



2023 NZ Short Course Swimming Championships

Tuesday 8 – Saturday 12 August 2023

Hawkes Bay Regional Aquatic Centre

Event Information Booklet

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Purpose

The event sees the best swimmers from around the country go head-to-head for the national title. This competition has a blend of age group and open age swimmers. This is the pinnacle short course event in New Zealand, and provides the best swimmers in New Zealand to compete at the national level.

Good Sports

Please note that this is a Good Sports event. Swimming NZ is proud to partner with and join the Good Sports movement. This program aims to help parents provide the best sporting experience to their kids.

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Entry Information

Swimming New Zealand policies and the New Zealand swimming rules govern this competition.

This meet is open to financial, registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand Competitive Swimmers and foreign swimmers registered with foreign FINA affiliated swimming federations. All participants must agree to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

Entries	Timeline
Entries Open	26 June
Individual Entries Close	Tues 25 July at 11.59pm
Relay Entries Close	Wed 26 July at 11.59pm

Late entries will be accepted for 24hrs only via the Fast Lane page. A late entry fee will be applied in addition to individual entry fees.

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted via the SNZ Fast Lane page. Individuals will be able to access and complete their entries online via their Fast Lane.

There is no limit on the number of individual event entries. Swimmers must be entered in an individual event to be able to participate in relay teams.

Qualification Criteria

Age as at 31 August 2023. Swimmers must be 13 years and above as of this date to be eligible for this meet.

The qualifying period is from 1 January 2022 to 9 August 2023.

The qualifying times are 25m short course times. Short course times as well as long course [conversions](#) can be used for qualification – Para swimmers please see section below. All swimmers shall only enter qualified events.

Only results from designated meets can be used as qualifying times.

Individual entry times will be generated by the SNZ database. Performances from international, regional and local competitions not held within the database will not be eligible for use to enter this championship.

Entry Fees

Location	Individual Entry Fee	Relay Team Entry Fee
Domestic	\$23	\$46
International	\$25	\$50

Entry fees must be paid prior to the start of the meet. If they have not been paid it will result in the withdrawal of swimmers. Clubs that have not paid the required entry fees at the closing date of entries will be invoiced by Swimming New Zealand.

No refunds for any withdrawals before or during the meet. Refunds for any medical withdrawals can be considered if a signed doctor's certificate is supplied.

International Entries

Visitors will be able to submit entries using either a TM File or spreadsheet available on the event website. This need to be emailed to entries@swimming.org.nz by the entry deadline date specified above.

Foreign entries also need to be accompanied with a signed Travel Authorisation Form/Letter from the national federation.

Foreign clubs are required to provide a proof of entries report upon submission of entries.

A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for

timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

International Para swimmers must hold a national classification or higher and communicate their classification and any codes of exception to entries@swimming.org.nz or cameron@swimming.org.nz during the entry process.

Event Specifications

Morning Sessions

In the morning session there will be timed final races swum in the following age groups; 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and 17 – 18 years, and 19 & Over (open).

Para multi-classification events will be swum as open age group within the able-bodied morning heats. Multi-classification finals take place in the evening for all Para events.

The top 10 ranked swimmers in each age group will swim in the final heats of each event, all other swimmers will be rank seeded in combined age groups. Medals for age groups (13 – 18 years) will be determined from the heats in the morning.

Finals

A, B and C Finals will be swum in the evening sessions and will consist of the top 30 swimmers from the morning session. C finals will only be swum when there are 40 or more swimmers that competed in the morning heats. B finals will only be swum when there are 30 – 39 swimmers in the morning session.

Timed Finals

The 800m Free and 1500m Free for both males and females will be swum as timed finals with the only the fastest timed final swum in the final's session of that particular day.

Para Athletes

The 2023 NZ Short Course Swimming Championships are open to Para swimmers who have a classification of some form – provisional, national or international.

Para swimmers may meet the qualification times in either a short course or long course pool. However, no converted times are allowed – i.e. so long as the time is met the swimmer can enter that event. There is no qualifying time for the 100m IM but it is

still able to be entered. However, please ensure the swimmer can perform each stroke.

Para events will be swum as open age group within the able-bodied morning heats. Multi-classification finals take place in the evening for all Para events.

Medals will be distributed based on the World Para Swimming points system (similar to the percentage of the world record calculation) using the event software, of which results are final.

For a full list of Paralympic events (from Tokyo 2020) see the events page here, or refer to the highlighted events in the qualifying times document.

Swimming NZ is wanting to grow Para swimmer's involvement in relays. The introduction of relays (listed below) will be exhibition swims, so no club points will be awarded.

- 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay – MC (the following options swum together)
 - o S14 Men
 - o 34 Point Women
 - o 34 Point Men
- 4 x 100m Medley Relay – MC (the following options swum together)
 - o S14 Men
 - o S14 Mixed
 - o 34 Point Mixed

Please note with these relays being exhibition swims, you can be part of a relay team without swimming an individual event. If you would like to swim in a relay please contact Cameron at cameron@swimming.org.nz. A full list of eligible relays can be found within the Para swimming NZ records.

