

Appx O19 CLOTHING BASKET SYSTEM

At the **2023 A to E** Division Swimming Carnivals there will be a clothing basket system in place for the swimmers. This service is designed to improve the professionalism of the meet and assist the swimmers in the retrieval of their clothing. Baskets will also be available at all other carnival divisions, but there will be no official managing the service. Schools in the lower divisions need to organise their own student carriers and supervise their students.

At the blocks before the start of each race there will be a basket for each lane and the swimmers can place their towel and clothing in the basket just before they take to their starting block. Each school will supply student officials to act as basket carriers and they will walk the basket down to the finish end of the pool and place the basket behind the blocks for each lane at the finish end. The swimmers can leave the water after the race when instructed by the referee and can collect their clothing and towel from their basket. The student officials will then return the empty basket back to the start end of the pool. The ACC will arrange one adult official to oversee the basket system. Each school will need to provide 2 students to work as basket carriers. At all times during the meet each school must have 2 basket carriers in place, one at each end. Single gender schools share a lane and only require one student basket carrier. If necessary, these student officials can be rotated during the day with replacement student officials. The student basket carriers from each school must be dressed in either the school PE uniform or the full summer school uniform; this can be at the discretion of the Sports Coordinator.

The basket system will operate as follows:

- Three baskets in operation per lane. At the first race there will be 2 baskets at the start end and one basket at the finish end.
- Each school will have two basket carriers. Student basket carrier officials stand behind the blocks for their school lane and next to their basket. One student will be at the start end and one at the finish end of the pool. Basket carriers are to stand well clear of any other officials and should not be near the edge of the pool.
- One adult official will brief the basket carriers and supervise the process during the carnival.
- **START END (50m):** Once the swimmer has placed items in the basket the carrier can walk the basket from the start end to the finish end. Basket carriers from the 50m start end of the pool will walk back on the north side (behind the temporary competitor seating) and past the marshalling area and place the basket at the finish end of the pool behind the blocks.
 - If the swimmer places no items in the basket then the carrier remains at the start end of the pool and waits for the next race.
 - After basket delivery, the carrier then remains in place to take on the role of the finish end basket carrier.
 - In 100m events the swimmers start and finish at the same end so there is no need for baskets to be transferred.
- **FINISH END:** This student official remains in place until the basket carrier arrives from the start end with a basket carrying clothing items. At this point the student officials exchange places. The student official at the finish end waits until the clothing basket has been delivered and then takes an empty basket and walks this back to the start end of the pool. Basket carriers from the finish end will walk on the south side (in front of main grandstand) of the pool towards the 50m start end, taking care to walk well away from pool side so as not to interfere with the swimming officials.
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 - For relay events there will be two swimmers in each lane at each end of the pool and they will place their items in the basket at the same time at the start of the race.
 - Swimmer 1 & 3: will be at the 50m finish end (diving pool/east end), the baskets can be transferred once the swimmers place their items in the basket before the race starts. If the swimmers place no items in their basket the official stays in place until the next race.
 - Swimmers 2 & 4: will be at the 50m start end (west end); the baskets can be transferred once the swimmers place their items in the basket before the race starts. If the swimmers place no items in their basket the official stays in place until the next race. The basket officials will need to ensure that there is an empty basket ready at the start end of the pool for all races. There are three baskets per lane so there should always be enough baskets.
 - At all times there should be one basket carrier per school at each end of the pool. If a school does not provide two basket carriers then there will be no basket service for that lane/school.
- See diagram following for basket carriers pathway directions.

Pool layout of HBF Stadium Indoor Pool – Basket Carriers pathway direction marked in blue arrows

