

Meet Approval Levy FAQs

SNSW MEET LEVY FAQs and Definitions

Definitions

Official Meet	An Official meet is a meet or carnival conducted for the purpose of gaining qualifying standards for a future meet. Official meets require an active and qualified Referee and Starter to have acted in these roles throughout the meet. This includes official club nights, if they have a referee, starter and upload results to Swim Central. It can be a weeknight or weekend event, for one club individually or multiple clubs competing against each other.
Club Nights	A club night can either be official or unofficial, depending on if the results from the night are uploaded to Swim Central for use as qualifying times. A club night may take place any day or night of the week. It is usually only attended by members of that individual club.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnival • Inter club Meet • Area Meet • Area Carnival • Club carnival • Club Meet 	A carnival or meet that involves swimmers from multiple clubs competing against each other. These can be 'friendly' and unofficial or competitive and involve official results.
Swim Central	The SNSW central database of memberships, results, events. Any results uploaded to Swim Central can be verified by SNSW and verified times can be used to enter future meets.

What is the Meet Approval Levy?

From 31st August 2023 SNSW will introduce a new **Meet Levy of \$1.50 per swimmer per event** for all **official meets** across NSW **excluding all club nights and club championships**.

Why has the Meet Levy been introduced?

Like many businesses, state sporting organisations are under increasing financial pressure to deliver services and events to our members due to the rising costs across all aspects of our business.

Careful financial management is extremely important to Swimming NSW and the long-term future of the sport in NSW. We are a not-for-profit organisation and want to continue to provide families, clubs and athletes with opportunities and services to be involved with the sport and achieve their potential.

To deliver upon these commitments and our Strategic Plan, SNSW needs to become financially self-sustainable to address rapidly increasing costs and a decrease in partner funding.

Have any other states implemented a Meet Levy?

Yes, Swimming Victoria did it in 2008 and it continues to support their programs.

How will the Meet Levy be applied at Swimming NSW events?

The Levy will be added onto event entry fees for all Swimming NSW meets.

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What are the exemptions?

All Club nights and Club Championships will be exempt from the meet levy for the first year of the meet levy implementation after which this will be reviewed.

How will the Meet Levy be billed?

Event organisers will be invoiced the Meet Levy after results have been uploaded and verified in Swim Central.

Will event organisers be required to cover the cost of the Meet Levy?

Event organisers may choose to cover the cost of the Meet Levy, however it is designed to be a participant cost.

Can an event organiser upload a meet to Swim Central but not have them verified as official?

Yes, a meet that is uploaded but isn't verified is not charged the Meet Levy.

Is the Meet Levy per entry or per participant?

The Meet Levy will apply per person, per event for applicable meets. So, if the swimmer enters four (4) events, they will pay \$6 Meet Levy on top of any race entry fees.

What if my club holds club nights (or club championships) and occasionally invites other clubs along?

Meets will no longer be seen as a club meet if there are **more than five (5)** visiting participants in attendance. As such, this meet will be levied the standard rate. This includes and full member or second claim member of another club.

What if my club holds Time Trials in lieu of a club night?

This is not classified as a club night and as such will be charged the levy.

Will the Meet Levy apply to school meets?

The Meet Levy will not apply to school meets as schools are not affiliated with SNSW, however SNSW intends to communicate directly with schools over the coming weeks in regard to a fee structure for school events.

Will GST be applied to the Meet Levy?

In line with Swimming NSW event entries, the \$1.50 Meet Levy is **inclusive of GST**. This is the total levy cost.

Will the Meet Levy be charged for meets after 30 August 2023 if entries are placed prior to this date?

The Meet Levy will be applied to all meets occurring from 31st August 2023, so please include the extra cost when planning your event fees and taking entries for events happening from this date.

Are 25m/33m races levied?

As most 25m events are officiated under rules tolerance and don't incur disqualifications, these events will not be levied. The same applies to 33m events.

Are entries from a Second Claim swimmer levied?



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Yes, as they are still acting and competing as a swimming member.

In the same way, Second Claim members count towards the total of 'visiting participants' at a club meet, where more than five (5) of these participants constitute the meet as an interclub meet (see above).

How will Speedo Sprints be charged?

As results are official Speedo Sprint Heats entries are charged the levy. Finals will not be charged a levy, in the same way that you are not charged for finals swim in a heats/finals event.

If a refund is requested due to a withdrawal, is the meet levy on those entries refunded?

If the swimmer does not end up swimming the event, the levy will not be charged for that entry. Meet hosts are to manage refund requests as normal through Swim Central.

Will relays be levied?

As only the lead swimmer receives a time from a relay, the levy applied for each relay will be \$1.50, equivalent to the standard meet levy for individual events.

Please send any further enquiries to results@nsw.swimming.org.au and we will respond as well as add your question to this document.