



**2025 Apollo Projects**  
**NZ Swimming Championships**  
Pre-Competition Information Book

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## Welcome from Swimming NZ

Kia ora swimmers, coaches and managers,

On behalf of Swimming NZ and the events team in Auckland, welcome to the 2025 Apollo Projects NZ Swimming Championships being held next week. We are excited to be hosting this event at the Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre, we can't wait to welcome you all!

To assist you with your final preparations, we have put together this document outlining all the key details you need to know about to help you across the championships. It promises to be an exciting week of racing and we look forward having you in Auckland.

Within the finals sessions, we will also be awarding the 2024 Swimming NZ Awards so keep an eye out for these to celebrate your peers for the achievements during the 2024 calendar year.

We would also like to thank our partners for this event, whom have helped us bring these championships to you. Thanks to our principal partner Apollo Projects, our corporate partners Aotea Electric, Kingspan, Arena and Teamline. We thank them for their support of this event and our sport.

Thanks for being part of the championships, and best of luck for your final preparations and racing throughout the week. We can't wait to see you in Auckland.

Nga mihi nui,  
Kate

*Kate Griffiths*

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Competitions Manager

## Event Partners

### Principal Partner & Competition Naming Right Partner



### Corporate Partners

- Aotea Electric
- Kingspan
- Arena
- Teamline

## Meet the SNZ Competitions Team

Name	SNZ Role	Major Roles in Hawke's Bay
Kate Griffiths	Competitions Manager	Competitions Manager & Swimify Operator
Dale Johnson	Head of Participation, Competitions & Engagement	Community Initiatives, Commentary Assistant and Support
Carlrine Gillespie	TO & Volunteer Development Lead	Control Room Supervisor
Dianne Farmer	TO	Technical Director
Tanisha Keach	Digital & Marketing Manager	Content Sharing, Social Media, Website & Media
Tonya Osborne		Quantum Operator
Helene Helms/ Isabelle Clague		Sport in the Box Operator
Simon Watts		Photographer
Tawhiti Te Momo		Videographer
Steve Kent		Commentator
Matt Hutchins		Commentator

## Important Information

### Key Contacts For Competition

Role	Name	Enquiry Type	Contact
Competitions Manager	Kate Griffiths	Event Queries	021 246 7440 <a href="mailto:events@swimming.org.nz">events@swimming.org.nz</a>
Resolution Desk	Technical Official	Withdrawals, DQs & Relay Forms	Table on Pool Deck

### Team Managers WhatsApp Group

We have created a WhatsApp Group that you can join to receive short updates across the week should we require to.

[Please join the WhatsApp group here](#)

### Good Behaviour

Swimming New Zealand is committed to providing positive swimming experiences for all involved. Across the five days of competition, we trust that all interactions throughout the event will be positive and respectful – please treat others like you would like to be treated.

All participants must comply with our Code of Conduct – [learn more](#)

### Health & Safety

Please remember to encourage good hygiene practices at this event and use common sense to keep yourself and others safe on pool deck.

### Warm-Up Procedure

There will be allocated lanes for fins and paddles during warm up. We ask that you please stick to these lanes as documented on pool deck. There will also be two lanes available over at the AUT Millenium Pool for use to warm up and down during racing of the heats sessions.

### Accred & Access To Pool

Access to the pool is via the competitor's entrance at the scoreboard end of the pool (near the athletics track) with your accreditation. An accreditation volunteer will be on hand to ensure that passes are being presented. If you do not have a valid pass – you will be required to pay the appropriate admission fee. Accreditation must be worn, around the neck, to gain access. No accreditation no entry. Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of \$15.00 each – through cash or invoice to the club.

Please note, no late passes will be issued at the door as per the updated Accreditation Policy 009.

### **Seating**

There will be no seating plan for these championships.

### **Opening Ceremony**

There will be an opening ceremony on Wednesday evening at 5:50pm.

### **Parking**

Parking is limited at the Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre. Please try and limit the number of vehicles you travel into the meet and comply with parking times and fees as per the signs displayed.

## **Entries & Results**

### **Psych Sheets**

Final psych sheets were published on the event webpage on 12 May.

[Click here to view](#)

### **Programme & Results**

Swimming NZ will complete the programme and seeding over the coming days online. The programme, session timelines and results are available on Swimify throughout the championships.

[Click here for Swimify](#)

We encourage you to download the new Swimify Livetiming app to view the programme and results on your phone.

