



The Darling Downs Regional
Swimming Association

welcomes all clubs to the

2026

**Darling Downs Country
Swimming
Championships**

Hosted by the Dalby Dolphins Swimming Club

Saturday, 17th January, 2026

Gates Open: 7.45m – Warm-Up: 8.00am-8.45am – Start 9.00am sharp

Welcome

On behalf of the Darling Downs Regional Swimming Association and the Dalby Swimming Club, we extend a warm welcome to all swimmers and their families to the 2026 DDRSA Country Championships. We especially thank our DDRSA officials for being here today and acknowledge their continued dedication to swimming across the Darling Downs.

Best wishes to all swimmer for your events today. We trust that your visit to Dalby is enjoyable.

QUALIFYING MEET

This meet is a Qualifying meet and the officials will not be applying the rule tolerances to any age groups. Under World Aquatics and Swimming Australia rules, swimmers in the 7&U age groups cannot be disqualified under any circumstances.

In all other age groups, the Swimming Australia rules will be enforced.

All times from this meet will be forwarded to Swimming Queensland and the Region.

These times will be used by the region for various awards and selection purposes.

Competition Information:

1. Warm-up period from 8.00am and the pool to be cleared by 8.45am. During warm up, diving is permitted in Lanes 1 & 8. **SHALLOW DIVE ONLY**. The meet will commence at 9.00am.
2. Self-marshalling will be used. All swimmers must report at least one event prior to their event. Swimmers are to remain in the marshalling area until requested to move to the pool deck by officials. Any competitor who goes straight to the blocks may be denied a start.
3. Heats may be consolidated at the discretion of the referee, they will not be reseeded.
4. In all events, heats only will be swum (no finals) and placings will be determined by times swum.
5. Medallions will be awarded to the first three placings in each event as indicated on the flyer. Multiclass Medals shall be awarded based on the Para Sports Point Score.
6. The FIRST start shall be the ONLY start and in the event of a swimmer initiated a start before the starting signal, there will be NO recall and the starter will allow the race to proceed. Disqualification will proceed on the recommendation of the starter in concurrence of the Referee. Swimmers are to be in mindful of the rules regarding delaying the start and wilfully disobeying an order has associated penalties.
7. The official time and placing will be displayed when available. This may vary from the time displayed on Meet Mobile.
8. In nominating for this event, swimmers agree that they may be photographed by the DDRSA approved photographer and the photos may be used by the DDRSA in its publications and on its website.

Participating Clubs:

1	ALLOR	ALLORA ASC INC	2		
3	CHARL	CHARLEVILLE SC	4	CHINC	CHINCHILLA SC INC
5	TJSC	CONCORDIA TURBO JETS SC	6	CUNNA	CUNNAMULLA ASC INC
7	DALBY	DALBY & DISTRICT SC INC	8	FAIRH	FAIRHOLME ASC
9	GATTN	GATTON SC INC	10	GOOND	GOONDIWINDI SC INC
11	HIGHF	HIGHFIELDS ASC INC	12	INGLE	INGLEWOOD SC
13	MITCH	MITCHELL ASC INC	14	MILES	MILES SWIMMING CLUB
15	PITTS	PITTSWORTH & DISTRICT ASC	16	ROMA	ROMA SC
17	INJUN	INJUNE SWIMMING CLUB	18	STANT	STANTHORPE AS & LSC
19	TSS	TSS AQUATIC INC.			
20	TGSC	TOOWOOMBA GRAMMAR SC	21	WARW	WARWICK SC INC
22	GLENN	THE GLENNIE	23	TEAC	TEAM ACADAMY
24	WSTAQ	WESTERN AQUATICS INC	25	RSTWB	RACKLEY SWIM TEAM TOOWOOMBA

OFFICIALS

Meet Director	Troy Chandler
Technical Manager	Garry Gibson
DDRSA Officials	Shannon Armbruster, Jenny Gibson, Mona Anau, Alicia Gower
Officials Assessor	Garry Gibson Shannon Armbruster
Starter	Mona Anau
Chief Timekeeper	Dalby Swimming Club
Recorders	Amanda Bliesner, Bruce Gower
Marshallers	Dalby Swimming Club
Check Starters	Dalby Swimming Club
Announcer	Dalby Swimming Club
Presentation Steward	Dalby Swimming Club
Photographer	TBC

TIMEKEEPERS

The DDRSA Country Championships is a Qualifying Meet, sanctioned by Swimming Queensland. To ensure each time swum meets the requirements, 2 timekeepers are needed for each lane for the Semi-Automatic Timing

Morning Session – Events 1 - 38							
Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6	Lane 7	Lane 8
CHIEF Western Aquatics	Warwick Warwick	Stanthorpe Stanthorpe	Inglewood Inglewood	Dalby Dalby	Allora Allora	Warwick Warwick	Goondiwindi Goondiwindi
Afternoon Session – Events 39 - 66							
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System at this meet.

