

Revised Covid-19 impacted Competition Programme 2020 -2021

(subject to amended depending on
Lockdown Alert levels)



Swimming South Africa

Background

- 2020 season impacted by the Covid-19 lockdown
- Facilities have been closed and swimmers have been unable to train or compete.
- Serious impact on preparation for major continental and international competitions
- Business impact on Swimming clubs across the country
- Impact on Swimming as a sport at National and Provincial level
- Engagement with coaches on structure of the programme to address performance gaps as a result of the lockdown



- Key assumption: training can only commence July/August 2020
- The competition programme as been structured into 3 windows of approximately 11-13 weeks as agreed at the 2019 swimming high performance seminar
- Additional racing opportunities for swimmers to incentivise them to get back into training
- The programme might have to be reviewed depending on the Level of the lockdown

Decisions



- The SA Nationals and Junior Nationals scheduled for June 2020 are cancelled.
- Need to Increase racing opportunities for swimmers that have missed out by the postponement/ cancellation of events;
- Introduction of the Junior SC Nationals for a broader group of swimmers
- Move the Short Course National / Trials for FINA World Short course champs to Durban and follow this immediately with the Junior Short Course Nationals
- This will allow for people that have made bookings for accommodation and flights for the April Nationals to reschedule these to Durban without significant additional costs.
- Introduce additional qualification opportunities for Olympic Games during the season.
- Include a Level 2 and 3 Competition for swimmers that have missed these events in 2020 (further discussions will be held with Provinces before venues are confirmed)
- Swimming South Africa to finalise rules and programme
- Review qualifying times at events to increase the participation numbers
- SA Winter Championships will be moved to a date to be confirmed
- The competition programme and age criteria for SA Nationals & Junior Nationals 2021 will remain as per the 2020 rules



Window 1: Sept – Nov 2020

Event	Venue	Date
SA Short Course Nationals (FINA WSC trails)	Kings Park, Durban	24-27 Sept
SA Junior Short Course	Kings Park, Durban	28 Sept – 1 Oct
Africa Championships	Kings Park, Durban	Oct/ Nov – still TBC with CANA
SA Winter Champs	Sasolburg	TBC
SSA Level 2/3 Champs (under review)	TBC	End Nov



Window 2: Dec 2020

Event	Venue	Date
SA Grand Prix (Olympic Qualifier)	TBC, (possible Kings Park, Durban)	7 – 9 Dec
SA Schools Champs	TBC	TBC
FINA World Short Course Champs	Abu Dhabi	15-20 Dec



Window 3: Jan – April 2021

(leading up to SA nationals & Olympic Qualifier)

Event	Venue	Date
SA Grand Prix	Nelspruit	8-10 Jan
SA Grand Prix (Olympic Qualifier)	Western Cape	19 – 21 Feb
SA Grand Prix (Olympic Qualifier)	Durban	12 – 14 March
SSA Level 3	Various (as per 2020)	19 – 21 March
SSA Level 2	Various (as per 2020)	26 – 28 March
SA Nationals (qualifier Olympics, Para, FISU, FINA Juniors)	Durban	7 – 12 April
SA Junior Nationals	Durban	13 – 17 April
CANA Zone IV Champs	TBC	End April
SA Grand Prix (Oly qualifier)	TBC	27 – 29 May
SA Short Course Grand Prix	TBC	25 – 27 June