

Busselton Jetty Swim 2026

Swimmer Briefing for One Mile Swim to Shore

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Welcome

The organisers and sponsors warmly welcome you to Busselton Jetty Swim 2026.

For your safety and enjoyment, please read the following information carefully.

The Course

- Distance: 1.6km
- Start: Underwater Observatory ramp on the west side of the Jetty
- Finish: Beach onshore
- The course is marked with buoys. Swim between the buoys and the Jetty at all times.

Start Details - One Mile Swim to Shore

- Start time: 9:30 am
- Format: Self-seeded rolling start
- Allow at least 30 minutes to walk to the start at the end of the Jetty.
- Wear SunSmart clothing and bring a water bottle (free refill stations available).

Bag Drop

- Available at the foreshore and at the One Mile start (gold coin donation supporting local community group).
- Only the supplied bag may be used (fits t-shirt, hat, thongs, and water bottle).
- Additional items can be left at the foreshore bag drop near the Jetty entry.
- No valuables.
- Bag drop collection opens for One Mile swimmers on the foreshore at 10:30 am. Fast swimmers may need to wait for bags to return to the foreshore.

Swim Caps, Timing Bands & Number Tattoos

- Electronic timing is used to check swimmers in and out of the water.
- Your time starts when you cross the timing mat at the start.
- Before walking out onto the Jetty, check:
 - Timing band is secure on your left wrist
 - Race number tattoos are applied and visible

If missing, return to Check-In immediately.

Swim cap and tattoo must be worn at all times.

Ramp Entry

- Enter the water carefully and watch for swimmers below.
- Marshals will monitor conduct and safety at the ramp.

Emergency Evacuation

Emergency signals include:

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

If signalled:

- Exit the water immediately as directed by Surf Life Saving (SLS).
- Use ladders every 75 m along the Jetty (marked with green feather banners).
- Follow all directions from SLS personnel or PA announcements.
- Emergency muster point: Amphitheatre in front of the main stage.

The Finish

- Marked by two large chequered buoys aligned with the beach finish chute.
- Your time records as you cross the beach timing point.
- Assistance is available for exiting the water.
- Move promptly through the chute.
- Remove timing band before entering recovery.

Recovery Area

- Continue up the ramp for water and fresh fruit.
- Provisional times available in recovery.
- Official results: www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au

Withdrawals

If you withdraw or do not start:

- Notify check-in or race officials immediately
- Return your timing band and timing chip to the finish area or Information Tent

On-Water Safety

Surf Life Saving will provide:

- Jet skis, IRBs, surf skis, board paddlers
- Jetty spotters, rescue equipment, and radio communications

If you need help:

- Raise one arm to signal for assistance.

Additional rules:

- Stay inside the yellow buoys and clear of the Jetty.
- You may rest on a ski or float (no disqualification unless assisted forward).
- Do not swim under the Jetty unless directed by officials.
- Waters within 250 m of the Jetty are an exclusion zone for unauthorised craft.

Helicopter Patrol

A helicopter with a trained Surf Life Saving spotter will patrol before and during the swim, maintaining radio contact with the Water Safety Coordinator.

Personal Support Craft

Must be:

- Pre-approved
- Attend the Surf Life Saving briefing
- Wear supplied Hi-Viz vest

Jetty Structure Safety

- Footwear is recommended when walking the Jetty.
- Take care near railway tracks.
- Jetty Train operates from 11:00 am.

First Aid & Medical

- Medical tent, paramedic, and ambulance located at Swimmer Recovery Area.
- St John Ambulance Officers stationed at end of Jetty
- Additional Surf Life Saving first aid equipment near the finish.

Seek help immediately if unwell.

Stingers

- Consider a rash vest or stinger cream.
- If stung, see a Surf Life Saver or attend the medical tent at the Swimmer Recovery Area.

Hydration, Sun & Recovery

- Water and fresh fruit provided at the finish
- Sunscreen available at the Information Tent
- Wear hats, cover up and seek shade where possible

Smoking, Alcohol & Drugs

Busselton Jetty Swim is a smoke-free (including vaping), alcohol free and drug-free event.

Personal Responsibility

- This is an ocean swim in a natural, uncontrolled environment
- While extensive safety measures are in place, participation is at your own discretion
- Your welfare is your responsibility, or that of your legal guardian
- Only registered swimmers may enter the water during the event

Further Information

Please speak to any event crew member wearing Green Crew shirts if you require assistance.

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