

ROTTNEST CHANNEL SWIM ASSOCIATION INC.

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. In any Rottnest Channel swim attempts, no swimmer shall use or be assisted by artificial aids of any manner. Swimmers are permitted to grease the body before a swim, use goggles, wear a maximum of two caps, a nose clip, and earplugs. Swimmers must wear one swim suit that does not contain neoprene, rubber or any other material that aids buoyancy and complies with FINA's Open Water Swimming Rules in that the swim suit shall be of a woven textile material, shall not contain a zipper, nor cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below the ankle. In addition to one swim suit that complies with this rule, for modesty purposes, swimmers may wear bathers under their outer swim suit. These bathers must be two piece (women) or briefs (men or women). Swimmers may also wear one rash vest or stinger suit made of porous textile material (such as nylon or lycra), which does not cover the neck, nor extend past the wrist, nor extend below the ankle, but may contain a zipper.
2. During an attempt, no supporting contact whatsoever shall be permitted by any person or object with the swimmer.
3. For an attempt to be officially recognized as successful, a swimmer must enter the ocean from the natural connecting shore, swim across the Rottnest channel until he/she touches the opposite natural connecting shore and clear the water.
4. Multiple Crossings - at the change in direction the swimmer must swim up to shallow water, walk to the most assessable dry land, clear the water (at which time the crossing time shall be recorded), and return immediately to the water. Once back in the water at not less than knee height, the swimmer can stand or sit for up to 10 minutes before recommencing the next leg of the multiple attempt. During this time the swimmer can't be touched but can be given food, water, grease or approved medication.
5. The Rottnest Channel Swim Association (RCSA) shall not at any time observe attempts to swim the Rottnest Channel by persons under the age of fourteen (14) years as at the day of the attempt, whether as an individual attempt or as part of a team attempt.
6. The swimmer or his/her representative must advise the RCSA Secretary of a proposed attempt 14 days prior to the scheduled attempt and confirm in writing that he/she has the necessary permissions from the relevant authorities to attempt the crossing. The RCSA Committee will then appoint an observer and inform the swimmer who has been appointed. The swimmer must then keep the observer informed of any changes to the date and time of the attempt.
7. The observer shall be in sole charge of the timing of the attempt, and shall be responsible for the interpretation of the rules, including the right to cancel the attempt in unsafe conditions and/or in conditions posing a danger to the swimmer. The observer will submit a written report to the RCSA Secretary within seven (7) days of the attempt.

8. A non refundable fee will be charged by the Association prior to the swim attempt and an explanation of the calculation would be made available on written request.
9. The RCSA can from time to time organize a race across the Rottnest Channel and set rules and regulations for that race as required. Participants in the race will be bound to comply with the set rules and regulations of the race for their crossing to be recognized.
10. An attempt as defined by by-law 6 will not be sanctioned during a race as defined by bylaw 9 but must be conducted on a day separate to the organized race day to be recognized by the RCSA.
11. The RCSA Committee is required to keep a record of all attempts whether made as separate attempts or as part of a race as defined by by-law 9 for each attempt the minimum information required to be recorded is as follows:
 - a) Date of the attempt
 - b) Name of swimmer
 - c) Address of swimmer or team manager
 - d) Sex
 - e) Course taken
 - f) Time (hrs:mins:secs)
 - g) Date of Birth
 - h) Age at swim
12. The RCSA can appoint a member as defined by the Constitution to maintain the records for and on behalf of the Committee and the Association. That person will be required to present an up to date copy of the recorded crossings at the annual general meeting.
13. Life members so appointed in accordance with the RCSA Constitution will receive a commemorative Life Membership Medal or Certificate at a suitable occasion as determined by the RCSA Committee.