Relays

Relays will be timed-finals with all timed-finals being swum at the end of the finals session. Relay events can be entered by a national selection team (for selection purposes – including Para swimming teams), a club team or a Para/regional/zonal team. Priority of selection to teams will be in that order. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 clubs.

Psych Sheets

Psych Sheets will be posted on the event webpage as soon as possible after entries close.

Corrections and changes to psych sheets are to be sent to entries@swimming.org.nz by 11.59pm Sunday 30 July.

Any changes made after the final psych sheets are published will not be updated online, but will be completed and updated on the SNZ event file.

Event Information

Opening Hours

Pre-Meet	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 7 Aug	8am – 12pm	3pm – 7pm

Competition	Heats	Finals
Tues 8 Aug	7.00 (gates)	16.00 (gates)
	8.40 (comp)	17.45 (comp)
Wed 9 Aug	7.00 (gates)	16.00 (gates)
	8.40 (comp)	17.40 (comp)
Thurs 10 Aug	7.00 (gates)	16.00 (gates)
	8.40 (comp)	17.40 (comp)
Fri 11 Aug	7.00 (gates)	16.00 (gates)
	8.40 (comp)	17.40 (comp)
Sat 12 Aug	7.00 (gates)	16.00 (gates)
	8.40 (comp)	17.40 (comp)

Pool entry is free for training at these times. **Access will be through the main entrance of the complex for the pre-meet sessions only.**

Clubs/Regions that wish to train outside these times will have to organise their own times with the pool and pay entry. Lanes should be booked in advance.

Results

Age group results will be posted on the wall next to the learn to swim pool.

Swimming New Zealand will have live results via the SNZ website and Live Timing. The results for each event will be uploaded once the event has been signed off.

Ticketing

Tickets	Heats	Finals
Adult	\$7.50	\$10
Child	\$7.50	\$10
Concession	\$7.50	\$10

Spectator heat session tickets will be available for purchase online via Humanitix from **29 July at 9.00am.**

Spectator Entrance

The spectator entrance will be communicated closed to the event. Please ensure you have your ticket ready to scan in.

Livestreaming, Photography & Videography

All sessions at this event may be livestreamed.

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. All athletes and spectators have agreed to allow photographs, videos, audio recordings and audio recording to be taken by accredited SNZ contractors to be used for any legitimate purpose by SNZ. If you have any concerns please contact the Event Manager.

Spectators agree upon entry that photographic, video or audio recording equipment is prohibited for any purpose which may include, without limitation, video and/or audio recorders, camera tripods, monopods or lenses with a total focal strength of greater than 300mm and commercial digital video equipment. The SNZ Event staff will, at their sole discretion, determine whether or not an item is intended for personal or commercial use.

Merchandise

Merchandise for this event is provided by SNZ partner Teamline and is available for pre-purchase. In addition, race suits and other swim products are available from Teamline on their online store and from their store in the SNZ boardroom, located at the finish end of the grandstand. Find everything you need on their website www.teamline.co.nz

Parking

Parking is limited at the HBRAC facility. Please try and limit the number of vehicles you travel in to the meet.

Athlete Information

Pool Access

Swimmers

Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers will be communicated closer to the time. Accreditation must be presented to gain access. If you do not have a valid pass you will be required to pay the appropriate admission fee. Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of \$15.00 via the ticketing and accreditation booth located at the main entrance.

Warm-up Procedure

Date	Warm-Up Times
Tues 8 Aug	Heats: 7am – 8.25am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.25pm
Wed 9 Aug	Heats: 7am – 8.25am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.25pm
Thurs 10 Aug	Heats: 7am – 8.25am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.25pm
Fri 11 Aug	Heats: 7am – 8.25am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.25pm
Sat 12 Aug	Heats: 7am – 8.25am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.25pm

A warm-up procedure document will be available on the event webpage, please refer to this document for warm-up guidelines.

Athlete Seating

There will be no seating plan for this event, please be respectful of other club's space.

Strapping

Swimmers with strapping must provide documentation from a relevant registered health practitioner or physiotherapist and be reviewed by the Meet Director prior to swimming. Any swimmers without such documentation may not be permitted to swim.

Marshalling Process

Heats:

Self-marshalling will be employed during all heat sessions. Swimmers are asked to be in the marshalling area 4 heats prior to their event. For all 50m events swimmers need to be in the marshalling area 6 heats prior to their event.

Finals:

Swimmers (including reserves) will need to marshal 6 races prior for 50m events and 4 races prior to their event for all other events and remain in the marshalling area. All swimmers are required to marshal for relays. Swimsuits will be checked at marshalling for legality.

Winner Interviews

All A final and Para multi-classification winners in the evening sessions will be asked to complete a short interview at the conclusion of the race, as well as potentially the Age, Para and Open Record breakers during all sessions.

Victory Ceremonies

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events for the age groups Para multi-classification 13 and over, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 - 18 years and Open. Please note that the age group medals are determined from the swims in the morning. Visitor medals will be awarded to any international competitor who places.

