



# 2024 Makos Zonal Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championships

Saturday 24 February 2024

Akaroa, Christchurch

## Event Information Booklet

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Swimming New Zealand and the Banana Boat New Zealand Ocean Swim Series have partnered to host the 2024 Makos Zonal Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championships within the Blue 70 La Grande Swim.

The Championships will take place on Saturday 24 February 2024 in Akaroa, Christchurch.

Event Safety and Rules will be governed by the Banana Boat New Zealand Ocean Swim Series guidelines.

This meet is open to financial, registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand club swimmers, competitive swimmers and any person who is enrolled at Secondary Schools in New Zealand.

For further information, general updates, and any changes to this document, please check the SNZ event webpage regularly.

### Distances, Age Groups and Eligibility

The event offers the following distances:

- 5km
- 2km

Swimmers wanting to enter multiple distances can do so at their own responsibility. Please note that swimmers must attend the safety briefing of each distance entered. Check safety briefings and start times before entering.

Age Groups for the Championships are 12-13yrs, 14-15yrs and 16-19yrs, with a female and male division for each of the above Age Groups.

### Eligibility Age as at 24 February 2024

There are no qualification times for the Championships; entries open to all schools in New Zealand with year 9-13 students.

Homeschooled students are eligible to participate but must align to a secondary school for the Championships.

Please find eligibility requirements on the School Sport NZ website.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

**Entries open on Thursday 22 June 2023**

**Entries close on Sunday 18 February 11:59pm**

Late Entries will not be accepted. No refunds for any withdrawals (including medical) will apply once entries have closed.

### Entry Process

All entries **MUST be completed online** and through the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series registration portal which can be found [here](#).

### School Sanctioning Form

**All entries must be confirmed/sanctioned by the swimmers' Secondary School.**



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Schools will be send a list of their students together with the Sanctioning Form, which must be returned to [events@swimming.org.nz](mailto:events@swimming.org.nz) no later than **5:00pm on Thursday 21 February 2024**.

### Foreign Entries

No international visitor entries will be accepted for this championship.

### Entry Fees

Entry fees are as follows per individual event:

Distance	Super EarlyBird	EarlyBird	Standard
5km	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$105.00
2km	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00

### Withdrawals

Swimmers withdrawing from the event must inform Swimming New Zealand prior to 5:00pm Thursday 21

February. Swimmers withdrawing from the race after this time are required to inform event staff at the registration tent of their withdrawal.

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

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Distance	Briefing Time	Start Time
5km	3:15pm	3:30pm
2km	12:10pm	12:20pm

Briefings are compulsory and must be attended by swimmers. The briefings take place at the start area and will include important information about safety, start and finish procedures and any other important information.

### Event Safety

Event safety information can be found [here](#).



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### Course Maps



**Timing**

Electronic timing straps will be used for these championships. Swimmers will be required to pay \$30.00 per chip if it is lost/not returned.

**Swim Caps**

Swim caps are provided as part of your entry and must be worn as a Health and Safety measure.

**Wetsuits**

Wetsuits are optional for all events.

**Wave Starts**

All events are split into wave starts (start groups) seeding you with swimmers of similar ability/speed. This is calculated by the estimated swim time selected during your entry process.

**Rack Pack Collection**

Race Packs can be collected at the Registration Tent on the day of the event.

The following registration opening times apply:

- 5km; 1:00pm
- 2km; 11:00am

Registration closes fifteen (15) minutes prior to race start.

**Results**

Results for these championships will be posted on the SNZ website and Banana Boat New Zealand Ocean Swim Series as soon as practicable after the event.

**Medals**

Medals will be awarded to the first three (3) swimmers in each age category per gender.

Swimmers are awarded points for their school to determine a top school, which will be announced in the event wrap. Points are allocated as stated in the table below:

Please note that all swimmers will still be eligible for medals for the Blue 70 La Grande Swim event in respective divisions, as well as overall series points.

**Anti-Doping**

All participants must agree to and comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

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



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## OTHER INFORMATION

### Bus Transport

Buses from the Akaroa Recreation Grounds to the start of the 5km in Wainui are available to be booked through your [My Event Dudes account](#). Please see the times table on the website for departure times (one way only). Please note there is **NO parking in Wainui**.

### Parking

Weather permitting, there will be Event Parking on the Akaroa Recreation Grounds. In case of bad weather, parking will be limited in the event area, so please allow enough time to park further away if required.

**Please note there is NO parking in Wainui.**

We ask for your cooperation to follow any directions or instructions by event staff. Please drive carefully and slow around the event site as (young) swimmers will be walking around and possibly on roadside.

### Meet Photography

Participants who have entered this event agree to allow photograph, video multimedia or film likeness taken by accredited photographers to be used for any legitimate purpose by Swimming New Zealand or others as approved by Swimming New Zealand. If you'd like to opt out of this, please contact [events@swimming.org.nz](mailto:events@swimming.org.nz)

### Bag Drop Off and Storage Area

An area designated to store gear bags will be available for all participants while you swim. This will be situated at the main event site at the Akaroa Recreation Grounds. You will need to bring your own small bag and label with your name and contact details.

For the 5km there will be a designated bag drop off area in Wainui and bags will be transported to the storage area at the Akaroa Recreation Grounds.

Please remember, this is an 'all care, no responsibility service', so please do not pack valuable items.

### More Information or Questions

Please visit the [Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series](#) website for any further general information or contact Swimming NZ for specific 2024 Makos Zonal Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championships information.

