



ITHACA CREEK SWIMMING CLUB

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BSA WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT

There have been a number of enquiries about BSA. I hope that this will help answer some of the questions that are being raised.

Introduction

With most sports, competing clubs are required to be affiliated to Regional, State and National Associations. Swimming is no different to this model.

Ithaca Creek Swimming Club is affiliated with the Brisbane Swimming Association (BSA), Swimming Queensland (SQ) and Swimming Australia. Our club has been an affiliated Club of many years.

What are the roles of these bodies?

Brisbane Swimming Association (BSA) is our regional swimming body that oversees and governs swimming within the Brisbane Region. BSA is one regional association within the State. Swimming Queensland (SQ) oversees and governs swimming within Queensland with Swimming Australia overseeing swimming at a national level.

BSA has a constitution and bylaws. These documents govern the operation and actions of the Association and those of the affiliated clubs. One of the requirements outlined within these documents is that all registered club members of an affiliated Club must be a registered member of BSA, SQ and Swimming Australia. As an affiliated Club, Ithaca Creek Swimming Club was bound to sign up all swimmers to BSA/SQ. Hence the requirement to fill out the SQ forms this year.

Who is involved in BSA and what does it do?

Ithaca Creek Swimming Club is one of approximately 67 Clubs affiliated to the BSA.

BSA's visible role involves the running and sanctioning swimming meets held within the region, providing club support, promoting swimming within our region, including coaching programs, and support swimming teams selected to represent our region.

What is the BSA Club Divisional Competition?

The main role undertaken by BSA, for our club, is the running of the Club competition. BSA's club competition involves all affiliated clubs. Clubs are placed in Divisions dependent upon the club's performance in the previous year. The Divisions range from Premier through to Division 5. Ithaca Creek Swimming Club performed well last year in the divisional competition, coming 3rd in Division 3 for the 2nd year running. We are one of 10 clubs competing in Division 3.

BSA organises swimming events throughout the entire year (not just the summer months). These events provide an opportunity for clubs to gain points in the Divisional competition. The points gained are tallied and used to calculate the position of clubs within the Divisional competition. These events are open to any swimmer from an affiliated club who is a registered SQ swimmer.



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How does the Club earn points in the Divisional competition?

BSA meets are times based meets similar to our club nights. Children are placed in heats with other children who have a similar time for that event. They do not compete against children who are significantly slower or faster. So each heat has swimmers with similar times but may not necessarily be from the same Division. This encourages our swimmers just to swim and achieve their best. This is all that we ask of our swimmers.

The points system is secondary to our children striving to achieve their best but for information it is based on a swimmers place in the division for that event. Points are awarded to the top 10 place getters for that age group and that event in each Division. From past experience, I have not seen an event where there are anywhere near 10 swimmers from Division 3 or 4 clubs. Based on this all swimmers gain points for their club by competing. As example, in the past , Ithaca Creek were the only Division 3 club competing in the 8 year old girl's events hence our 2 swimmers had a great meet and due to the fact that they were the only Division 3 Swimmers gained 1st and 2nd place points for our club with every swim they did.

What is a sanctioned meet?

These are swimming meets run by affiliated clubs approved and authorised by BSA. These meets carry no points towards the BSA club competitions. They are generally fun, competitive, well run events that provide swimmers with the opportunity to gain experience and register times for events that will be recognised by BSA.

Can my child swim BSA and BSA sanctioned events?

Ithaca Creek Swimming Club registered all swimmers aged 8 years or older with Swimming Queensland. As such your child can swim BSA and BSA sanctioned events. Most events are 50 metres distance or more. You should review the event flyers for specific details.

The events are run in the same way as our club nights as stated above. This encourages the swimmers to do their best which accords with our club motto ' WE COACH, WE ENCOURAGE, WE CARE '.

Some BSA events do have qualifying times which unfortunately must be met but there are many meets where qualifying times do not apply.

You should seek advice from Carol Anderson and the coaching staff if you are unsure as to whether your child would benefit from swimming such events.

Meet details can be obtained from Desley or Cameron Doyle.

What are the benefits for my child?

From personal experience, there are significant benefits for your child's swimming in competing in BSA events and BSA sanctioned events.

Most events are generally held in 50 metre pools and are professionally run.

Being run on time based heats emphasis is placed on doing your best not winning. The top swimmers are acknowledged and recognised with Medals.



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The children's swimming improves with the experience and competition gained. It is amazing to see the PB's and the achievements.

What are the benefits for the club to be part of BSA?

The main benefit is a stronger swimming club.

Our children get to compete for our Club more often.

Our children get encouragement from the wider swimming community through new member packs, coaching events, junior swimming awards and other awards.

Recognition of the valuable contribution to swimming that we as a club make by the wider swimming community.

If you would like to talk about anything raised or would like further details please do not hesitate to contact Carol Anderson, Head Coach or Desley and Cameron Doyle, SQ/BSA Secretary.