The Victory Ceremony Timetable will be included in the finals programmes, and we will endeavour to run to this timetable. If for any reason there is a delay in the results being available, the medal presentation for that event will take place as soon as possible.

Dress Standard for victory ceremonies:

- Club or Regional t-shirt, jacket or sweatshirt.
- Pants or shorts MUST be worn.
- No Caps or Goggles.
- No towels to be wrapped around the waist.

There is to be strictly no photography on pool deck and the medal presentation area, all photos will be taken by the official event photographer and photos will be made available on the SNZ Facebook page. Anyone taking photos in this area will be asked to leave immediately.

Team Managers Information

Accreditation

Clubs will need to complete the coaches and managers form for team personnel who are region attending the meet. Event passes will be allocated to clubs based on this information.

Accreditation must be worn, around the neck, to gain access to the pool. No accreditation no entry. Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of \$15.00 each.

Date	Deadline
Applications Open	21 June 2023
Applications Close	28 July 2023 at 11.59pm
Late Applications Close	30 July 2023 at 11.59pm

A link to apply for coach and team manager accreditation will be available on the event webpage closer to the opening date, with this page providing more details regarding gaining accreditation.

Please note: late applications will incur a \$50 late fee for each individual

Accreditation Criteria

Coaches must be registered with Swimming New Zealand under the member category 'Coach' and must be showing as financial and active in the Swimming New Zealand database and registered with Swim Coaches & Teacher of NZ Inc.

Managers must be an active member on the Swimming New Zealand database. They can be registered as volunteer member and must have a Police Vetting check completed on their SNZ profile. They are not permitted to be undertaking any coaching on pool deck.

If you need to process or confirm your police check on the SNZ database, please email henrietta@swimming.org.nz. Please note, police checks may take up to 28 working days, ensure you allow enough time to be approved before the event.

Photo accreditation will be incorporated for this event, so a headshot or passport photo will be required to be included as part of the application process.

If a coach or team manager does not hear back from SNZ regarding an accreditation application, please assume that your accreditation has been approved for this event.

Any team manager, coach or swimmer who is caught giving their accreditation to somebody other than themselves, will have their

accreditation removed for the remainder of the event.

Anyone without an accreditation will need to purchase a spectator ticket.

Pool Access

Coaches & Team Managers:

Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers is via the swimmer's entrance that will be communicated closer to the time. Accreditation must be presented to gain access. If you do not have a valid pass, you will be required to pay the appropriate admission fee. Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of \$15.00 via the ticketing and accreditation booth located at the main entrance.

Managers Meeting

There will be a compulsory team managers meeting held on Monday 7 August at 5pm via zoom, the link will be communicated closer to the time.

Team managers will be given a brief run-down of meet activities, expectations of swimmers and clubs and general delivery of the event.

Each club must have at least one representative at the meeting to ensure all information is delivered back to the swimmers.

Event Packs

Team event packs can be collected from **4.00pm on Monday 7 August** and must be collected by team managers. After this time, packs will be available for collection at the athlete entrance.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted at the Team Managers meeting held the day prior to the start of the meet. Any withdrawals for session one submitted after the meeting will incur a withdrawal fee.

As ALL events in all morning sessions are run as timed finals SNZ Policy 008 will apply.

For timed-finals, withdrawals must be advised by the end of the session preceding the session with the timed final event.

Withdrawals from evening final races will be required to be submitted 30 minutes from posting of event results. Any competitor or team who withdraws from finals after this time shall pay

without excuse to SNZ a fee of \$50 (NZD) as per SNZ Policy 008.

Protests

Protests must be submitted to the referee, in writing, on the protest form by the team manager only within 30 minutes following the DQ announcement. This needs to be accompanied in cash by the \$100.00 protest fee.

If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

All protests shall be considered by the referee. If the referee rejects the protest, they must state the reasons for their decision. The Team Manager may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to SNZ. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be returned.

Session Programmes

All session programs will be online on the event webpage.

Timelines

Timelines will be included in both heats and finals session programmes. The times shown are approximate and races may start before or after the times indicated. It is the swimmer's responsibility to be at marshalling at the appropriate time (i.e. 4 or 6 heats before the scheduled race).

Banner Placement

Swimming New Zealand will have signage at the event and will take precedence for position over regional and club banners. SNZ Reserves the right to remove any banners that are not in appropriate areas or conflict with event signage and/or sponsors.

Disqualifications

Disqualifications will be announced and a copy of the DQ form can be found at the resolutions desk.

Event Communication

During the meet SNZ will use the multi-txt system to communicate to coaches and managers during the meet, please ensure your contact details are correct.

Points & Awards

The following points system will be used for the 2023 NZ Short Course Swimming Championships:

Points for Open Finals (individual and relays)

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	26	21	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Age Group Timed Finals (13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17-18yrs)

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	26	21	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Para Open Finals

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	26	21	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Trophies to be awarded

Top Age Group Club

Top Para Club

Top Open Club