

VISITING SWIMMERS POLICY

Swimming Queensland has adopted the following policy for visiting swimmers:

1. Members of another international federation (*applies to swim meets conducted at all levels in Qld*)

- They must provide SQ with a clearance from their federation.
- They must be shown in the program of events as visitors – e.g.
Bloggs (V), Joe 15 Great Britain
- They cannot score points for their club.
- They may swim in finals.
- They are not permitted to swim in club or regional relay teams.
- They may receive medals but not be recognised as official placegetters in championship events.
- The host body may decide to limit the number of visitors who may swim in a final.

2. Non-Australian citizens who are not members of another international federation and who have not applied for Australian citizenship (*applies to meets conducted by Regional Associations and SQ. Also applies to any event conducted by a club that is recognised for a Regional award.*)

- If they have previously been a member of an international federation, they must provide SQ with a statement from the federation concerned that they are no longer a member of that federation.
- They must be shown in the program of events as follows:
Bloggs (V), Joe 15 Redlands
- They cannot score points for their club.
- They may swim in finals.
- No more than one such visitor may swim in a club or regional relay team.

- They may receive medals but not be recognised as official placegetters in championship events.
- The host body may decide to limit the number of visitors who may swim in a final.

3. *Non–Australian citizens who have applied for Australian citizenship (applies to meets conducted by Regional Associations and SQ)*

- If they have previously been a member of an international federation, they must provide SQ with a statement from the federation concerned that they are no longer a member of that federation.
- They must provide their club with evidence of their citizenship application having been lodged.
- They may participate at Regional Association and SQ meets on the same terms and conditions as all other SQ members who are Australian citizens.

4. *Members of interstate clubs*

- They must obtain a clearance from their State Association for all meets.

At Regional Association and SQ meets:

- They must be shown in the program of events as follows:

Bloggs (V), Joe 15 Aqua Z NSW

- They may swim in finals.
- They may receive medals but not be recognised as official placegetters in championship events.
- The host body may decide to limit the number of visitors who may swim in a final.

Please note:

FINA Rule 2.5 requires that when a competitor represents his/her country in a competition, he/she shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents, provided that a naturalised citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition.