



**Ballarat Swimming Club
and
Shayne Reese Swimming
Proudly Present
2026 Top Five Series**



Ballarat Aquatic & Lifestyle Centre
Gillies Street North, Ballarat

PROPOSED QUALIFYING MEETS

Meets 1 & 2: **SHORT COURSE**

Meets 3 & 4: **LONG COURSE**

Entry: **9:45am**
Warm Up: **10:00am -10:30am**
Competition Starts: **10.45am**

NOTE: *All events will have Multi-Class results published separately and points will contribute towards the MC category for the overall series*

EVENT #	AGE	DISTANCE	MEET 1	MEET 2	MEET 3	MEET 4
			SHORT COURSE		LONG COURSE	
1	12 & Over	200m	Breast	Free	Breast	Free
2	Open	50m	Free		Free	
3	9 & Under	25m	Fly		Not Available	
4	Open	100m	IM		Not Available	
5	10 & Over	100m	Back		Back	
6	Open	50m	Fly		Fly	
7	10 & Over	100m	Breast		Breast	
8	9 & Under	25m	Back		Not Available	
9	12 & Over	200m	Free	Back	Free	Back
10	9 & Under	25m	Breast		Not Available	
11	10 & Over	100m	Fly		Fly	
12	Open	50m	Back		Back	
13	9 & Under	25m	Free		Not Available	
14	Open	100m	Free		Free	
15	Open	50m	Breast		Breast	
16	12 & Over	200m	Fly	IM	Fly	IM



MEET	COMPETITION DATES 2026	ENTRIES CLOSE 11:59PM ON
1	Saturday 23 May (SC)	Saturday 16 May
2	Saturday 25 July (SC)	Saturday 18 July
3	Saturday 10 October (LC)	Saturday 3 October
4	Saturday 7 November (LC)	Saturday 31 October

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Entries

- Online entries only for both age and MC swimmers – **no late, phone or email entries will be accepted**
- Multi-class swimmers please email entries@ballaratswimmingclub.org.au with a copy of your MC card details and to also confirm whether you will be swimming as a Multi-class or age group swimmer for the entire series
- Athlete roster available as soon as possible after entry closing date on Swim Central and www.ballaratswimmingclub.org.au
- **Please check this carefully** and email any errors to entries@ballaratswimmingclub.org.au by 12 noon on Tuesday before the meet
- Organisers are under **no obligation** to amend incorrect entries after this time
- **No changes will be made on the day of the meet**
- No refunds or credit will be given for withdrawals

Costs

- \$14 for events 50m and over
- \$7 for 25m events
- Free entry to pool for all

Swimmers- Both Age and Multi-Class

- A swimmer may contest a maximum of **4 events per meet**
- Age as at the **23rd May 2026**
- No swimmer will be permitted to swim out of their age group
- **Multi-class swimmers will be able to compete all events as multiclass rather than their respective age group.** Multi-Class swimmers can enter any event as specified by their age ie. they must still be 12 & over to compete in the 200m freestyle. At the completion of the event, Multi-class results will be published along with the events retrospective age results. Before competing, Multi-Class swimmers will need to select to compete the entire Top Five Series as either a Multi-Class swimmer or as an age group swimmer, as their points will be accumulated and contribute toward their overall Top Five Series score.
- **Registered swimmers only** may compete
- **All swimmers competing in the 11/U events must comply with the SV race suit rule**



Meet Information

- At Meets 1 & 2 the pool will be configured for 25m; at Meets 3 & 4 the pool will be configured for 50m
- Electronic SAT timing with touchpads will be used
- Starting will be over the top when required
- 25m events in Meet 1 & 2 will start from south (boom) end of pool
- Meet program will be available for download on the Swim Central and Ballarat Swimming Club websites prior to the meet
- A hard copy of results will be posted on the day on the south wall of the 50m pool and also on Meet mobile

Point Scoring for Top Five Series

- A swimmer (Age and MC) must compete in **3 of the 4 meets to be eligible** for a trophy or certificate
- A swimmer can accumulate points for each age group/or MC, gender, stroke and distance **across all 4 meets**
- A swimmer must place in the Top 5 places in an event to gain points (with the exception of MC swimmers who will be scored using their multiclass results from each event across the series)
- A swimmer may contest an event more than once, but points gained will apply **only once in any short-course event and only once in any long-course event** (excluding Multi-Class)
- The winner in each category will be the swimmer with the highest number of points
- **The categories are male and female for each age group (7 & under, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 & over).**
- **Multi-class will be scored as mixed gender only.**
- **Any queries regarding the scoring system should be raised before the start of Meet 1**