REMINDER

Development Clinic, Sunday 18th January, 2026

- On Sunday, coaches, swimmers and parents are invited to attend a clinic hosted by DDRSA coaches. This is an ideal time for coaches to meet each other and provide their input for the future development of swimming in the Darling Downs Region.
- The coaches for the clinic are:
 - Naomi Ferre (Inglewood)
 - Troy Chandler (TJSC)
 - Matteo Melis (TGSC)
 - Mick Winton (Fairholme)
 - Craig Tobin (Dalby)

Officials Trainer / Assessor

- Garry Gibson and Shannon Armbruster are the Officials Assessors for this meet. The Country Championships is an ideal time for members to be assessed in Official positions and to help their club meet their obligation to have accredited officials at their club meet. If any member needs further information, please ask.

Rules:

1. All events are conducted under World Aquatics rules.
2. One start rule will apply.
3. All swimmer must report to the marshalling area when asked.
4. Swimmers must swim in their allocated lane unless otherwise directed.
5. Place-getters, First, Second and Third in all events will be judged on the times swim in any heat and these swimmers will receive medallions. No finals shall be swum.
6. No unauthorised person is to stand on the concourse after the commencement of the carnival.
7. Competitors moving around the pool concourse must ensure they do not interfere with the officials' ability to conduct their specific duties.
8. Timekeepers will not give swimmers their times. Times will be posted (when applicable) or available on Meet Mobile. They will be verified through Swim Central after the completion of the meet.
9. The Referee will settle all disputes that may arise within their jurisdiction and their decision will be final.
10. Age of swimmer is actual age on the day of the meet.
11. Points will be awarded (6,3,1) to the official place getters in each Age Division.
12. Semi-Automatic timing will be used. This is a Long Course Qualifying meet.
13. Eligibility to compete in the 2025 Country Championships is restricted to DDRSA affiliated clubs. Visitors may participate, however, are ineligible for medals or awards.

Trophies:

1. The boy and girl of each age division obtaining the most number of points in their eligible events will receive Age Champion award.
2. The trophies will be awarded to the male and female of each age group who gains the highest aggregate points in the 50m and 100m events as listed, excluding the 200m events. It is not compulsory to enter all events, however the swimmer must be nominated in at least three age events to be eligible for the Age Champion trophies.
3. The 11-12 years Distance swimmer trophy will be awarded to the male and female who gains the highest aggregate points over the 5 x 200m events.
4. The 13 years and Over Distance trophy will be awarded to the male and female who gains the highest aggregate points over the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m events. The 13years and Over Distance swimmer trophy will be finalised following the Regional Championships where the country swimmers can gain points in the 200m Butterfly, 800m and 1500m events. It is not compulsory to enter every event, however the swimmer must be nominated in at least three distance events to be eligible for the Distance Champion trophies.
5. The Country Club trophy will be awarded to the club who gains the highest aggregate points over all events.
6. The swimmer of the meet trophy will be awarded to the male and female who sets the greatest number of Country Championship records. These trophies will be finalised following the Regional Championships where the country swimmers can gain points in the 200m Butterfly, 400, 800m and 1500m events.
7. The 200m Butterfly will now be contested as a part of the 2025 DDRSA Regional Championships and points will be awarded accordingly following that meet.
8. The full list of awards criteria is available on the DDRSA website.

Relays:

Marvyen Whittaker – 12 years and Under:

- ⊙ 12 years & under - must consist of two boys and two girls.
One swimmer from the following age groups:
10yrs & under, 11yrs and Under, 12yrs and Under, and one other swimmer 12 years or under. ALL SWIMMERS MUST BE 8 and OVER

Bob Wharton 13 years and Over:

- ⊙ 13 years & over - must consist of two boys and two girls.
One swimmer from the following age groups:
13yrs age group, 13–14yrs age group and 13-15 yrs age group and one other swimmer 13 years & over

TEAMS THAT DO NOT MEET THE AGE CRITERIA WILL BE ENTERED AS EXHIBITION TEAMS ONLY

2026 PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Country Age, Distance and the Country Perpetual Trophies will be presented at a function with date and venue to be confirmed.

DDRSA AGM

The DDRSA AGM will be held in May, 2026

(Venue TBC)