

Missing Person at Sea

Managers/Coaches Reflex Tasks

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**

Team Managers/Coaches response and responsibilities.

1. Team managers to gather their competitors and check that they are all accounted for.
2. Assign only competent lifeguards (LG) to the competitor search party (CSP) with fins and goggles/masks and wets suit vests, and direct them to the Arena Referee/s (AR) in the affected arena/s.
3. Coaches to report immediately to the AR in their assigned arena and organise their CSP in line/s, ensuring that they are 'paired up' while awaiting instructions from the AR.
4. CSP should be sorted into lines with the least capable athletes closest to the water and most capable furthest from to the water. Coaches to remind CSP that when in the water, searchers will take turns at diving under water to search, while the their buddy makes sure they are safe and that their buddy returns to the surface.
5. Coaches/Team managers must know the number and names of their CSP prior to entering the water and ensure that they are all accounted for prior to leaving the water and or search party.
6. Team Managers/Coaches and the CSP must follow the instructions of the AR and officials at all times to ensure that the search is implemented in a coordinated manner. If competitors do not feel confident or capable of implementing a search they must withdraw from the CSP, ensuring that they notify their buddy and coach/team manager before leaving the water and or CSP.