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DOING THE SWIM

How far is the swim?

The full course is 3.5 km: Swimmers enter the water on the shore adjacent to the Dawesville Cut in the the Dawesville estuary. The swim enters the Dawesville Cut Channel and proceeds the entire length of the channel exiting into the open ocean where the final 700m will be completed heading through potential swell and surf to end on the beach in front of the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club.

The Short Course is 2.25km: Swimmers follow the same route as the Full Course, though the swim is completed adjacent to a jetty 2.25km from the start and approximately 500m prior to the ocean end of the Dawesville Cut Channel.

Can I swim around the Groyne (Full Course - 3.5km)?

This would be dependent upon your training and personal fitness. We cannot advise you on this. Whilst race conditions will vary according to prevailing weather and tidal movement, it should be noted that it is anticipated that the majority of the course will be a flat water swim with minimal tidal flow. The 3.5km swim involves leaving the Dawesville Cut channel and entering the open ocean with potential for swell and waves to contend with. This should only be attempted by competent and capable swimmers. Minimum Age is 16 years.

Do I have to swim around the groyne?

No, with the 2.25km short course event ending prior to the ocean within the Dawesville Cut, there are two distance options for a swimmer to choose from.

Can I have a support paddler?

No. On-water safety and support is provided by Surf Life Saving and personal support paddlers are not permitted.

Are there jelly fish or stingers?

No

How many people participate in the swim?

Maximum participant numbers for 2020 is 270 Swimmers and 30 SUPs.

Can I swim with my child during the Swim?

The minimum swim is 2.25km and should only be attempted by competent swimmers. The only way you can swim with your child is to enter as a participant yourself. There is no provision for support swimmers.

How is my Swim Timed?

Timing bands are provided on loan for the duration of the swim. All timing bands must be returned at the end of the race, penalties will apply for failure to do so - see Terms & Conditions.

ONLINE ENTRY

Can I swap my entry with another person?

No

I missed out on a place, is there a wait-list?

No

What happens if I don't have an entry but swim anyway?

Please don't swim without a valid entry. The Dawesville cut is a closed waterway for swimmers. Exemption is provided for entrants of this event only.

As this is the first event of it's type, the right to continue the swim each year is dependant upon the manner in which the event is managed. Surf Lifesaving will be providing water safety to participants who are registered to ensure all persons are accounted for. By attempting to join or disrupt the swim, you place yourself and others in potential danger and this may affect the future of the event. Please be respectful of the participants and management team and stay out of the water if you are not a registered participant.

What details do I need to enter the swim?

1. Name
2. Gender
3. Date of birth
4. Address
5. Contact phone number
6. Email - ***Please don't use your work email***
7. Swim Club Affiliation
8. Triathlon Club Affiliation
9. Estimated Swim Time
10. Last OWS event
11. Using wetsuit or swim aid (Wetsuit, flippers, snorkel, speed-suit, pullbuoy)
12. Any medical conditions (provided to St Johns and Surf Life Saving in case of emergency)
13. Allergies
14. Emergency contact (name and phone number of somebody not swimming on the day)
15. T-Shirt Size (If ordering)

Important note about Emails.

We recommend using a private email address for entering the swim or signing up for notifications. Many business emails block automated emails or those with attachments, potentially resulting in you missing important information or communications.

Can I enter on the day?

No. Entries Close at 23:59 Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) Saturday 11 January 2020. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

Is there a minimum age requirement for the swim?

The minimum age for swimmers is 10 years old on race day for the 2.25km course and 16 years old for the 3.5km course. Only competent swimmers who are fit and adequately trained should enter. We will be asking for proof of suitable swimming ability for swimmers 12 years and under.

Please note that any junior swimmers must provide proof of completing and passing Level 10 (as per Royal Life Saving) or equivalent to be eligible to swim in the event. Parents or guardians are to email proof to Cut2ClubSwim@portbouvardslsc.com.au. Parents or guardians will also be required to sign a hardcopy of the declaration/waiver at swimmer check-in. No award will be issued to the youngest swimmer.

