

Swimming Selection Criteria 2026

1. Program Overview

The Barwon Sports Academy (BSA) Swimming Program supports regional swimmers aged 12 and above to develop performance, technique, and competitive experience. The program provides pathways to State and National championships, partnering with Swimming Victoria and local clubs.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- Age: 12 years or older on 1st February 2026
 - Must reside in Barwon Region
 - Commitment: Attend training, competitions, and development programs
 - Other sport-specific requirements: Qualifying times as per Tier 1 and Tier 2 criteria
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3. Selection Criteria

- Tier 1: Automatic selection for swimmers with qualifying times for 100m–1500m events from the 2025 and/or for the 2026 Australian Open LC or Australian Age LC Swimming Championships (50m freestyle exception applies)
 - Tier 2: Within 2 seconds of qualifying times for 100m–1500m events for 2026 Australian Open LC or Australian Age LC Swimming Championships. Within 1 second of qualifying for 50m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly & Breaststroke)
(Tier 2 athletes will qualify for BSA selection for 2 years. At this time they must have reached Tier 1 qualification or not be eligible for a 3rd year)
 - Additional standard: Participation in at least two major meets from previous season (Australian LC Open, Australian Age, Victorian Age, Victorian Open, Victorian Country Swimming Championships)
 - Attitude, coachability, and commitment to competitive swimming
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. Application Process

- Apply via: Application link on BSA Website
- Application deadlines: Wed, 28th January 2026 (Tier 1) + (Tier 2)

5. Selection Process

- Selection panel: BSA Swimming Program Manager, coaches, and Swimming Victoria representatives
- Trials / talent ID: Based on qualifying times and performance review
- Notification of successful / unsuccessful applicants: Applicants notified via email and will include induction details for 2026

6. Membership & Induction

- Membership fees \$420 for full membership
- Induction: 1st Year Athletes Induction Monday 2nd February and Returning Athletes Induction Wednesday 4th February 2026
- Athlete responsibilities: Must complete athlete forms and contract (this includes Code of Conduct) as well as complete membership payment by the end of February

7. Key Dates

Date	Event
23/01/26	Tier 1 & Tier 2 application closes
02/02/26	1 st Year Athlete Induction Evening
04/02/26	Returning Athlete Induction Evening

8. Contact Information

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8. Notes / Special Considerations

- Qualifying times must be achieved within specified periods for Tier 1 and Tier 2
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