

CUT2CLUB SWIM

Cut2Club 2024 Participant Declaration and Conditions of Entry



A. Declaration

I, (the Participant identified as such at the foot of this document) declare that:

1. I wish to participate in the Port Bouvard SLSC - Cut2Club Swim (**Event**).
2. I have read and understood, agree to and will abide by the Conditions of Entry set out in section B. of this document.
3. I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Event is inherently dangerous. ***I voluntarily assume the risk of personal injury or death due to my participation in the Event.***
4. ***I release*** the Event Organisers from all claims and liability for personal injury, death, loss or damage that I may have now or in the future (but for this release) related to or arising out of my participation in the Event.
5. ***I shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless*** the Event Organisers against any claim or liability for personal injury, death, loss or damage related to or arising out of my participation in the Event.
6. The release and indemnity I provide in this document are in respect of all causes of action howsoever arising, including (but not limited to) liability for personal injury, death, loss or damage arising out of or due to any negligent act or omission of the Event Organisers.

(For the purposes of this document, “**Event Organisers**” are defined to include the Port Bouvard Surf Life Saving Club, its employees, volunteers, contractors and affiliated bodies, including Surf Life Saving WA and Surf Life Saving Australia.)
7. I am a competent swimmer/board paddler and I have undertaken adequate training to participate in the Event.
8. I have completed an open water swim event governed by Swimming WA or OWS Rules within the 12 months prior to the date of the Event, or I have discussed my swimming ability with the Cut2Club Committee and been endorsed by them in writing to enter the swim.
9. During the Event, I will not be under the influence of alcohol, or drugs other than those prescribed to me by a medical doctor who has provided approval for me to participate in events such as the Event and specifically to swim long distances in open water.
10. I will abide by FINA Open Water Swimming Rules 2017-2021, Surf Life Saving WA Policies and Procedures and the Event rules.
11. I will follow all instructions of the Cut2Club event organisers, directors and water safety personnel (**Event Personnel**) during the Event.

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12. I consent to the Event Organisers retaining my details in a data base for potential future promotional and marketing purposes. Subject to my being able to 'unsubscribe' from future promotional and marketing communications, I consent to receipt of communications of this nature.
13. I consent to photographs or video to be taken of me during the Event. Any such photographs or video footage may be utilised by Event Organisers and their sponsors for promotional purposes and displayed for public viewing.
14. If I lose or fail to return a timing bracelet issued to me for the Event, I agree to pay a \$25 replacement fee to the Event Organisers.

B. Conditions of Entry

1. ***Participation in the Event is voluntary, and the Event Organisers accept no liability for personal injury, death, loss or damage of equipment arising out of or related to the Event or the Event Organisers' acts or omissions in connection with the Event (including but not limited to negligent acts and omissions).***
2. The Event Organisers may cancel or modify the Event without notice if the Event Personnel determine that there is unreasonable risk to the safety of Participants.
3. If the Event is modified or cancelled for safety reasons or any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Event Organisers, entry fees shall not be refunded.
4. All Participants under the age of 18 years must have this document signed by a parent or guardian over the age of 18 years.
5. All Participants between the ages of 10 - 16 years on the day of the Event must nominate a suitably experienced chaperone over the age of 18 years to accompany the Participant to the start of the race and ensure all contact details are provided to the Event Organisers through the ticketing registration process. Participants between the ages of 10 – 16 years who are not chaperoned by their nominated chaperone will not be permitted to participate in the Event.
6. All Participants are required to complete the Event by the time officials have instructed in the pre-race briefing (**cut off time**). Should a Participant not complete the Event by the cut off time, they must leave the water when instructed to do so by Water Safety.
7. Registrations close at midnight one (1) day prior to the event. If a Participant is not registered by this time, they will not be permitted to participate in the Event. A late entry fee may apply for registrations after a date set and advertised each year by the organisers.

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8. All Participants must:

- a. have their race number on their arms for the duration of the Event. Number tattoos will be provided through registration in Participant bags received at briefing.
- b. be officially registered to participate in the Event.
- c. wear a timing strap and cross over the timing mat and enter the starting chute for the timing strap to register. Participants must also cross over the finish line mat to register their official time. Timing straps must be handed back to Event Organisers at the end of the race.
- d. At all times wear their provided, dedicated Event swim cap.
- e. not use any artificial propulsion device.
- f. not wear gloves or socks including but not limited to compression socks.
- g. not receive any form of assistance, including drafting or holding on to an escort boat or another Participant unless in the event of assistance required and at the discretion of Event Personnel. Participants that require assistance or that are in distress may be removed from water by Event Personnel.

