



# **FIELD OF PLAY ACCESS POLICY**

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## 1. Introduction

Swimming New South Wales (SNSW) recognises that, from time to time, various people have the need to access the field of play during swim meets. By necessity access to this area is restricted and only persons authorised by SNSW are permitted access.

Authorised persons include but are not limited to:

- Appointed Technical Officials & volunteers (*must have a valid Working with Children Check*)
- Swimmers who are entered in events of the swim meet
- Accredited coaches who are current members of Swimmers, Coaches and Teachers Australia (scta)
- One pre-nominated team manager who has been approved by Swimming NSW (*must have a valid Working with Children Check*)
- Sport Science staff who have been approved by Swimming NSW (*must have a valid Working with Children Check*)
- SNSW
- Security personnel and venue lifeguards
- Volunteer timekeepers
- Media personnel
- Swimming NSW invited guests

all of whom require physical access to pool deck and the field of play as part of their function.

The granting, controlling, and monitoring of the physical access to the pool deck and the field of play is critical to ensuring the safety of all members, staff, participants and volunteers.

***This access privilege may be revoked at any time by the Board, its authorised representatives, or the Technical Manager.***

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Field of Play Access Policy is to establish the rules for the granting, controlling, monitoring and removal of physical access to the pool deck and field of play.

The field of play is defined as the competition area (pool or open water course), any warm up and swim down designated area, the marshalling/registration and ready areas, recording and electronic timing rooms, the deck area surrounding the main competition pool to a distance of two metres if the spectator area is not on a separate level, the presentation dais and interview area (collectively called the “field of play”).

This Policy applies to all individuals within a venue that is under the control of Swimming NSW and/or its Areas for the purpose of swim meets that are authorised, hosted, run by, or for and on

behalf of, Swimming NSW and/or its Areas or such other entities that have applied for and received approval to run a swim meet by Swimming NSW and/or its Areas.

### **3. Physical Access**

3.1 The field of play is restricted to Persons authorised from the start of the publicised warm up time, or if no warm up time is publicised, one hour prior to the advertised start time of the swim meet until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event of each day of the swim meet.

3.2 Only swimmers, technical officials and the Technical Manager are permitted access to the marshalling area.

3.3 Apart from swimmers, technical officials, Swimming NSW staff all other Persons authorised must wear and display at all times appropriate accreditation (as is determined by SNSW). This identification may be specifically issued or of a nominated style, i.e. scta membership card displayed in a plastic clip on pouch or worn on a lanyard.

3.4 Failure to display appropriate accreditation will result in immediate loss of access to the field of play and removal there from. Providing an unauthorised person with the use of a person authorised accreditation will result in the immediate loss of access to and the removal of all persons concerned from the venue.

3.5 Swimming NSW staff shall keep a record of all invited guests who are granted access to the field of play.

3.6 Parents and persons providing assistance to multiclass / para athletes are permitted to access the Field of Play solely for the purpose of assisting their respective athlete/s subject at all times, to the approval of the Technical Manager and the session Referees.

3.7 The Field of Play Access Policy shall apply at all times to the following areas at all SNSW Open Water meets:

- Registration and athlete numbering areas
- Athlete briefing area
- Feeding pontoons
- The course during times that events are being conducted in Starters and Turn Judges situated on land adjacent to the course
- Finishing, Recording and Control areas and Technical Officials briefing areas
- First aid area.