waiting area.
- The swim is scheduled to start at 1:30.
- This is a casual start, and you are welcome to line up and swim alongside friends or family.

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 supporter to take these items to the Swimmer Recovery Area for you.

The Finish

- The finish is marked by the finisher arch.
- Your time will be recorded as you pass through the electronic timing point on the beach.
- 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.
- There are ladders every 75 metres along the Jetty marked with green feather banners
- 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.