

SunSmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2020 – Swimmer Briefing

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Welcome

The organizers and sponsors welcome you to the SunSmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2021.

For an enjoyable and safe event please attend to the following:

The Course

Is a 3.6 km swim around the Busselton Jetty starting on the East side and finishing on the West.

The route is marked with yellow buoys; you should swim between the buoys and the Jetty.

Today's swimming conditions are: *TBA - Weather Briefing for Swimmers to be announced.*

Rolling / Beach Start - 3.6km solo swimmers and relay teams.

Gold Cap solo swimmers will start together on the beach at the water's edge on a gun shot at 9:00 am.

Other solo swimmers and first swimmer of each team will start with a rolling start on the beach under the arch commencing at 9:01 am in the following order:

Solo swimmers	Yellow swim cap
Solo swimmers	Orange swim cap
Solo swimmers	Green swim cap
Solo swimmers	Aqua swim cap
Solo swimmers	Purple swim cap
Solo swimmers	Red swim cap
Solo swimmers	Pink swim cap
Solo swimmers	Dark Green swim caps
2 person relay	Blue caps
4 person relay	White caps

You must wear the swim cap provided. It indicates your estimated swim time and should enable you to swim with swimmers of similar ability.

Please assemble on the beach in your holding bay according to cap colour by 8.45am. Beach marshals will direct you to your starting group location. Entry to the beach will be off Geographe Bay Road. Please allow enough time to move into place.

One Mile Swim to Shore – Silver swim caps 10:30am start

Swimmers walk One Mile out along the jetty and enter the water at the Underwater Observatory Ramp on the West side of the Jetty and swim back to shore. It is a self-seeded, rolling start. Please allow a minimum of ½ hour to walk to the end of the jetty to the start area.

Timing Bands and Race Number Tattoos

Swimmers will be timed and checked-in and out of the swim electronically with their timing band. Your time will start recording as you cross the timing mat at the start line. Please check **NOW** that your band is secure on your left ankle and that your race number tattoo is applied and visible. If you do not have your timing band or tattoo, please return to check-in following this briefing.

Marshalls will be checking for compliance.

Bag Drop

There will be a bag drop available for all swimmers. Cost is a gold coin donation to a local sporting club.

Relay Swimmers - The four changeover points are:

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| • Jetty Platform East | 1.0 km | 4-person relay change |
| • Allies Landing | 1.4 km | 2-person relay change |
| • Underwater Observatory Ramp | 2.0 km | 4-person relay change |
| • Jetty Platform West | 2.6 km | 4-person relay change |

Relay swimmers should be aware that all landings are accessed by ladders.

Relay swimmers should know which relay point they are to start from and proceed there after this briefing.

Relay change-over points

The 2-person relay changeover at Allies Landing is marked with BLUE banners.

The 4-person relay changeovers are marked with WHITE banners.

At each change-over there is a large pink buoy 20 metres out from the Jetty with a line of floats between.

Swim between the Jetty and the buoy to tag your team-mate at the line of floats. See the diagram in your check-in bag.

If you are not changing over at a relay point please swim **outside** the large pink buoys.

Marshalls will monitor swimmer conduct and safety.

By tagging your team-mate you are vouching for their safe arrival.

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Team swimmers may “swim through” past the end of their swim leg but must exit the swim through an electronic timing point at the finish or at the foot of the Jetty to record their safe exit from the event.

Post swim clothing - If you need a towel or clothing at the end of your swim leg ensure your team-mate takes it for you.

The Finish

The finish is marked with two large, chequered buoys. Use these to line up for the finishing chute.

Your time will be recorded as you pass through the electronic timing point on the beach some metres past the finish arch.

Assistance will be available for swimmers having difficulty getting up the beach.

Please move promptly through the finish area to keep it clear for following swimmers.

Timing bands must be removed prior to leaving the finish area. Continue up the ramp for your finisher's towel and back to check-in for fruit and water. Relay swimmers exiting via the Jetty will hand in their timing band and receive their towel at the Jetty exit.

Provisional times will be available via Live Tracker on your mobile.

Official race times will be available at the presentation and at www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au

Withdrawal - DNF – DNS (did not finish / did not start)

If you withdraw or decide not to swim you must notify Check-in as soon as possible and return your timing band.

Safety - Considerable effort goes in to maximising the safety of participants in this event.

On-water safety – Surf Life Saving (SLS) will be attending to on-water safety. SLS have jet skis, IRB's, surf skis, board paddlers, spotters on the jetty, life-saving equipment and radio communications. They are highly trained for this role and will be highly visible. They are your first option if you need help in the water; raise your arm to attract attention.

Please stay inside the yellow buoys but keep a safe distance away from the Jetty. If you stray too far off course SLS will guide you back.

Tired swimmers may hang on to a ski or a float. You will not be disqualified unless your forward progress is aided.

Swimmers or support craft are not permitted to go under any part of the Jetty unless directed by race officials.

This event has been granted exclusive use of the waters surrounding the Busselton Jetty for the event. Unauthorized craft and personnel may not enter the swim exclusion zone (within 250m of the Jetty).

Helicopter patrol – The surrounds of the swim will be patrolled for sharks prior to and during the swim. A trained SLS spotter will be in continuous radio contact with the Water Safety Coordinator (BSLSC).

Evacuation – The on the water emergency evacuation signals are: 3 short air horn blasts; raised red flags by spotters on the Jetty; and continuous whistles by surf ski paddlers. If you see or hear any of these signals, please exit the swim as directed by SLS personnel. There are ladders every 75 metres along the Jetty marked with green feather banners and the landings are marked by large pink buoys. Please follow directions given by the SLS personnel on the water or via the public address system on land. The emergency muster area is the amphitheatre in front of the main stage, west of the Jetty.

Personal support craft – must be pre-approved, attend the SLS briefing and wear the Hi-Viz vest provided.

Stingers - Concerned swimmers should be prepared and take personal measures for protection.

First Aid - St John Ambulance have a first aid post with a paramedic and ambulance adjacent to the Check-in area. If you need help, please go there. SLS also has first aid and resuscitation equipment on the beach, west of the finish area.

Fluid and energy replacement - water and fresh fruit are available at the finish.

Sun - Please use sunscreen, which is available at the first aid tent. Wear hats; cover up and seek out shade.

Smoking, alcohol, drugs – The SunSmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2021 is a non-smoking, alcohol and drug free event.

The Jetty Structure – Footwear is recommended when walking on the Jetty. There will be a bag drop at the Mile start for any clothes/shoes you wear for the walk out. Please bring your own bag for your belongings. Your filled bag will be transferred back to the bag drop area in the check-in tent for collection at a time to be confirmed. Your bag will need to have easily visible identification of your race number. Please no valuables!! If you are a fast swimmer you may need to wait a while for your bag!

Watch out for the railway tracks. The Jetty Train will commence operating at 12:00pm.

Personal responsibility - This is an ocean swim. You swim in an uncontrolled, natural environment. The weather, sea conditions, sea life, your own exertions and other factors introduce an element of risk. The organisers go to considerable lengths to keep you safe but ultimately it is your choice to swim today. Your welfare is your personal responsibility or the responsibility of your legal guardian.

If you are not officially entered in the SunSmart Busselton Jetty Swim 2021 please do not swim while the event is in progress.

Further Information - Please ask one of the event crew in the Green Crew shirts.

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