Entries for the 16th annual Dis-Chem Sun City Swim, to be held on the 26th October closed on Friday, 4th October. Late entries will ONLY be taken at Sun City on the 25th and 26th October but there is a R100 penalty per person with no guarantee of a goody bag.

The entries are unbelievable this year. We have 3165 pre-entries, which is an increase of 15% from last year’s pre entries. This year each age group has their own event, e.g. Event 3 Women, 13&under and 31&over is now split into Event 3 Women 31&over and Event 4 13&under. In the past Event 3 has always been the largest, but with the split this year, Event 7 – Women 14-30 is now the largest with 420 entries.

In an effort to kerb chips being lost during the swim, IMA has teamed up with Biogen and has created an ankle strap which is to be used by the swimmers. All pre-entered swimmers who already own a ChampionChip, along with those that have pre-ordered their chips for the swim this year, will receive an ankle strap at registration. ChampionChip will be at registration selling the chips and ankle strap combos for those who do not yet own a chip.

Our oldest male swimmer for this year’s swim is, Laurie Franken aged 77 and the oldest female swimmer is Annelore Kienhofer aged 78. On the other side of the scale we have Eve Fourie aged 2 years and 2 months and Drew Bibb aged 3 years, 11 months, being our youngest girl and boy respectively.

Entries are up across all races. The 3000m swim continues to be the largest 3000m in the country - this year there are 337 pre entrants. This event will be split into Event 1, Men and Event 2, Women. The men will start 5 minutes before the ladies.

The Dis-Chem Sun City Swim was started by a group of Masters Swimmers and is run in conjunction with Masters Swimmers. The 3km is the longest distance approved by FINA Worlds Masters. South African Masters swimmers are eligible for Masters Swimming Open Water Colours if they achieve certain times placing them in the top 10 in their age group in a Swim South Africa Sanctioned event. The Dis-Chem Sun City Swim is a recognised qualifying event.

[Dis-Chem](http://www.dischem.co.za/) and [Sun City](http://www.suninternational.com/sun-city/Pages/default.aspx) remain the title sponsors. [Speedo](http://www.speedo.co.za/) have committed to providing Speedo golf shirts to identify helpers and swimming caps for each event, [Voltaren](http://www.voltaren.co.za) will once again present medals to all finishers and [Bené Water](http://www.bene.co.za) will hand out bottles of spring water to all competitors exiting the finish area.

Some of our new sponsors include; [Garrun Group](http://www.garrun-group.co.za/) who is providing In Motion Africa with Events Indemnity Insurance, as well as Personal Accident Cover to all those participants who accept the offer, with [Similasan](http://www.similasan-sa.co.za/) providing face painting for the children and [Biogen](http://www.biogen.co.za/) supplying Slushies, and some other handouts.

We would also like to welcome [Super Group](http://www.supergroup.co.za/) as our Official Transport sponsor. They will be providing the transportation of the race equipment, registration packs, the ever popular goody bags and the wonderful new Biogen ankle straps to hold the chips on.

The fun swim is being sponsored by [PharmaChoice](http://www.pharmachoice.co.za/) this year, becoming the PharmaChoice 600m Fun Swim.

[Little Eden](http://www.littleeden.org.za/) and [The Kidney Beanz Trust](http://www.kidneybeanz.co.za/) are the official charities for the Dis-Chem Sun City Swim. The organisers will donate R5 of each pre-entry fee to these charities and entrants are asked to make voluntary donations. The Dis-Chem Foundation has agreed once again to match the swimmers voluntary donations Rand for Rand. Little Eden will be receiving a cheque to the value of R34 860, and The Kidney Beanz Trust will receive a cheque to the value of R29 100. These cheques will be handed over to each of these beneficiaries on the day of the swim.

The first Event of the day at 08h00 is 3km followed by 6 age group 1500m swims from 09h30, with the 1500m swim for all disabled swimmers starting at 12h35. The PharmaChoice 600m Fun Swim, which is untimed, will take place at 13h30. This event is open for all ages and swimming aids may be used if required.