What is Level 10 (Royal Life Saving)

Junior swim and survive - links the skills of swimming, diving and treading water needed when in Open Water.

Are late entries accepted?

No. Entries Close at 23:59 Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) Saturday 11 January 2020. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

Are entries other than online accepted?

Only online entries will be accepted.

What if I don't have a credit card?

We are only accepting entry and payment online. You can use a credit card, debit card or Pay Pal to complete the registration.

What insurance is available to me?

In 2020, all swimmers receive automatic personal accident insurance as part of their entry fee

CHECK-IN

Can someone else 'check-in' for me?

No. Every swimmer over the age of 18 must check-in in person and hand-in a signed copy of the Swimmer Declaration [waiver] which can be downloaded . Legal guardians may check-in for swimmers if under 18 - an eTicket must be shown and a signed waiver must be handed-in. Swimmers will be emailed a copy of the waiver with their eTicket in the week before the swim.

When Can I Check-In?

Check-in will be open 05:00 to 07:15 (07:00 For SUPS) Saturday 18 January 2020. Check-in will be by Race Number for the 2020 swim.

RACE PACKS & NUMBERS

When/where do I get my Race Number?

You will automatically be allocated a Race Number once entries have closed. Your unique Race Number will be emailed to you in an eTicket along with a copy of the waiver in the week prior to the swim. Please bring your eTicket and a signed copy of the waiver to pre-race check-in. Check-in will be by Race Number for the 2020 swim.

Do I have to wear my race number?

Yes. Your race number will be a tattoo that you must wear for event management and safety. The tattoo may be applied to your skin or wet-suit.

Where do I put my race number tattoo?

The tattoo goes vertically on your front left arm/shoulder. Option two front left thigh. Tattoos may be applied to wet-suits.

When do I get my Race Pack?

Race Pack (Registration Numbers, Swim Cap, Purchased Merchandise & "I swam the Cut2 Swim" Car Sticker) will be issued at the registration desk on check-in on race day.

ESTIMATED SWIM TIMES

What is the estimated swim time used for?

Estimated swim time is used to allocate your start wave (fastest swimmers start first).

How do I ensure I am in the same start wave as my friend?

Choose the same estimated swim time. Estimated swim time is used to allocate your start wave (fastest swimmers start first).

Do we all start at the same time?

Start times are as follows:	SUPS	-	07:30am
	3.5km Competition	-	07:40am
	3.5km Open 16+	-	07:50am
	2.25km Novice and U18	-	08:00am

How long do I have to complete my swim?

For the 3.5km Swim: 3.5hours (Arriving at the finish line by 11:20am)

For the 2.25km swim: 2hours 5mins (Arriving at the finish jetty by 10:05am)

When will I be withdrawn from the swim?

Swimmers will be withdrawn from the race if they have not made the 2.25km marker at 100 mins from their start time regardless of which course they are registered in. **All swimmers will be removed from the water at 11.00am.**

RESULTS & AWARDS

Are there awards or trophies?

Yes:

SUP Male & Female - Winners & 1st Runner Ups

(1st Prize - \$100, Winners Medal, Towel)

(2nd Place Prize - Medal, Towel, Pyramids Café Voucher)

3.5km Swim Open Competition - Male & Female - Winners & 1st Runner Ups

(1st Prize - \$150, Winners Medal, Towel)

(2nd Place Prize - Medal, Towel, Pyramids Café Voucher)

3.5km Swim Open Swimmer 19 & Under Male & Female - Winners & 1st Runner Ups

(1st Prize - \$100, Winners Medal, Towel)

(2nd Place Prize - Medal, Towel, Pyramids Café Voucher)

2.25km Swim Youth U16 - Male & Female - Winners & Runner Ups

(1st Prize - \$50, Winners Medal, Towel)

(2nd Place Prize - Medal, Towel, Pyramids Café Voucher)

When can I collect my award or trophy?

Presentations will be held at the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club approximately 30 mins from the time the last swimmer exits the water.

When will the results be available?

You will be notified when results will be available for your perusal.

SWIM AIDS

Can I use a swimming aid, ie wetsuit, flippers, special swimsuits?

These are allowable but must be declared on the entry. If you swim with an aid, you will not be eligible for a category award. Swim aids include any device or swimsuit that may aid his/her speed, buoyancy or endurance;

- Flippers
- Snorkels
- Wetsuits/Speedsuits
- Pull Buoys

What sort of swimsuit is allowed?

You can wear whatever swimsuit you desire. If your swimsuit aids your speed, buoyancy or endurance, it is considered a swim aid and must be declared on your entry (or at swimmer check-in) as you will be ineligible for an award.

Acceptable (non-swim-aid) swimsuits:

- Are made from a textile fabric
- Are flexible and soft folding
- Any surface treatments or coatings do not close the overall open mesh structure of the base textile fabric
- Do not contain buoyancy
- Are not thicker than 0.8mm
- Do not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or ankles
- Do not contain zips or other fastening systems

SWAPS & REFUNDS

If I pull out, can I receive a refund?

Full refunds, less a \$10 administration fee, are only available if applied for in writing or by email to Cut2ClubSwim@portbouvardslsc.com.au and must be applied for prior to **Midnight AWST Tuesday 31 December 2019**.

No refunds will be made after 1 January 2020.

If I can't swim on the day, can someone else replace me?

No.

Can I swap my entry with another person?

No.

MERCHANDISE

When should I order a t-shirt?

Shirts can be ordered and paid for when completing the online entry for the event. T-shirts must be collected when you check-in.

Can I order merchandise after I've entered?

Yes, details on ordering event merchandise will be available on the event webpage at <https://www.portbouvardslsc.com.au/cut-2-club-swim>.

When do I collect my t-shirt?

T-shirts will be available for collection when you check-in. Saturday 05:00 to 07:15 T-shirts not collected by 12:00 Saturday (swim day) will be made available for resale. Refunds are not available for t-shirts not collected by 12:00 Saturday (swim day).

What if I forget to collect my t-shirt?

T-shirts must be collected by 12:00 Sunday 10 February 2019. After this time they will be available for resale. There is no refund for t-shirts not collected on time. We do not post shirts to participants.

CARS, TRANSPORT & BAGS

Is there public parking?

Port Bouvard SLSC car park will be closed to non-club members to enable emergency access if required and to reduce disruption to local community.

SWIMMERS

All competitors are encouraged to park at Falcon Bay Primary School at the cost of a gold coin donation (directly to the school). Parking will be manned by members of the primary to assist with ensuring sufficient parking on the day.

Buses will be provided to transport competitors to the registration desk adjacent to the start location. The First bus will depart from 5.00am - Last bus 7.00am (estimated transport time to Start 15mins). On completion of the race, buses will be available to return competitors to their cars.

Races Start From – **07:40am**

SUPS

SUPS ONLY – Limited parking available adjacent to Dawesville Yacht Club for transporting your board/paddle to the start location. Bus transport and board trailer runs will be available to return competitors and equipment back to the start location at the end of the race.

Race Start - **07.30am**

PLEASE NOTE: No Responsibility will be taken for damage/loss of your SUP board or paddle before/during/or after the event. Parking at the start location is available for you to transport your board to the start line and park close by. Loading your board on the return trailer for transport back to the start location is your responsibility.

Is there a bag-drop area?

Yes, a bag-drop area will be provided and will be manned by volunteers from a local community group. The bag-drop service will be available from 5:00am on Saturday 18th January at the cost of a gold-coin donation. The location will be adjacent to the check-in desk.

Bag Transportation will be provided to transport your belongings to the Port Bouvard SLSC where you will be able to collect your bag after finishing the event.