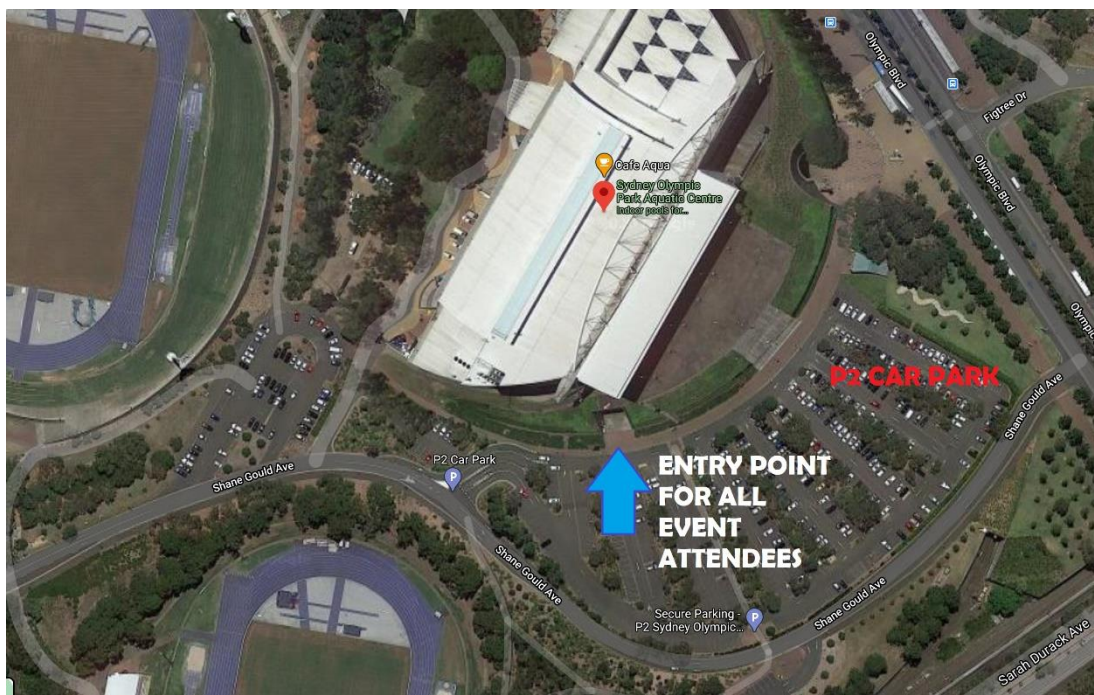


## Swimming NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be several important changes to how this meet will be run compared with other Swimming NSW meets.
- Swimming NSW will be running this event as a closed event. This means all Competitors, Officials & Coaches must have pre-registered for this event in and advance and all spectators must have pre-purchased a ticket.
- Additionally, all parts of SOPAC that are not being used for our event will be not accessible to our event attendees. Please note that Food Concessions will open to purchase food & drinks exclusively for Swimming NSW event attendees.

### ENTERING THE VENUE

- There will be one entry and exit point for all event attendees, including Competitors, Officials, Coaches, Support Staff and Spectators. Please refer to map below.
- **Due to the venue configuration, spectators will not have access to the competition areas or the Competitors Grandstand, so if spectators wish to meet up with the competitors during the event, they will need to meet in the Spectator Grandstand or outside the venue.**





**ALL EVENT ATTENDEES ENTRANCE**

### **MEET PROGRAM & TIMELINE**

The meet program & timelines are now available to [download here](#). The program of events is final. No reseeding or modifications to lane allocations will be made, except as outlined below (under Marshalling) for 400m events and above. If you need to withdraw from an event, please let the Referee know as soon as possible on the day.