9. Only Event approved boards are permitted in the appropriate Event category.

10. Swimsuits must comply with FINA's Open Water Swimming Rules, which provide that a complying suit:

- h. is of a woven textile;
- i. does not cover the neck;
- j. does not extend beyond the shoulders or ankles; and
- k. does not have a zip or other fastening system.

A list of approved swimsuits can be found on the FINA Website. It is the Participant's responsibility to ensure their swimsuit complies with FINA rules.

11. Swimmers in the UNASSISTED CATEGORY MAY NOT WEAR:

- a. any item with neoprene or any other buoyant material;
- b. anything not within the FINA rules, subject to Event sanctioned exemptions (Participants seeking an exemption must apply at least 1 week prior to the Event date);
or
- c. any type of inner or outer ear headphones.

12. Swimmers MAY:

- a. wear two suits as long as one suit only comprises as a brief or bikini;

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- b. use Wool Fat/Lanolin/Vaseline;
- c. wear Goggles;
- d. wear a nose clip;
- e. wear two caps as long as the outer cap is the Event provided cap to show the Participant's category;
- f. wear a rash vest; and
- g. wear a watch.

13. Swimmers in the ASSISTED CATEGORY:

- a. may wear wetsuits no thicker than 5mm;
- b. must have race numbers written on race caps and hands;
- c. must ensure all the components of the wetsuit fit the swimmers' body tightly.
- d. may use Wool Fat/Lanolin/Vaseline;
- e. may wear goggles;
- f. may wear a nose clip; and
- g. may wear a watch.

14. ASSISTED swimmers will not be competing against UNASSISTED swimmers for prizes and records.

15. The Start of the Event will be signalled by an airhorn or other starting device. Count down to the Event will start 5 minutes before the allocated time by the Event starter. It is the responsibility of the Participant to ensure they are at the allocated category and ready to enter the water.

16. If a shark is sighted at any time during the Event:

- a. Event Personnel will immediately seek to verify the sighting and subsequently direct all Participants within a 1km radius of the sighting to exit the water.
- b. All Participants directed to exit the water must do so without delay.
- c. The Event will be suspended until such time as the Event Personnel determine that it is safe to resume the Event.
- d. If the Event Personnel determine at any time that the Event cannot be resumed for safety reasons, the Event shall be cancelled.
- e. If the Event Personnel determine that it is safe to resume the Event, upon resuming the Event, all Participants must follow the direction of the Event Personnel and reenter the water at their individual exit point.
- f. No Participant that re-enters the water after a direction from the Event Personnel shall incur a time penalty.
- g. If a Participant chooses to not re-enter the water following a direction from the Event Personnel, that Participant shall be recorded as not completing the Event.

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17. Any protests regarding a Participant's conduct or the Event rules must be lodged in writing to the Event Director by 3.00PM of the day of the Event.
18. A decision will be made by a committee comprised of the Port Bouvard SLSC Board of directors in accordance with the Event rules, based on the evidence given and the judgement of appropriate members. The decision of the committee is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
19. Participants must enter the finish at Pyramids Beach and adhere to the course markers and buoys set out by the Event Personnel.
20. In the event of a misplaced Participant the Event Organisers will adhere to Surf Life Saving WA Policy and Protocol under the direction of the Water Safety Coordinator.
21. For Further information on Insurance coverage please refer to the Surf Life Saving Insurance Program. Can be found at: www.JLTSport.com.au/slsa

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I have read in full and understood the above Declaration and Conditions of Entry and I am aware that the content may affect my legal rights.

Participant

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Race Number: _____

MINORS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 10-16 YEARS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICPATE IN THE CUT2CLUB OPEN WATER SWIM UNLESS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR HAS ACCEPTED THE FOLLOWING TERMS.

Date of Event: Saturday 20th JANUARY 2024

Minor's Printed Name: _____

Minor's Date of Birth: _____

Minor's Race Number: _____

I, being the parent/guardian of the child identified above, have read the information on this form and give consent for my child to take part in the Event in accordance with the terms and conditions of entry. I understand and agree that my son/daughter/child in my care participates in the event entirely at his/her own risk. I have considered the nature of such event and declare that my son/daughter/child in my care is a competent swimmer and I am satisfied that they are sufficiently responsible and competent to assume full and entire responsibility for their own safety and adhere to the Open Water Swimming rules and Surf Life Saving protocols and polices found on www.openwaterswimming.com.au and www.mybeach.com.au or available upon request.

I hereby release, discharge and indemnify the Event Organisers from any liability, causes of actions, claims or demands in respect of any injury, loss or damage suffered by the minor as a result of or in any way connected with the minor's participation in the Event and whether arising as a result of any act, omission, default , failure or neglect on the part of the Event Organisers.

Parent Name/ Guardian

Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____