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DSSA National Short Course Championships Rules of Competition

- Down Syndrome Swimming Australia has created these rules based upon the Federation International de Natacion Amateur (FINA), the National Governing Body (NGB) rules for Swimming and the Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation (DSISO) rules. FINA and/or NGB rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the DSISO rules, which will take precedence.
- Assistance onto the block will be allowed, however the competitor will not be allowed to be held by the assisting person. If the competitor needs to be held, diving from the block is NOT recommended.
- One start rule will apply.
- Any protests must be lodged with the Meet Director in writing within 30 minutes of the completion of the event concerned. The dispute committee will be made up of (1) State Representative, (2) the Meet Director, (3) Chief referee.
- Costumes/Bathers must be in strict accordance with the rules of the Australian Swimming Incorporation for any DSISO World or DSSA National Records to be recognised, (i.e. FINA approved and clearly marked as such).
- No person other than an official or swimmer about to compete shall enter the marshalling area and must remain there once assembled.
- All competitors must report to the marshals in the marshalling area wearing their ID cards on the lanyards.
- Only officials or swimmers about to race are allowed on pool deck.
- No unauthorised person shall walk on the pool deck during an event; this includes ALL parents and coaches.
- No person shall enter the pool between events.
- Swimmers are to swim in the lanes allotted or as instructed by the marshals.
- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the swimmers who place first, second and third overall. No heat medals will be awarded.
- Down syndrome Trisomy 21 and Down syndrome Mosaic swimmers will be awarded separately where appropriate (DSISO rule).
- International swimmers will be awarded accordingly but will not take the medal position of an Australian swimmer.
- If National Records are attained at this Championship, a certificate of recognition will be posted to swimmer.
- All World Records attained at this Championship will be ratified according to the DSISO rules and a medal awarded accordingly.