### **SPECTATOR TICKETING**

- Spectator Tickets must be pre-purchased for each day and cannot be purchased at the door
- Both electronic & paper tickets are accepted
- For those yet to purchase a ticket, please ensure you do so prior to the event. Seats will be allocated via *ticketbooth* and cannot be changed.
- There will be staff in both Grandstands to oversee competitors and monitor social distancing
- We ask that you arrive no earlier than 1.5 hours before your first event and leave the venue as soon as your events have been completed to assist in managing numbers at the venue.
- Ensure athletes have all belongings (food, water, swimmers, goggles etc) with them when they enter

### **COMPETITOR SEATING AREAS**

- General Admission Competitor Tickets will be emailed out to all competitors in advance of the meet. These tickets will be sent from a *Ticketbooth* email address, not a SNSW address.
- Competitors can show a printed or electronic copy upon entry. Should a competitor not receive their ticket prior to the meet, SNSW will assist you at the door.
- Competitors will be able to sit in the Competitor Grandstand or also in the Spectator Grandstand, as long as social distancing is observed.
- We ask that all competitors do the right thing and sit in allocated seating areas at all times when not warming up/down or competing

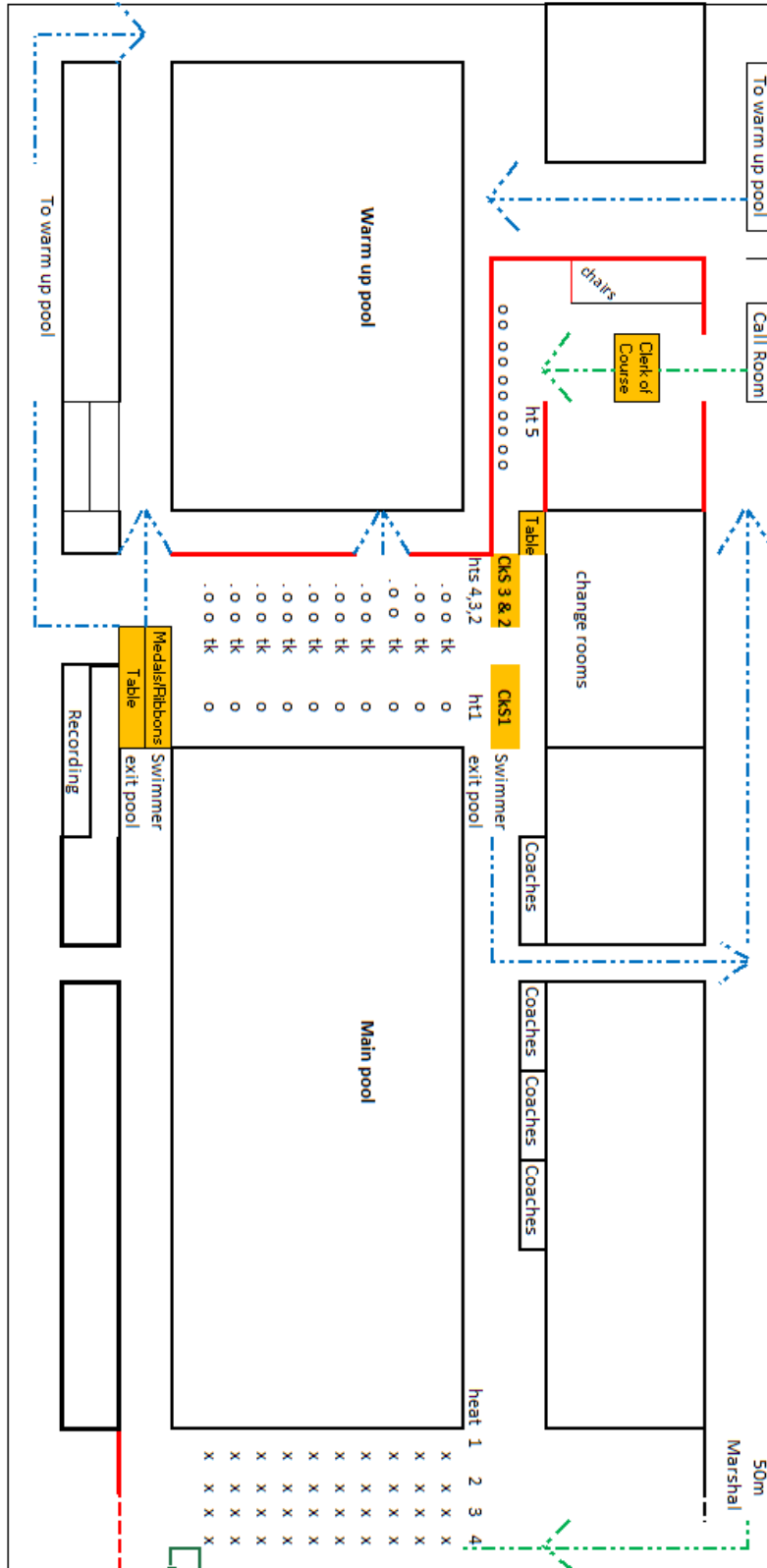
### ASSISTED SELF MARSHING

- Swimmers are responsible for being ready to take their position on the starting platform or in the water when whistled up by the Referee.
- Swimmers will have assisted self-marshalling at this meet. Check Starters will be available to assist, support and direct swimmers on the pool deck when requested by the swimmer. The Clerk of Course in the marshalling area will indicate when the next heat is required to move to the chairs behind the blocks.
- Swimmers are expected to know what event, heat and lane they will be swimming in from the published program.
- There will also be copies of the race sheets posted in the Marshalling area.
