

# Swimming New Zealand Policy

**Title:** Meet Approval - Officiated & Development



**Number:** 007

## **OFFICIATED MEETS**

### **Purpose**

To provide the opportunity for swimmers to achieve qualifying times to attend national championships. National championships/competitions will also follow the Officiated Meets requirements.

### **Technical Official Requirements**

For times to be approved from officiated meets the following minimum requirements are needed:

	<b>9 – 10 Lanes</b>		<b>7 – 8 Lanes</b>		<b>6 Lanes</b>		<b>4 – 5 Lanes</b>		<b>1 – 3 Lanes</b>	
Timing Equipment	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual
Referee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Starter	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Judge of Stroke	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Inspector of Turns	8	8	6	6	4	4	4	4	2	2
Timekeepers	1 per lane	2 per lane*	1 per lane	2 per lane*	1 per lane	2 per lane*	1 per lane	2 per lane*	1 per lane	2 per lane*
AOE	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Meet Software Operator	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

\*Minimum of 2 timekeepers per lane, ideally 3 per lane if numbers permit

Please note that qualified and registered officials are required to fill the positions above highlighted in blue.

### **Technical Official Sign Off**

The referee or technical director (where applicable) will be required to sign off the officials' requirements for the officiated meet approval documents. These documents will then need to be emailed to SNZ ([swimcentral@swimming.org.nz](mailto:swimcentral@swimming.org.nz)) accompanied by the official electronic results file.

### **Swimming Rules**

These meets will be officiated under Swimming New Zealand policies and the New Zealand swimming rules.

### **Results**

All results should be uploaded on to the SNZ Swim Central database by the meet organiser. These results can be used as qualifying times to enter any level of competition, including national championships.

### **Other Notes**

- An officiated meet may be held as either a short course or long course meet.

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- NZ Records can be set at these meets provided they comply with the New Zealand Records – Policy 003
- Strongly recommend regional event committees to sign off on the competition calendar for their local area.

## **DEVELOPMENT MEETS**

### **Purpose**

To provide a racing opportunity for swimmers in a low pressure and fun-focused environment, without aiming to achieve a qualifying time for national championships.

### **Event Delivery Requirements**

For development meets, the following minimum requirements are needed:

	10 Lanes		8 Lanes		6 Lanes or Less	
Timing Equipment	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual
Referee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starter	1	1	1	1	1	1
Judge of Stroke	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inspector of Turns	0	0	0	0	0	0
Timekeepers	1 per lane	1 per lane	1 per lane	1 per lane	1 per lane	1 per lane
AOE	1	-	1	-	1	-
Meet Software Operator	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please note that none of the positions are highlighted in blue, so there is no requirement for qualified and registered officials to fill any of the positions above. To clarify, this means that anyone can start the races and is not required to be an official.

### **Race Results Sign Off**

- There is no requirement for any technical official sign off.
- The meet organiser is required to upload the results on to the SNZ Swim Central database

### **Swimming Rules**

- These meets will be officiated under Swimming New Zealand event policies and the meet rules set by the organiser.
- Disqualification  
In line with the purpose of development meets “to provide a racing opportunity for swimmers in a low pressure and fun-focused environment, without aiming to achieve a qualifying time for national championships”, it is strongly encouraged to avoid disqualifying a swimmer unless absolutely necessary. For example, a swimmer failing to touch

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simultaneously in a breaststroke race or taking an additional dolphin kick under the water should not be disqualified; whereas a swimmer making a blatant false start or swimming freestyle in a backstroke race should be.

- Where a swimmer has performed a breach that would cause disqualification at an officiated meet, it is strongly encouraged that the swimmer is not disqualified, but instead, the swimmer and coach are informed of the breach and can learn from it and improve for the future.

## Results

All results should be uploaded on to the SNZ Swim Central database by the meet organiser. These results can be used as qualifying times to enter school/club events and/or regional championships but cannot be used to enter national championships.

## Other Notes

- A development meet may be held as either a short course or long course meet.
- NZ Records cannot be set at these meets as they don't comply with the New Zealand Records – Policy 003
- The term “development meet” reflects the opportunity for swimmers, coaches, and officials to learn and develop in a relaxed environment.