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Tasmanian Masters Club Relay Teams on the world stage in 2020

37 Masters Swimming Tasmania club relay teams have achieved FINA¹ World Top Ten Relay Team rankings in 2020. 80 club members enabled their club teams to make the rankings - results that the clubs and their members can be immensely proud of.

The Hobart Aquatic Centre Masters Swimming club topped the list with 15 relay top ten placings followed by the Hobart Dolphins with 7. Relay teams from five clubs achieved top ten results.

Australian relay swimming teams under the legendary national coach, the late **Don Talbot** AO OBE were established as a priority. When he took over the Australian swimming team as head coach in 1990 no one really cared about relay teams. It was Don that made them a priority.

While not the largest club in Tasmania, the **Hobart Aquatic Centre** club topped the Tasmanian listing with 15 relay teams, just over 40% of the total. A great reward for the effort the club* puts into its relay teams and a credit to the participation by its members.

Club relay teams achieving FINA World Top ten listings

Club	Teams
Hobart Aquatic	15
Hobart Dolphins	8
Launceston	7
Devonport	6
Tomatoes	1
Total	37

Relay races are team events with a total of 80 individual members contributing to those 37 relay teams.

The tables at the end of this story set out the top ten relay rankings by event and club as well as a full listing of participants and the number of relay rankings they contributed to.

¹ Fédération Internationale de **Na**tation, English: International Swimming Federation

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Relay participants by club

Club	Club members in teams
Hobart Aquatic	30
Hobart Dolphins	17
Launceston	14
Devonport	15
Tomatoes	4
Total	80

Relay teams provide the opportunity for club members to swim together rather than racing each other for individual rewards.

Relays also provide the opportunity for family contributions to those club results.

mywaterworld.life extends its congratulations to the **Kline family** with Michele and Anthony, together with their daughter Madeline, to all be part of the FINA World Top Ten relay listings. Well done Michele, Anthony, and Madeline.

During 2020 the Masters Swimming Tasmania and its clubs provided opportunities for their members to all participate in many relay teams at meets by providing them on their championship programs - the gender based and mixed teams, and freestyle and medley team relays provide great depth and opportunities for inclusion on a club and team basis. The FINA World Top Ten listings provide the recognition and reward for a great competition program.

* [Editor's note: To avail themselves of relay team opportunities, some members do not compete with their primary clubs. Their results are accordingly recorded against the club they competed with.]

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Tasmanian FINA World Top Ten Relay teams

Course	M / F Mixed	Age group	Distance	Stroke	Club	Ranking
Long	Female	120-159	200	Freestyle	Devonport	4
Long	Female	240-279	200	Freestyle	Hobart Dolphins	4
Long	Female	280-319	200	Freestyle	Hobart Dolphins	9
Long	Female	120-159	200	Medley	Devonport	4
Long	Female	160-199	200	Medley	Hobart Aquatic	9
Long	Female	200-239	200	Medley	Devonport	10
Long	Female	240-279	200	Medley	Hobart Dolphins	5
Long	Female	240-279	200	Medley	Launceston	7
Long	Female	240-279	200	Medley	Hobart Aquatic	10
Long	Male	240-279	200	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	6
Long	Male	240-279	200	Freestyle	Launceston	8
Long	Mixed	240-279	200	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	8
Long	Mixed	280-319	200	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	8
Long	Mixed	120-159	200	Medley	Hobart Aquatic	9
Long	Mixed	240-279	200	Medley	Hobart Aquatic	10
Long	Mixed	160-199	400	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	2
Long	Mixed	160-199	400	Freestyle	Tomatoes	3
Long	Mixed	160-199	400	Freestyle	Devonport	4
Long	Mixed	160-199	400	Freestyle	Launceston	5
Long	Mixed	200-239	400	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	4
Long	Mixed	200-239	400	Freestyle	Hobart Dolphins	5
Long	Mixed	240-279	400	Freestyle	Launceston	3
Long	Mixed	240-279	400	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	4
Long	Mixed	280-319	400	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	2
Long	Mixed	160-199	400	Medley	Devonport	5
Long	Mixed	160-199	400	Medley	Hobart Dolphins	7
Long	Mixed	200-239	400	Medley	Hobart Aquatic	6
Long	Mixed	200-239	400	Medley	Hobart Dolphins	7
Long	Mixed	240-279	400	Medley	Hobart Aquatic	5
Long	Mixed	240-279	400	Medley	Launceston	7
Short	Female	240-279	200	Freestyle	Hobart Dolphins	4
Short	Female	240-279	200	Medley	Hobart Dolphins	8
Short	Mixed	160-199	400	Freestyle	Devonport	4
Short	Mixed	240-279	200	Freestyle	Hobart Aquatic	7
Short	Mixed	200-239	400	Medley	Launceston	
Short	Mixed	240-279	400	Medley	Hobart Aquatic	5
Short	Mixed	240-279	400	Medley	Launceston	7

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Tasmanian FINA World Top Ten Relay team member participants by Club

	Hobart Aquatic	- 30 participants	
Philip Tyrell	7	Jocy Anderson	
Kathleen McGinty	5	Rebecca Laletin	
Donna French	4	Alan Carpenter	
Valerie Claydon	4	Jo Burke	
Glenn Miller	4	Anthony Kline	
Diane Perndt	3	Penny Lucas	
Michele Kline	3	Lou Hill	
Madeline Kline	3	Alan Carter	
Tony Forman	3	Brent Walker	
Jennifer Lain	2	Robyn Doyle	
Harald Gatenby	2	Matthew Wilkinson	
Allan Nichols	2	Gabrielle Osborne	
Sue Mayne	1	Matthew Wilkinson	
Peter Brown	1	Michael Davis	
Ian Shuey	1	Katie Marx	
Hobart Dolphins - 32 partio	cipants	Devonport - 24 participa	nts
Megan Stronach	5	Ricky Homan	
Fiona Ziegler	4	Lucy Cochrane	
Kathryn Osborn	4	Katie Fielding	
Katherine Daft	3	John Clark	
Steve Richards	2	Myra Robertson	
Peter Tucker	2	Jessica Vickers	
Sue Muir	2	Marcia Watkinson	
Fiona Redgrove	1	Wendy Winzenberg	
Georgie Palmer	1	Heather Parker	
Michelle Sampson	1	Nani Clark	
Anne Speed	1	Jess Lucas	
Pia Paterson	1	Timothy Bukton	
William Cohen	1	Marylin Brack	
David Wightman	1	Carmen Evans	
Annalise Cousins	1	Katie Fielding	
Diane Gregory	1	C	
Mary Cousins	1		
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	Tomatoes - 4	+ participants	
Shelley Pooley	Tomatoes - 4	Jayde Richardson	

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