- Swimmers will **report to the chairs behind the blocks**, for their event preferably via the marshalling area, as per the following process. **The fastest heats will report first.**

In order to avoid congestion and ensure social distancing, please note that swimmers need only be available to enter the marshalling area or chairs behind the blocks

- **four (4) heats prior** to their heat for 50m, 100m and 200m events.
- For events 400m and more, **two (2) heats prior** to their event.
- The **first heats of sessions** should report **5 minutes prior** to the scheduled start time.
- There will be chairs behind the timekeepers (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Events) at the start end and also chairs put behind the starting blocks at the bridge end of the pool (50m Events).
- After the start of the previous heat, swimmers may progress to the next deck chair position without causing any interference to Technical Officials. Swimmers are expected to be at the chair ready for the whistles to start their heat.
- Swimmers will not be prevented from swimming if they only make it to their seat one heat prior to their event (This is a guide only to allow the event to flow. Leniency will be employed by Referees whilst this process is initially implemented). If a swimmer misses their heat, they must alert a Technical Official and they will be placed in a spare lane if, it becomes available.
- The Referee will ultimately make decisions as to entitlement to swim.

The below map indicates the pool layout for Marshalling



### MEDALS

- Unfortunately at this year's Senior Metropolitan Championships there will not be any formal medal presentations. After results have been finalised, medalists will be announced & medal recipients will collect their medals from the medal table on pool deck (near the utility pool).
- Top 10 finalists can also collect finalist ribbons from this table.
- Please ensure medals & ribbons are collected at the completion of the session in which they are achieved.

