

## **RULES AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANS DERWENT SWIM 2020**

- The Entry Fees for this event will be \$30 for adults and \$20 for Juniors (under 18 years).
- The Entry Fee will include an “I swam the Derwent” numbered swimming cap.
- All swimmers need to be competent to swim a distance of 1.5km or more.
- Entries close on Friday 7th February 2020. Entry is online. If this option is not available to you, phone 03 6234 7249 and we will send you an entry form. Late entries will not be accepted unless authorised by the Swimming Convenor.
- Registration is 7am at the Regatta Grounds foreshore. Briefing is at 8am.
- All Competitors must be transported from the Regatta Ground to the Montagu Bay start line by vessels supplied by the Organisers.
- All Competitors will start at the Montagu Bay side of the Derwent River at a Starting Line to be explained on the day of competition.
- Fin swimmers will start from the Southern end of the Starting Line.
- Other swimmers will start from the Northern end of the Starting Line.
- The start will be 9am. At the sound of the Start, Competitors will swim unaided to the Finishing Line in front of the Regatta Pavilion as advised on the day.
- Fin swimmers will be allowed to use fins, snorkel and mask. No webbed gloves or other accessories apart from goggles, ear plugs, nose clips, swim wear and wet suits are allowed.
- Even though it is expected that water quality will be satisfactory, it is recommended that ear plugs, nose clips and goggles be worn. If the water quality is not satisfactory the event will be cancelled and this may even occur on the morning of the event.
- FINA open water swimming rules currently state that open water swimwear/wetsuits should not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the ankle. In the Trans Derwent Swim however, swimwear/wetsuits can extend past the shoulder but not the wrist.
- The starting signal will be “Take your marks” and then a signal to “GO”. There will only be one start. One hand must be on the starting rope on commencement and if, in the opinion of the Starter, a Competitor false starts, then he/she will be disqualified.
- Should a Competitor interfere with another Competitor’s progress, then he/she will be disqualified.
- Competitors may supply their own safety/ escort vessel. However, should a Competitor’s safety vessel infringe upon the progress of any competitor, then he/she may be disqualified. All safety vessels must comply with direction from the Starter and other Trans Derwent Officials.
- Powered escort vessels must remain outside the swimming area, unless called upon to assist a Competitor in difficulties or to remove late swimmers from the water.
- All safety/ escort vessels must immediately assist any competitor if they are directed by an official to do so.
- To be eligible for a position in the race result, Competitors must finish the Race with/wearing the cap