

Busselton Jetty Swim 2026

Swimmer Briefing: Team Swim



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Welcome

Busselton Jetty Swim is proudly presented by local not-for profit organisation, Busselton Allsports Inc., and delivered by dedicated volunteer members of the Busselton community.

We warmly welcome you to Busselton Jetty Swim 2026, our 31st event.

For a safe and enjoyable experience, please read the following information carefully and follow all directions from event officials and water safety personnel.

The Course

Two Person Team

- Swimmer 1 swims 900m out, passes under the Jetty, and swims 900m back along the Jetty to the transition point on the beach (west of the Jetty).
- Swimmer 2 crosses under the Jetty near the beach, swims 900m out, passes under the Jetty, and continues to the finish line.
- The course is marked with pink buoys. The pink buoy indicates the turnaround point.

Four Person Team

- Each swimmer completes one lap of the course.
- The fourth swimmer passes under the Jetty and swims to the finish.
- The course is marked with green buoys. The green buoy indicates the turnaround point.

Rolling Beach Start

- Please assemble on the beach by 1:20 pm.
- The 500m Swim will start immediately before the Team Swim.
- All swimmers must wear the provided swim cap, race number tattoo, and timing band.
- First swimmers from both 2-Person and 4-Person Teams will start on the eastern side of the Jetty using a self-seeded rolling start.
- 2-Person Teams will start first, followed by 4-Person Teams.

Team Transitions

- Spot your teammate as they swim toward the beach.
- You must tag your teammate in the transition zone. By tagging them, you are confirming their safe arrival.
- Only Team Swimmers may enter the Team Transition Area.
- Marshals will monitor safety and swimmer conduct.

Timing Bands and Race Number Tattoos

- Swimmers are timed and checked in/out electronically using timing bands.
- Timing begins when crossing the start mat or transition timing mat.

- Swimmers finishing at the transition point must remove their timing band and hand it to volunteers on the beach.
- The final swimmer of each team will remove their band in the finish chute before entering the recovery area.
- Ensure your band is secure on your left wrist and that your race number tattoos are visible.
- If missing either item, return to Check-In immediately.
- Marshals will check for compliance.

On-Water Safety

Surf Life Saving (SLS) provides comprehensive water safety coverage.

- Resources include jet skis, IRBs, surf skis, boards, jetty spotters, rescue equipment and radio communications
- If you need assistance, raise one arm to signal for help

Important Safety Rules

- Stay inside the yellow buoys and maintain distance from the Jetty
- If you drift off course, SLS will guide you back
- You may rest by holding a ski or float (no disqualification unless assisted forward)
- Do not swim under the Jetty unless directed by officials
- The swim zone (within 250m of the Jetty) is closed to unauthorised craft

Emergency evacuation

Evacuation signals include:

- Three short air-horn blasts
- Red flags raised by jetty spotters
- Continuous whistle blasts from surf ski paddlers

If you see or hear any of these signals:

- Exit the water immediately as directed by Surf Life Saving personnel
- Ladders are located every 75 metres along the Jetty and marked with green feather flags
- Follow instructions from Surf Life Saving or the public address system

Emergency Muster Area:

Amphitheatre in front of the main stage.

Personal Support Craft

- Must be pre-approved
- Attendance at the SLS briefing is mandatory
- Hi-Vis vest must be worn at all times

The Finish

- Team swimmers may wait near the finish to join their final team swimmer and cross together.
- Official times are recorded when crossing the electronic timing point on the beach.
- Assistance is available for swimmers needing help exiting the water.

- Please move promptly through the finish chute to keep it clear.
- Timing bands must be removed before entering the recovery area.
- Continue up the ramp for fruit and water.
- Official results will be announced at the presentations and published at www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au

Withdrawals

If you decide not to start or decide to withdraw:

- Notify the Check-In team or an event official as soon as possible
- Return your timing band to the finish area

Awards

Presentations will take place at 3:30 pm on the beach near the finish.

Awards will be presented for:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall
 - 2 Person Teams
 - 4 Person Teams

Bag Drop

- Available for all swimmers at the amphitheatre (gold coin donation supports local community group)
- No valuables

The Busselton Jetty

Spectator Entry

Spectator access to Busselton Jetty on Saturday 7 February is \$5.00 per adult, valid from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

- Residents of the City of Busselton residents receive free entry with a valid resident pass.
- Residents are encouraged to register for their pass prior to event to avoid delays.

Stay Safe on the Jetty

- The Jetty Train will be operating throughout the day. Please remain alert at all times.
- Take care around the railway tracks and follow all signage and directions.
- Wear comfortable, flat footwear, as sections of the Jetty have uneven surfaces. Please mind your step.
- Protective footwear is recommended when walking on the Jetty.

Prohibited items

For safety reasons, the following are not permitted on the Jetty:

- Scooters, bicycles and skateboards
- Dogs and other animals. *Exception:* Accredited guide or support animals displaying appropriate authorisation.

City of Busselton Rangers will be onsite and actively enforcing these conditions.

First Aid

- Main medical post with paramedic and ambulance located inside the Swimmer Recovery Area
- SLS first aid personnel and equipment also available near the finish

Stingers

- Concerned swimmers should consider personal protection such as rash vests or stinger cream.
- If stung, seek assistance from a Surf Life Saver or visit a medical tent.

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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