



Concession Company



BOMBELA CONCESSION COMPANY SA NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Newton Park Swimming Pool, Gqeberha 14 – 18 April 2026

Hosted by:



On behalf of Eastern Cape Aquatics and Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics, we would like to warmly welcome swimmers, coaches, officials and supporters of all the participating Provinces and Countries to the Bombela Concession Company SA NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026. We trust that you will enjoy five days of exciting and competitive swimming in Gqeberha. We look forward to hosting you all in the Eastern Cape.

Please take note of the following information:

TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING:

- There will be a Team Managers meeting on **MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026 at 17h00 at Newton Park**
- All communication to Team Managers during the competition, will be managed via the TM WhatsApp group.
- Provinces must ensure that contact details for the Team Manager/s are submitted to the Administrator – **administrator@nmb-aquatics.co.za**
- Late entries (for the whole competition) and withdrawals for the first session to be done at the Managers Meeting. Team Managers must ensure that they have a printout of their team entries and verify that all the entries are correct.

General Regulations

- The competition will be conducted under World Aquatics and Swimming South Africa (SSA) rules
- All provinces must supply technical officials for every session according to the rules. Sessions will not commence unless there are sufficient officials.
- Only Team Managers are permitted at the Admin office
- No swimmers or team officials **are** allowed to sit on pool deck during the events. A dedicated area on pool deck will be allocated for coaches; this area is reserved for coaches and only swimmers reporting to their coaches, will be allowed in this area.
- Silence is required at the start of each race.
- Flash photography is prohibited during race starts.
- Swimmers must exit the pool on the sides. No climbing over touch pads.
- NO paddles or fins allowed in the competition pool at any time.
- Lanes 1 and 8 are designated for dive starts for 30mins before warm-up ends.
- Spectators are requested to refrain from standing in front of seated spectators on the grandstand
- The facility is strictly a NO SMOKING/VAPING Zone.
- Provinces are requested to assist in keeping the venue clean. Waste bins will be provided.

Appeals

There are no grounds for appeal other than the following:

In swimming: Any decision of a Referee as to the consequence of an Athlete's rule infraction:
Decisions of referees will be afforded a significant degree of deference. The Jury of Appeal will not substitute its view of the appealed matter for that of the Referee, unless the appellant presents clear evidence that the Referee's decision was made arbitrarily, irrationally, or in abuse of the discretion afforded to the Referee.

The Appeal Form must be submitted as follows:

- Within thirty (30) minutes of the publication of the results accompanied by the appeal fee R1500.00
- Appeals must be submitted by the Team Manager only

Medals:

Team manager must please ensure that all your athletes are attired in their Provincial attire and that the athletes arrive on time for the medal presentations

Opening Ceremony

An Official Opening Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday evening. 17:30**

Medical Services

- Qualified paramedics will be on duty for the full duration of the championships.

Catering & Vendors

- Officials will receive refreshments.
- A variety of food vendors will be available on site.
- Swimming apparel and related merchandise will be on sale throughout the event.

Pool Access & Facilities

- Gates open daily at 07:00.
- Access is via the main entrance only.
- Entry is free to swimmers, coaches and officials on duty for the applicable session.

Please note: Session times may be adjusted once entries have closed and the final programme is confirmed.

Session Times

- Heats Start: **09:30**
- Finals Start: **17:30**

Admission Fees

- Gala Pass – Adult: **R450.00**
- Gala Pass – Children: **R 150.00**
- Session admission – Adult: **R 60.00**
- Session admission – Pensioner: **R 40.00**
- Session admission – Children: **R 30.00**
- Children under 10 years: Free

- **LINK TO PRE-ORDER GALA PASS:** <https://forms.gle/bnCqB18sq4J1PvPr5>
- **Pre-ordered gala passes will be handed to Team Managers at the Team Managers meeting**

Programmes & Results

- Heats programme: **R 40.00**
- Finals programme: **R 20.00**
- Each province will receive two complimentary programmes for their Team Manager and Coaches.

PARKING:

- Parking is limited, therefore you are requested to please observe traffic rules and respect residents when deciding on a parking spot – no parking is permitted outside of the swimming venue on the road. There will be security within the venue.
- Officials on duty for each session may park behind the grandstand and enter via the officials' room.

TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE:

- **PRE-ORDER MERCHANDISE:** <https://forms.gle/tZqnLLr7ki5vtRzh8>
- Distribution arrangements will be communicated ahead of the event

SAFE GUARDING:

- The name of the Safeguarding officer from each team must accompany the officials list.
- All safeguarding issues must be reported to the event's safeguarding officer, via the team safeguarding officer.
- Please note, no towel changes allowed in any public areas.

