



KWAZULU-NATAL AQUATICS

(AFFILIATED TO SWIMMING SOUTH AFRICA)
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SWIMMING SOUTH AFRICA GRAND PRIX #1 7 – 9 AUGUST 2026 AQUAPARK | PIETERMARITZBURG



AquaPark LOC on behalf of Kwazulu Natal Aquatics would like to welcome you to AquaPark, Pietermaritzburg for Grand Prix #1. We are looking forward to an exciting time of swimming in this new facility.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES FOR 2026

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.

All competitors must be registered members of a SSA Affiliate. Visiting athletes must be affiliated to World Aquatics affiliated member, and these members must have clearance from their Federation.

All Athletes shall represent their club.

This will be a 25m (SC) Competition. All events will be Timed Finals.

ENTRIES

- The meet is open to all swimmers 12yr/over with Level 3 times or faster (including times from 2025-26 season).
- Entries will be accepted for events with NT, as long as the swimmer fits the criteria above and enters at least one event for which they do have a time for
- Clubs, through their Provinces, may apply for an entry concession to the SSA Competitions Manager, for swimmers who have not achieved the qualifying standards. Swimmers will be assessed based on their current ranking. Applications should have been received before the closing date of entries
- Final list of session times and breakdown of event order will be published once entries have closed.
- 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.

- The Grand Prix will be an inter club competition.
- Entries will be processed the same way as for Age Group Competitions and to be sent from Club Secretaries to the Provincial entries manager.
- **Entry Fees are R165 per event entered** with no refunds on scratching
- **CLOSING DATE for Entries: Mon 20 July | Midday**

TEAM MANAGERS INFORMATION & TECHNICAL MEETING

- The managers/technical meeting will take place on Friday 7 August at 15h00
- Please could team managers and coaches email contact details for their coaches and team managers to Mary Phippen: mary@aquapark.co.za
- All Withdrawals, substitutions and late entries must be finalized at the technical meeting.
- Withdrawals during the competition will only be considered on valid medical reasons. Other withdrawals or no shows will be subject to a fine – amount TBC.
- Only registered coaches are permitted on the pool deck. SSA registration number might be required.
- Only team managers are permitted to withdraw competitors/lodge objections/complaints etc.
- Team Managers and Coaches will be invited to join a GP#1 WhatsApp group prior to the meet.

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.

PRE-MEET POOL AVAILABILITY

- Swimmers wishing to use AquaPark on 6 August (05h00-18h00) may purchase a Day Pass via this link: <https://book.aquapark.co.za/1pricing>

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.

RELAY FORMS

- Relay forms will be available from the Help Desk. Teams are reminded that the names of the athletes competing in relay events, must be submitted to the Help 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.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- All participating clubs must submit the names of available, qualified, experienced technical officials for appointment of duties to the LOC by the due date, 24 July 2026.
- All participating clubs must supply names of available Technical Officials for all session where they have swimmers participating.
- The appointment of Technical Officials will be done by the LOC.
- 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.
- Guideline to number of **officials** that should be available for **duty per session** if required:

1-10 Swimmers	2 Officials	1 x Judge 1 x TK
11-20 Swimmers	3 Officials	2 x Judge 1 x TK
21-40 Swimmers	4 Officials	2 x Judge 2 x TK
41+ Swimmers	5 Officials	3 x Judge 2 x TK

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	R50
Sunday	R30
3-Day Ticket	R100

GATE ENTRY TIMES & TICKETS

The schedule below is based on the Programme in place. Times are subject to alteration and will be announced.

	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

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

Kind regards,

KZN Aquatics and AquaPark LOC