



Casey Seals 2011-12 Open Water Award

The Casey Seals Open Water Award for the 2011-12 summer season is about to get underway, with the first event being at Hazelwood in October. This year it will be run on the same basis as last year's points system, but with an increase in the amount for extra swims and using the average of the top 3 times instead of just the winner's time.

What is it?

The award is to see who is the best Open-Water swimmer in the club, based on how well you perform in your category.

Who is eligible?

All currently registered financial Casey Seals members are eligible.

You must renew at the start of the year to stay a member. If you are not a new member and are re-registering for the 2012 year, you **must rejoin by 1st February 2012** for your swims upto that date to be included in your score.

If you are a new member, you cannot use results from swims done before you join the club.

How does it work?

Points are calculated for every open-water swim that you do during the season. Your 4 highest scoring swims plus 25% of all your other swims are added to get your total score. For each swim, the points are calculated as the total of 2 components:

1. Time

Your time is compared to the average of the top 3 in your category. The formula is:
(Category average top-3 times / Your time adjusted by Wetsuit factor) x 10

2. Place

Your category placing is compared to the number of entrants in your category. The formula is:
(1 - (Your placing / No. entrants)) x 10 / Wetsuit factor

Wetsuit factor

Your time & place will be adjusted if you don't wear a wetsuit because a wetsuit will make you around 6% faster – this works out at around one minute faster per kilometre and upto 2 minutes faster for slower swimmers.

Getting the results

We will look up the results for the main Victorian Open Water events – these are listed in the Casey Seals OWS Calendar on the Casey Seals website (www.caseyseals.com.au).

For any other swims not listed in the calendar, you need to email the results to Greg Chaplin at ows@caseyseals.com.au. These must be able to be verified by some means such as providing the website address for the results or a results certificate. The details that you need to supply are:

- Event date & name
- The event's website (if available)
- Your category (eg. "30-39 Women")
- If you wore a wetsuit
- Your time
- Top 3 times in your category
- Your category placing
- Number of entrants in your category