

# Swimming New Zealand Policy

## Title: Withdrawals and Protests



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### PURPOSE

To outline SNZ policy on withdrawals and protests at SNZ competitions.

### POLICY

#### Withdrawals

##### Heats

No penalty will be applied for a withdrawal or DNS for a heat swim.

##### Timed Finals

For timed finals, withdrawals must be advised by the end of the session preceding the start of the timed-final event (i.e. the day before). Any competitor or team who withdraws from a timed final after this time shall pay without excuse to SNZ a fee of \$50.00 (NZD) when competing at the following events:

- NZ Swimming Championships
- NZ Age Group Swimming Championships
- NZ Division II Swimming Championships
- NZ Short Course Swimming Championships

Any competitor or team who withdraws from a timed final after this time at the NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships will be penalised and have 25 school points deducted from their total.

##### Semi-Finals and Finals

In all competitions, a competitor or team not wishing to take part in a semi-final or final in which qualification was earned shall withdraw within 30 minutes following the official results being published from heat or the semi-finals of the event in which qualification took place. Any competitor or team who withdraws from semi-finals and finals after this time shall pay without excuse to SNZ a fee of \$50.00 (NZD) when competing at the following events:

- NZ Swimming Championships
- NZ Age Group Swimming Championships
- NZ Division II Swimming Championships
- NZ Short Course Swimming Championships

Any competitor or team who withdraws from semi-finals or finals after this time at the NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships will be penalised and have 25 school points deducted from their total.

##### Fee Payment

After the event is complete, SNZ will invoice the member's club for payment, this payment must be made before the club is able to swim at the next SNZ event. Any withdrawal conducted at SNZ events not listed in this policy will not incur a withdrawal fee or penalty.

SNZ withholds the right to implement discretion for extenuating circumstances for a late withdrawal.

## **Protests**

Protests are possible:

- If the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competition are not observed; or
- If other conditions endanger the competition and/or competitors, or
- Against decisions of the referee; however, no protest shall be allowed against decision of fact.

Protests must be submitted:

- In writing to the referee by the authorised and accredited team manager only.
- With the fee of \$100 cash (NZD).
- Within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.

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 reason for their decisions. The team manager may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

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

## **Jury of Appeal**

### **Appointment**

If and when required, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed by the Technical Director of the meet.

The Jury shall consist of the Technical Director and two other suitably qualified persons – these cannot be a member of the club(s) involved on the appeal.

### **Process**

The Jury shall have the power to hear and adjudicate on appeals.

Decisions by the Jury shall be final.