

Australian Team

Melbourne 2005 Deaflympic Games Fact Sheet

Aquatics (Swimming)

1. MELBOURNE 2005 DEAFLYMPIC GAMES

The Deaflympic Games, under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, is the second oldest multi sport and cultural festival on earth with a long and proud history since the Inaugural Games in Paris in 1924. Held every four years, the Deaflympics are recognised as the major sporting and cultural event within the worldwide deaf community.

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) will host the 20th Deaflympic Games in Melbourne. To be held between 5th and 16th January 2005, arrival and lighting of the Official Deaflympic torch will set the scene for 12 days of elite sports and cultural events.

2. DSA SWIMMING PROGRAM

Swimming has been one of the most successful sports for Australia at the Deaflympics. At past Games, the number of swimmers selected to represent Australia have been relatively small, yet successful due to stringent entry standard times.

The DSA Swimming Program prides itself on being better than competitive at Deaflympic Games, but aim at winning medals and setting new records, such as World Records, Games Records, Australian Records or even Personal Bests (PBs).

3. COMPETITION VENUE

The Swimming events will take place at “Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre” (MSAC), which is situated within the beautiful parklands of Albert Park, only a 10 minutes tram ride from the heart of the CBD. The centre will host eight of the sports participating at the Games.

For Swimming, MSAC has 2 international 50 metre x 10 lane heated pools, plus a 10 lane 25 metre warm-up pool. The main competition pool will have a seating capacity of 2000 people.

4. TRAINING VENUES

The training venue is the same as the competition venue. Other pools will also be available for training.

5. EQUIPMENT

Locker rooms, showers and first aid services will be available. Equipment and implements complying with the FINA Rules and Regulations will be available.

6. EVENTS

The swimming meet will consist of the following events for both men and women:

Individual events:

Freestyle - 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (women only), & 1500m (men only)

Breaststroke – 50m, 100m, 200m

Backstroke – 50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly – 50m, 100m, 200m
Individual Medley - 200m, 400m

Team relay events:

Freestyle - 4x100m, 4x200m
Medley - 4x100m

7. SCHEDULE

The preliminary competition schedule is based on the number of swimmers in the previous Deaflympic Games. The competition schedule will have heats in the mornings and finals in the evenings. Information will be given at the technical meeting.

8. REGULATIONS

The 20th Deaflympic Games Swimming events will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the FINA.

9. SELECTION

9.1. Eligibility:

All athletes at the Deaflympic Games that represent Australia are required to (i) Be an Australian citizen, and, (ii) have a hearing loss of a minimum of 55 dB in the best ear (average across three frequencies).

9.2. Team Size:

9.2.1. Individual Events: Australia may enter a maximum of three swimmers in any event provided that all have reached the required Entry Standard.

9.2.2. Relays: Australia may enter a maximum of one team for each relay race. Entry Standards do not apply.

9.2.3. Minimum Entry Standards: The DAA minimum entry standards are listed in at the end of this document.

9.3. EOI, Nomination and Selection:

9.3.1. Expression of Interest: Anyone who is interested in being selected in the Swimming Team are advised to make an initial Expressions of Interest (EOI) on a form that can be obtained from the DSA Office and/or website. EOIs made by prospective swimmers to DSA can be made up until approximately 12 months prior to the date of the Games' opening.

9.3.2. Nomination: DAA will invite selected swimmers for the Preliminary Squad from which the Australian Team will be selected. Swimmers nominated for the Preliminary Squad will be required to sign an Agreement Form. Swimmers can be removed and added from the National Squad at anytime due to performance or due to any other reasonable circumstance.

9.3.3. Selection: Final selection into the Australian Deaflympic Team, will be made at the sole and absolute discretion of DAA Selection Panel. Selection will depend on whether the swimmer has met all eligibility points for selection. DSA will then review the selection and approve the Australian Deaflympic Team.

MINIMUM ENTRY STANDARDS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING TEAM

Swimmers who achieved either A or B selection times below between 1st January 2003 and 30th September 2004, will be considered for selection into the Australian Team. If you achieve either A or B selection times through out 2003 and 2004, please contact Deaf Aquatic Australia straight away.

“A” selection qualifying times: If a swimmer achieves the “A” selection time in a LC pool, the swimmer may be considered an automatic selection into the Australian Team. This indicates the potential to make the “A” finals (top 8 placings based on 2001 results).

“B” selection qualifying times: If the swimmer was not able to achieve the “A” selection time but was able to achieve “B” selection time in a LC pool, the swimmer may be considered as a strong chance of being selected providing the swimmer is within the top 3 available Australian swimmers in their nominated event (or top 5 for freestyle relay events). The “B” qualifying times were based on 2001 Rome Deaflympic Games’ CISS qualifying times.

Event	Men A	Men B	Women A	Women B
50m Freestyle	26.50	28.55	29.95	33.05
100m Freestyle	57.00	1.02.35	1.05.50	1.12.85
200m Freestyle	2.05.00	2.22.00	2.23.50	2.33.95
400m Freestyle	4.35.00	5.08.00	5.03.00	5.30.00
800m Freestyle	-	-	10.52.00	11.20.00
1500m Freestyle	19.10.00	20.20.00	-	-
50m Backstroke	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
100m Backstroke	1.09.00	1.15.00	1.18.50	1.25.25
200m Backstroke	2.29.00	2.45.00	2.49.00	3.01.00
50m Breaststroke	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
100m Breaststroke	1.12.00	1.22.50	1.27.50	1.34.00
200m Breaststroke	2.39.00	2.58.00	3.09.00	3.23.00
50m Butterfly	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
100m Butterfly	1.03.00	1.10.35	1.14.50	1.23.45
200m Butterfly	2.39.00	2.42.00	2.56.00	2.58.95
200m Medley	2.24.50	2.45.00	2.44.00	3.03.80
400m Medley	5.32.00	5.43.00	5.55.00	6.37.00