

UWA Sport Aquatic Program Reopening – FAQ

UWA Sport is reopening with a revised suite of Aquatic offerings that focus on Learn to Swim and Recreational Swimming programs.

The Aquatic Centre will reopen in line with health advice and university guidelines. We have a diverse group of users to consider, which means not all programs will return on the same date, time or capacity as each other.

Outside of our programs, we will be working with UWA Water Polo Club, UWA Triathlon Club, UWA West Coast Swimming Club and other Aquatic activities to create a vibrant venue that is sustainable for the long term.

Our collective aim is to offer our swimmers the opportunity to choose from a variety of experiences and offerings, from swimming for recreation and fitness to elite competition training.

What Programs will be offered by UWA Sport?

A series of programs will be launched in line with health regulations and venue capacity limits, including:

- A junior Learn to Swim program with new levels introducing swimmers to essential squad swimming skills.
- Recreational programs for non-competitive swimmers aged 13-18, as well as student and adult programs.
- A tailored adult Learn to Swim and Water Confidence program.

What will be offered by UWA West Coast Swimming Club?

The Club is planning member training offerings via squad sessions. Full details of the membership services offered by the Club will be communicated once they are finalised.

Any Swimming Club related enquiries can be directed to president@uwawestcoast.org

What Programs will be offered by the UWA Water Polo Club?

The Club is currently reviewing their options for resuming Club training. Full details of the membership services offered by the Club will be communicated once they are finalised.

Any Water Polo Club related enquiries can be directed to secretary@uwawaterpolo.com.au

What will be offered by UWA Triathlon Club?

The Club is currently reviewing their options for resuming Club training. Full details of the membership services offered by the Club will be communicated once they are finalised.

Any Triathlon Club related enquiries can be directed to committee@uwatriathlonclub.com.au

If I have a credit with UWA Sport because of COVID-19 cancellations, but I/my child is enrolling in a Club run program, will I receive a refund?

Your credit will be honoured. We do ask for some more time to finalise plans with the Clubs regarding training offerings and will confirm in time how credits or refunds will be processed.

When will programs be available again?

It is still an evolving situation, however, the team is currently preparing to reopen the UWA Aquatic Centre in line with health guidelines.

We are working with UWA Water Polo Club, UWA West Coast Swimming Club and others on a return to the pool for members. Information will be communicated via the Clubs when available.

Learn to Swim will resume at the UWA Aquatic Centre at the **beginning of the school holidays, on Monday 6 July**. Limitations on numbers may apply in line with health guidelines and venue capacities.

Recreational Swimming Programs will resume at the **start of Term 3, Monday 20 July**. Limitations on numbers may apply in line with health guidelines and venue capacities.

We are planning to re-introduce Public Swimming on **Monday 15 June**.

Dates for registration, and any changes to registration processes, are not yet confirmed but will be communicated as soon as possible.

What is the relationship between the UWA Sport and the sporting Clubs?

UWA Sport has a series of Affiliated Sporting Clubs who oversee their own club membership, operations, competitive offering, training environment, member service/support, volunteers and finances.

UWA Sport provides Affiliated Clubs with significant support, such as; member recruitment, training and competition venue access, subsidised venue hire, club management support and advice, club grant schemes and more.

Will UWA West Coast Swimming Club still train at UWA campus and HBF stadium?

Yes, the Club will offer training for its members at both venues.

What if my child is in Junior White, but currently trains at HBF Stadium?

You will be spoilt for choice. There will be training options you can consider from the Club as well as Recreational programs available via UWA Sport at the UWA Aquatic Centre.

When these programs will be available will be heavily dictated by the health regulations and venue capacity. Both ourselves and the Club will need to stage the return of swimmers to the water in what are likely to be restricted volumes.

What if my child is in Junior Green, but doesn't want to become a club member?

You will be spoilt for choice. There will be training options you can consider from the Club as well as Recreational programs available via UWA Sport at the UWA Aquatic Centre.

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Is a Recreational or Competitive pathway better for me/my child?

Neither option is better than the other – both pathways aim to provide a positive experience. It depends on your child's goals, interests, abilities and other commitments.

For those who enjoy the fun and fitness associated with swimming but aren't seeking a competitive outcome, or cannot commit to multiple training sessions per week due to other sporting or school commitments, the Recreational pathway may appeal most.

For swimmers with a drive to compete, who are willing to train multiple times per week, the competitive offerings within UWA West Coast Swimming Club, UWA Water Polo Club or UWA Triathlon Club may appeal most.

What is most important is that your love of Aquatics is enhanced by your involvement. If you find you want to switch to a competitive offering for 6 months and for the following 6 months just want the recreational outcome, no problem. The choice is yours.

Where can I get more information?

Information is being shared as quickly as possible, but there is additional planning to be completed before final details can be shared.

We recommend that you monitor your email and our website, as all announcements will be communicated this way in the first instance. If any action is required on your part, you will be prompted.

Have a burning question you would like to ask?

Please direct your enquiry to the appropriate contact:

UWA Sport aquatics@sport.uwa.edu.au

UWA Triathlon Club committee@uwatriathlonclub.com.au

UWA Water Polo Club secretary@uwawaterpolo.com.au

UWA West Coast Swimming Club president@uwawestcoast.org

We are currently aiming to respond to all customer enquires within three working days. We thank you for your patience during this time and look forward to seeing you back in the water soon.