

## ADULT LIABILITY WAIVER FORM AND RISK WARNING

***NB: This waiver must be completed at the time of payment and forms part of your contract for services provided by Vladswim.***

I .....**(full name please)**

of .....**(home address please)**

(known as the **"Participant"**) am desirous of participating in one or more pool and/or open water Swimming events (each an **"Event"**) conducted, sponsored or endorsed (whether officially or unofficially) by the Vladswim in Sydney, or elsewhere.

**I have read and accept** the conditions set out in the **WARNING TO SWIMMERS AND ATHLETES (a copy of which is printed over page)** and I acknowledge that each Event involves a range of risks (not limited to the risks identified by Vladswim), including the risk of serious personal injury to me and that each Event could not be held unless all participants are willing to accept full responsibility for the consequences of these risks.

Therefore, and in consideration of Vladswim accepting me as a participant in any such Event, for myself, my heirs, successors, executors, and administrators, I hereby:

(a) acknowledge that **my participation in any Event is entirely at my own risk;**  
(b) waive, release and discharge Vladswim, its officers, coaches, organisers, members and all other participants (or any one or more of them and their respective heirs, successors, executors and administrators) (collectively **"the Releasees"**) from all claims **for personal injury or death ("Claims")** and demands whatsoever, including any claim:

(i) arising from the negligence of any of the Releasees during the conduct or otherwise of any Event (including failure to warn of any particular risk); and  
(ii) arising from any act or omission before, during or after an Event

**I also agree:**

**(a) to accept full responsibility for my personal possessions before, during and after an Event; and.**

**(b) agree that Vladswim may publish or use any photographs of me or any member of my family taken at any Event in any of the Vladswim publications, promotions or records, on the Vladswim website or in such other manner as Vladswim may from time to time decide without my prior approval or consultation with me.**

## **WARNING TO SWIMMERS AND ATHLETES PARTICIPATE AT YOUR OWN RISK**

1. YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ANY SWIMMING EVENTS (EACH "AN EVENT"), OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY CONDUCTED, SPONSORED OR ENDORSED BY VLADSWIM IS **AT YOUR OWN RISK**. VLADSWIM TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR SAFETY OR HEALTH DURING ANY EVENT IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE.
2. YOU MUST BE A COMPETENT SWIMMER AND/OR ATHLETE, IN REASONABLE HEALTH AND FITNESS, IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENT. ANY PERSON SUFFERING FROM ANY MEDICAL CONDITION MUST CONSULT HIS/HER MEDICAL ADVISER AND FOLLOW SUCH ADVICE REGARDING PARTICIPATING IN ANY EVENT.
3. ANY PERSON UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF OR AFFECTED BY ALCOHOL, DRUGS, MEDICATION OR OTHER SUBSTANCES **MUST NOT PARTICIPATE** IN ANY EVENT.  
NO LIFESAVER, MEDICAL ATTENDANT, PATROL BOAT, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, FIRST AID OR OTHER FACILITIES IS OR MAY BE PRESENT OR AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PARTICIPANTS IN ANY SUCH EVENT.
4. COMPETITIVE OPEN WATER SWIMMING AND BEACH RUNNING EACH CAN BE A DANGEROUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY. EACH SUCH ACTIVITY HAS OBVIOUS RISKS AND PARTICULAR RISKS OF HARM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
  - DROWNING;
  - SHARK ATTACK OR INJURY FROM OTHER DANGEROUS MARINE LIFE;
  - YOU MAY BE ALLERGIC TO STINGERS, BLUEBOTTLES, ETC;
  - POLLUTED OR CONTAMINATED WATER CAN CAUSE SICKNESS/INFECTION;
  - HEAVY SEAS AND DANGEROUS WATER CONDITIONS CAN CAUSE INJURY/LOSS OF LIFE;
  - COLLISION OR PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH OTHER SWIMMERS, BOUYS OR OTHER OBJECTS CAN CAUSE INJURY;
  - YOU COULD SUFFER A HEART ATTACK, EPILEPTIC FIT, COLLAPSE, SEVERE CRAMP, ETC;
  - LIGHTNING MIGHT STRIKE DURING AN EVENT;
  - SUBMERGED ROCKS OR OTHER HIDDEN OBJECTS CAN CAUSE INJURY;
  - BARE FEET CAN BE INJURED WHILST RUNNING ON THE SAND, OR ROCKS;
  - SAND CAN BE AN UNSTABLE SURFACE TO RUN ON AND MAY CAUSE INJURY, PARTICULARLY WHEN DIVING INTO A WATERWAY;
  - WHERE AN EVENT INVOLVES THE USE OF A BOAT, THIS COULD INVOLVE ADDITIONAL RISK OF INJURY.
5. WHILST ALL PARTICIPANTS PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS AT THEIR OWN RISK, NEVERTHELESS EVERY PARTICIPANT SHOULD EXERCISE CARE AND COURTESY TO AVOID ACCIDENTS, COLLISIONS WITH OR INJURY TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
6. EVENTS ARE INTENDED TO BE GOOD FUN, PROMOTE WELLBEING AND FITNESS, AND COMRADESHIP. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ENJOY THEMSELVES, BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
7. TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENT, A PARTICIPANT MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR MORE AND HAVE SIGNED THE ADULT LIABILITY WAIVER FORM. IF A PARTICIPANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN AN EVENT, THE PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN TOGETHER WITH THE PARTICIPANT MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN CONSENT AND SIGN THE LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

**DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING THE WARNING TO SWIMMERS AND ATHLETES ON BACK.**

**BY TICKING THIS BOX, I VERIFY THAT I AM PHYSICALLY FIT AND HAVE SOUGHT THE ADVICE OF A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER REGARDING MY PARTICIPATION IN A VLADSWIM EVENT.**

**Signed by:**

.....(Participant)

**Date:** .....