



SWIMMING SOUTH AFRICA GRAND PRIX #1

7 – 9 AUGUST 2026

AQUAPARK | 45 HARWIN ROAD | PIETERMARITZBURG

IMPORTANT MEET INFORMATION as at 3 AUGUST 2026

Dear Clubs

Our AquaPark team is very much looking forward to hosting you this coming weekend for the first Grand Prix meet of the season.

PRE-MEET POOL AVAILABILITY

- Swimmers wishing to use AquaPark any day this week up until and including Thur 6 August (05h00-18h00) may purchase a Day Pass via this link: <https://book.aquapark.co.za/1pricing>

PARKING

- Parking is safe and secure with space for up to 600 vehicles, including 5 designated bays for para-athletes.
- Parking will be charged as follows and can be paid with Cash or Card at the entrance gate.

	Per Vehicle
Friday	R30
Saturday All Day	R50
Saturday Per Session	R30
Sunday	R30
3-Day Season Ticket	R100

GATE ENTRY TIMES & TICKETS

Swimmers are asked to enter via the main entrance. Spectators and Officials to enter via the entrance on the left of the building. Sign boards will be in place to assist.

The schedule below is based on the Programme in place. Times are subject to alteration and will be announced. **Payment with Card or Cash.**

	Gates Open	Warm Up	Session Starts
Friday 7 Session 1	14h30	15h30	17h00
Saturday 8 Session 2	06h30	07h30	09h00
Saturday 8 Session 3	15h00	15h30	17h00
Sunday 9 Session 4	07h00	07h30	09h00

	12yr/under	12yr-64yr	65yr/over
Friday Session 1	R20	R40	R30
Saturday Session 2	R20	R40	R30
Saturday Session 3	R20	R40	R30
Saturday Full Day	R30	R60	R50
Sunday Session 4	R20	R40	R30
Full Competition Ticket	R60	R120	R90

PROGRAMMES

- Programmes will be printed for Coaches, Team Managers and Officials only and assigned based on the number of swimmers entered from each club.
- For parents and spectators, programmes will be available via WhatsApp at no cost.

VENDORS

AquaPark Aquatics	Bacon & Egg Rolls, Wors Rolls, Popcorn & Energy Drinks
Basibean Café	Coffee, Cookies & Brownies
Curehouse	Burgers, Biltong & Dry Wors
Chip n Dip	Hot Chips
Georgina Boswell	Pancakes & Bubble Tea
Swim Elite	Swim Equipment & Apparel
Swim Shop	Swim Equipment & Apparel

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- All officials must adhere to the established dress code, Navy blue bottoms –long pants, trousers, long skirts, shorts may be worn for morning sessions. White shirts will be worn unless sponsored shirts are provided.
- Behind the ETD area, we will have a screened area for Officials to help themselves to tea, coffee, etc. Lunch will be provided at the end of Saturday's morning session for all officials who were on duty on Saturday morning.
- Officials will also report in this same area before each session.

MEET RULES

- The Competition is held under the auspices of the SSA Rules and Regulations and the technical specifications of the sport as specified by World Aquatics.
- Events will run using 8 Lanes.
- The top 8 entries for 800m and 1500m Freestyle will be accepted. Swimmers who qualify will be notified immediately after the entries have closed and been processed. Swimmers who qualify for the 800m and 1500m Freestyle, must confirm their acceptance as soon as they have received confirmation of their entries.
- Withdrawal after acceptance will be subject to a penalty.

LATE ENTRIES

- Late Entries for all 4 sessions of the meet can be received at the Managers Meeting on Friday 7 August at 15h00.
- Late Entry fees are R1650 per event. Clubs will be invoiced for fees on completion of the gala. Should a swimmer have a NS during the meet (ie they did not scratch their late entry in time) the late entry fee will still be invoiced.

WITHDRAWALS

- Withdrawals for all sessions to be submitted on the attached form at the Managers Meeting on Friday 7 August.
- Should a withdrawal be necessary during the competition, they must be received by the conclusion of the session before (ie – withdrawals for Session 3 must be received no later than the end of Session 2)

RELAYS

- Relay names for Session 1 to be submitted at the Managers Meeting on Friday 7 August at 15h00
- Relay forms will be available from the Timing Desk throughout the competition. Teams are reminded that the names of the athletes competing in relay events, must be submitted to the Timing Desk on the pool deck no later than one (1) hour before the start of the session in which the relay takes place. Relay forms must list the athletes' name in the order they are to participate. Only Swimmers that have entered events may participate in the relays.

TEAM MANAGERS INFORMATION & TECHNICAL MEETING

- **AquaPark Pool Stands (ETD) | Friday 7 August | 15h00**
- All Team Managers to attend
- All Withdrawals and Late Entries must be finalized at the technical meeting.
- Only team managers are permitted to withdraw competitors/lodge objections/complaints etc.
- Team Managers and Coaches are invited to join the WhatsApp group (via link below or QR code shown):
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/D7OhyRMnBVr7dAfbBgt4OV>



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SESSION START TIMES

- Start times may be changed if the referee deems it necessary. The Start time may change due to the number of entries for that specific day.

WARM UP

- Prior to the competition, the competition pool is available for warm-up from when gates open. The Warm up pool will also be available for warm-up throughout the competition period.

CALL ROOM

- Athletes must report to the Call Room at least 15 minutes prior to the official start time of the event or at least three (3) heats before their heat is due to start.
- An Athlete may be disqualified for failure to report to the call room.

APPEALS

- All Appeals shall be dealt with in accordance with the rules prescribed by World Aquatics. In the case of a disqualification arising from a decision of fact, the Referee's decision will be final. Appeals arising out of a disqualification must be lodged in writing with the Referee of the competition, not later than thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the disqualification and or publication of results of the event. The above must be accompanied with an R1,000.00 fee

DOPING CONTROL

Competitors and officials are reminded that testing can be undertaken at any event

We look forward to hosting you at Grand Prix #1 and if you have any queries in the meantime, please contact your province or AquaPark: Email: mary@aquapark.co.za or WhatsApp: 060 412 4860

Wishing you safe travels to Pietermaritzburg 😊

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