



2018  
**AUSTRALIAN  
OPEN**

and Age Group Championships



*Synchronised swimming*

**BRISBANE**

MARCH 29 - APRIL 2

**HANCOCK  
PROSPECTING**



**SYNCHRO  
AUSTRALIA**

31/08/2017

Dear Synchro Friends,

On behalf of Synchro Australia, we would like to invite you to **2018 Hancock Prospecting Australian Open and Age Groups Championships** to be held in **Brisbane, Queensland** from **29<sup>th</sup> of March – 2<sup>nd</sup> of April**.

We genuinely believe that with your participation, together, we will create the most memorable Australian Championships ever, bursting with creativity and the most stunning displays that synchronised swimming can offer.

While participants will have a chance to compete against top Australian and International athletes, we would also like to inform that 2018 Synchro Australia Championships will have a **FINA Evaluator** as well as **Judging and Coaching Workshops** that will be available to all officials to attend.

This Invitation to attend is extended to all **Australian** and **International** Clubs as well as to all **Federations**.

We do look forward receiving your timely registrations and seeing you in our sunny Queensland.

In Sync...

QLD Synchro Organising Committee

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## Organiser

QLD Synchro on behalf of Synchro Australia

## Venue

[The Sleeman Centre](#), Brisbane

## Program

*29/03 Thursday*

- Judging Workshop
- Coaching Workshop

*30/03 Friday*

- Music Practice
- Team Managers Meeting

*31/04 Saturday*

- Opening Ceremony
- Competition Day

*1/04 Sunday*

- Competition Day

*2/04 Monday*

- Competition Day
- Closing Ceremony
- Farewell Party

## Rules

- Current FINA rules, with noted exceptions listed here as per SSAI By Laws.
- Age and Age group are as per current FINA rules
- Athletes aged 13 + may only enter a maximum of 7 events (excluding figures)
- Athletes aged 12 years or under may only enter a maximum of 4 events (excluding figures) regardless of the age group(s) they are entering in
- Competitors who are 12 Years and under may also compete in a 13-15 Duet (1/2), 13-15 Team, Open Free Combination or Open Free Team
- Competitors who are 13 or 14 years of age may also compete in a Junior Team or make up ½ of a Junior Duet
- Open is aged 13 Years +
- No age limit rules apply to the Open Free Combination or Open Free Team
- Open Free Combination is 8-10 swimmers
- Each club is limited to 2 Solos per age group per event
- Senior and Junior Technical Routines will be awarded as separate events.
- All team routines will have a 0.5 deduction for each competitor fewer than 8 on a team.
- For Team routines, reserves (maximum 2) are permitted for teams of 8 and Free Combinations of 10 only
- Reserves (1) are permitted for Duets
- No reserves are permitted for Solos
- Junior Solo and Duets trialling for individual routines for WC 2018 must compete in - both Technical and Free events
- Senior Duets trialling for individual routines for international competitions must compete in both the Free and Technical events
- Athletes cannot compete in Figures only

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## Competition Events

- 12 Years and Under - Figures, Solo, Duet, Team
- 13-15 Years - Figures, Solo, Duet, Team
- Junior - Technical Solo, Technical Duet, Technical Team
- Junior - Free Solo, Free Duet, Free Team
- Open - Technical Solo, Technical Duet, Technical Team
- Open - Free Solo, Free Duet, Free Team
- Masters - Technical Solo, Technical Duet, Technical Team
- Masters - Free Solo, Free Duet, Free Team
- Open Free Combo

## Awards

- Figure Trophy – Australian Clubs Only
- 1,2 and 3 place National +International entries
- 1,2 and 3 place National Entries
- Club Trophy – Australian Clubs only
- Reserve will get a medal as well (must be nominated as reserve, fees apply)

## Preliminary Entries

- Must be submitted online at <http://www.qldsynchro.org.au/events/registrations/>
- Due date 31/11/2017

## Final Entries

- Must be confirmed and fee paid in full (details to follow in further bulletin)
- Due Date 15/01/2018

## Pool Information

- Dive Pool 5 m deep, 20m x 25m

## Judges

- FINA A and G, Australian National level judges. Each international club/federation may send 2 judges.
- Each Australian club must send minimum 2 judges, if number of routine entries exceed 15 club, will be required to contribute at least 3 judges.

## Entry Fees

- No entry fee for Figures
- AU \$50 per athlete per routine
- Entry fee includes entry for athletes for farewell party

## Music

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- All Music must be submitted in MP3 format
- Music must be submitted via QSSI Website (link will be provided) and marked as follow:  
**Age Group\_ Event\_Club Name\_Athlete Name** (e.g. Junior\_Solo Tech\_GCMSSC\_B Smith.)
- Team manager **must provide a backup copy** of all club routines in MP3 format on USB.

## Photo

- We'd like to include team photos from each federation and club in a printed event program. Please be prepared to upload print-quality photos in JPEG format along with a brief description (federation name, club name, athletes' names) to <http://www.qldsynchro.org.au/events/registrations> .
- Please note that only official photographer will be allowed on pool deck.

## Merchandise

- Please note that Merchandise Order Form will be available online at <http://www.qldsynchro.org.au/events/merchandise> by October 2017.

## Recommended Accommodation

- Brisbane Holliday Village <https://www.brisbaneholidayvillage.com.au>
- Carindale Hotel [www.carindalehotel.com.au](http://www.carindalehotel.com.au)
- Queensland Rifle Association [www.qldrifle.com](http://www.qldrifle.com)
- Chandler Lodge & Cabins [www.sleemansports.com.au/The-Venue/Sleeman-Facilities/Athlete-Accommodation.aspx](http://www.sleemansports.com.au/The-Venue/Sleeman-Facilities/Athlete-Accommodation.aspx)

## Airport

- Brisbane Domestic
- Brisbane International

## Contact

All inquiries please address to <http://www.qldsynchro.org.au/events/contact> . Alternatively, please email to [NAT2018@qldsynchro.org.au](mailto:NAT2018@qldsynchro.org.au) .