

**2011 VICTORIAN 7 – 10 COUNTRY COMPETITION  
(Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011)**

AND

**2012 VICTORIAN COUNTRY INTERDISTRICT COMPETITION  
(Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012)****OVERVIEW**

Each year our District will send two representative teams to the following Victorian Country Competitions:

- Victorian 7 – 10 Country Competition held at MSAC on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011**
- Victorian Country Interdistrict Competition held at MSAC on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

Swimmers interested in being a part of these teams will need to complete an “Availability Form” found by selecting the D21 Teams Link on the Gippsland Swimming website ([www.gippslandswimming.org.au](http://www.gippslandswimming.org.au)).

From the nominated available group of swimmers the teams will be chosen by the GSI Program and Selection Committee using a database of times collected from Swimming Victoria approved swim meets. **Please note that nomination will not ensure automatic selection.**

**DATABASE OF TIMES (displayed and updated regularly on the GSI website)**

Results from the following qualifying swim meets will automatically be included in the database of times:

<b>National</b>	Australian Open & Age Championships (Long Course & Short Course)
<b>State</b>	Victorian Open & Age (LC & SC), Long Distance (LC), Qualifying (LC) & Sprint (LC) Championships
<b>Country</b>	Open/Age (LC & SC) Championships, 7-10 Encouragement (LC), Interdistrict (LC) & All Junior (LC) Competitions
<b>Gippsland</b>	All GSI Summer Fixture Meets plus privately run Gippsland Club meets (Long Course & Short Course)

***Selection for the Victorian 7 – 10 Country Team will be based on times from Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011 (GSI Gippsland Championships) to Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011.***

***Selection for the Victorian Country Interdistrict Team will be based on times from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Victorian Sprint Championships) to Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012.***

The Program and Selection Committee will consider both Long Course and Short Course times for the selection of the Victorian 7-10 Country Team and Long Course times for the Victorian Country Interdistrict Team. However the final decision will be left up to the discretion of the Committee.

If swimmers wish to use times outside those collected by the Program and Selection Committee (i.e metropolitan & country club meets or school meets) it will be the swimmer’s responsibility to supply the Program and Selection Committee with proof of times achieved. These results must be in a Team

Manager or Meet Manager file or provide website links to club results. These results must be from qualifying meets and must be verifiable.

Parents and swimmers are encouraged to check the District database of times from the D21 Link on the Gippsland Swimming website ([www.gippslandswimming.org.au](http://www.gippslandswimming.org.au)) to ensure swimmer's best times are noted. A history of qualifying meets entered into the Database is also listed on this Link.

If you find discrepancies in any of the published results or you believe that times have been omitted please do not hesitate to contact Debbie or Mark Waltham, Selection Secretary via the contact methods at the end of this information sheet.

## **TEAMS FOR MEETS**

**Victorian 7-10 Country Competition.** Each District is allowed to enter a maximum of **six swimmers** per individual event. These events include each stroke (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke & butterfly) over a 50 metre distance. Age groups for boys and girls are 7, 8, 9 & 10 years.

***Children under the age of seven are not eligible to enter.***

Each District is also permitted to enter one Freestyle Relay team for boys and girls in the age groups 10/under, 9/under, 8/under & 7years. Medley Relay teams for both boys and girls are entered in the age groups 10/under, 9/under and mixed 7/8years.

***\*\* Please note that transportation of selected swimmers to and from the Victorian 7-10 Country Competition and supervision at the event is the responsibility of the selected swimmers Parents/Guardians. \*\****

**Victorian Country Interdistrict Competition:** Each District is only allowed to send **one representative** to compete in each individual event. Male and Female 10 & under and 17 & over events consist of each stroke over 50 metres. Male and Female events in the age groups 11/12, 13/14 years and 15/16 years are swum over 100 metres in each stroke. One team is entered in each of the Freestyle and Medley Relays which are swum over 200 metres (4 x 50m) for male and female age groups 10 & under, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 and 17 & over. One team is also entered in the Open Freestyle and Medley Relays which are swum over 400 metres (4 x 100m).

***\*\* Please note that transportation of selected swimmers to and from the Victorian Country Interdistrict Competition will be by team bus. Swimmers should ensure they have selected a bus pick up point on the Victorian Country Interdistrict Competition Availability Form. \*\****

## **AVAILABILITY FORMS**

Availability Forms are available on the District 21 Teams link on the Gippsland Swimming website ([www.gippslandswimming.org.au](http://www.gippslandswimming.org.au)). These can be filled out and sent to the Program & Selection Committee\* at any stage if the swimmer knows of their availability in advance, regardless of whether their names appears in the Top 10 listings. On this form swimmers will be asked for their Polo shirt size & bus pick up point (Inter District team only). **\*Please note the PDF version is a fillable Form, designed to be completed and sent directly via the submit button on the bottom of the PDF.**

## **PROCESS OF SELECTION**

When the team has been finalised an email will be sent to successful swimmers confirming their selection in the team. The team will also be announced on the Gippsland Swimming website. At this stage swimmers will also be asked to complete a Medical Form (Inter District team only). The Medical Form will need to be handed to the Team Managers on the day of competition.

The number of swims by an individual swimmer may be limited at the discretion of the Program and Selection Committee.

Team Managers and Captains for both the 7-10 and Interdistrict Team will be selected by the Program and Selection Committee. In the case of the Interdistrict Team it would be expected that these selected Captains and Team Managers travel on the bus to and from the competition (except in extreme circumstances).

Gippsland has a proud history of achievement in both the Victorian 7-10 Country Competition and the Victoria Country Interdistrict Competition. It is an honour and a privilege to be included in the District 21 Teams.

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