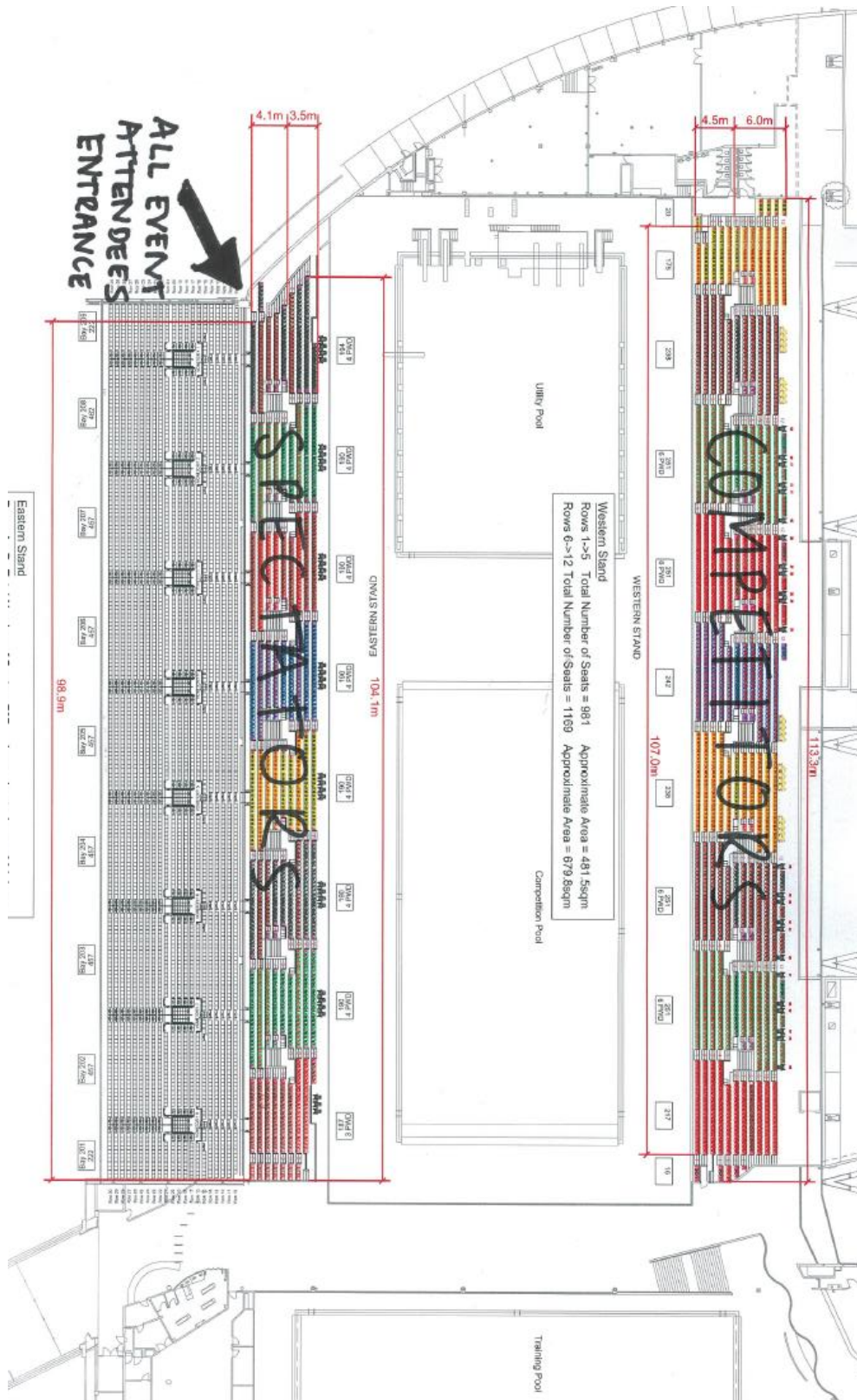
### MERCHANDISE

- Merchandise will be available to purchase on the day from the merchandise stand at the front entrance.
- Get in quick to avoid disappointment, available until stocks last

### COACHES PRE-REGISTRATION

- All coaches are required to pre-register their intention to attend the Senior State Age Championships- please [register here](#) if you are yet to do so
- Coaches will be required to show ASCTA accreditation to the door staff on arrival and will be required to wear this accreditation on a lanyard around their neck at all times whilst present in the venue. Failure to show ASCTA accreditation will result in denied entry.
- If coaches don't have a physical card, they can access their digital membership card and print it out via Swim Central. Here are [instructions to help you with finding and printing your digital membership card](#).
- When present in the venue, coaches are only permitted access to pool deck and the Athlete/Coaches grandstand, and cannot enter the Spectators grandstand or other parts of the venue.
- Coaches are not permitted entry to the Athlete bathrooms and must use the Coaches or Officials bathrooms only.

**VENUE SEATING MAP**



### INSIDE THE VENUE

- As noted above, the concession stand on the Western side of the Grandstand will open available to purchase food & drinks exclusively for Swimming NSW event attendees.

### PARKING

SOPAC now has License Plate Recognition Parking. Please see instructions below instructions.



#### **Step 1**

**Drive in and park your car**

**Note: Remember your license plate**



#### **Step 2**

**Carnival Spectators will be able to collect a 4 hour Free Parking voucher upon exiting, at the Spectators (or athletes) Entry/Exit Point from a SNSW staff member**



#### **Step 3**

**Before returning to your car**

- **Visit Auto Pay Station – 2 locations outside car park near the front entrance and near the gates.**
- **Enter your license plate details.**
- **Scan voucher that you received**
- **This voucher grants you 4 hours free parking. Every hour after that is \$6.**
- **Pay any applicable fee (if required).**

**Drive out at the exit gates within 15 minutes of paying for your parking.**

### Questions?

Should you have any further questions relating to this meet, please email

[greta.brodie@nsw.swimming.org.au](mailto:greta.brodie@nsw.swimming.org.au). We will endeavour to reply to ASAP you prior to the meet.