[Apple App Store](#)

[Google App Store](#)

Please note there aren't printed programmes being provided at the resolutions desk.

### **Session Timelines**

The session timelines will be confirmed and available on Swimify over the coming days.

### **Withdrawals**

Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted via email by 5pm or at the Team Managers meeting being held at 5pm on Tuesday 20 May. Any withdrawals for session one submitted after this will incur a withdrawal fee.

Any further withdrawals for sessions 2 - 10 will not be accepted via email after 5pm Tuesday 20 May. Withdrawals need to be made via a withdrawals form which can be found at the resolutions desk. Withdrawals via email will be considered late and will incur a late withdrawal fine.

For timed final events the 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 online.

Any withdrawals after this 30-minute period will occur a \$50 fine.

### **DQs & Protests**

Disqualifications will be announced and a copy of the DQ form will be available to view at the resolutions desk located halfway along the pool on the non-grandstand side.

Protests must be submitted to the referee, in writing, on the protest form by the team manager only within 30 minutes following the DQ result posting online. 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.

## **Competition Information**

### **Opening Hours**

Pre-Meet (Tuesday 20 May)  
9am - 12pm and 3pm - 6pm

Competition Days (Wednesday 21 - Sunday 25 May)  
Warm Up Heats - 7.30am      Racing - 9.00am  
Warm Up Finals - 4.30pm      Racing – 6.00pm

### **Finals Structure**

Finals will be swum for all 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m events.

Final	Swimmers
A Final	Open 8 fastest swimmers overall
17-18 Timed Final	Fastest 8 swimmers in the age group after the A Final has been seeded.

C Final	Next fastest 8 swimmers overall after the A Final and 17-18 Timed Final has been seeded.
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The open championship placings and club points will be determined from the A final.

Placings will be determined for the 17-18 year age group from the fastest results from the A Final and 17-18 Timed Final combined. Club points will also be awarded using this method.

C finals will be held if 30 swimmers race in the heats of the respective event. Results from the C Final will not score points at this championship.

Please note that the finals will be swum in the following order – C Final, 17-18 Timed Final followed by A Final.

All finals swimmers will be marshalled at the same time.

A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to each final in any one event.

### **Distance Freestyle Events**

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

There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final and be eligible for medals.

### **Multi-Class Finals**

The format for Multi-Class finals will be determined by the swimmers who achieve the eight highest points from the heats swims, based on the World Para Swimming points system and equivalent for the alternative pathway classifications using the event software. Medals will be awarded using the same event software.

To confirm, this means that swimmers of all classifications (S1-S19) will be vying for the top eight points totals to make the Multi-Class final.

### **Multi-Class Timed Finals**

Timed finals will occur for the following events within the heats sessions for the 200m strokes, 800m and 1500m events. These medals will be presented during the mid-finals sessions medal presentations break of that respective evening.

### **Marshalling**

#### **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.

If a swimmer is not present at the time of their event being marshalled, the clerk of course will replace that swimmer with the reserved swimmer.

### Victory Ceremonies

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events (except exhibition relays). Visitor medals will be awarded to any international competitor who places.

The victory ceremony timetable will be included in the finals programmes and as listed in the event schedule, 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 and protocols for victory ceremonies:

- Club or regional t-shirt, jacket, or sweatshirt.
- No caps or goggles.
- Shorts, trousers, or skirts must be worn.
- Shoes must be worn.
- Swimmers can't run on to the podium late, they need to be present at the start of the announcement for their presentation.
- Swimmers must keep their medal on until well away from the podium and cameras.

### Rules

The championships will be delivered in accordance with Swimming NZ Policies and NZ Swimming Rules.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Strapping

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

### Accreditations

All accredited persons must have their accreditation on them and present their pass to access the competition building via the accredited entrance at all times. Please wear your accreditation around your neck. If a swimmer, coach or team manager is seen to be using somebody else's accreditation, this accreditation will be removed for the remainder of the event. Please note that you won't be providing lanyards for 2025, so you'll need to bring your own for the championships.

## Pre-Meet Day

### Team Managers Meeting

There will be a compulsory team manager meeting held on Tuesday 20 May at 5pm in the Officials Room next to the Control Room.

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 is asked to have at least one representative at the meeting. If you can't attend, please have a good understanding of this update.

### Accreditation Collection

Accreditation passes can be collected from competitors' entrance from 4pm on Tuesday 20 May. If accreditations aren't collected on Tuesday, then they will be available to collect from the competitors' entrance for the rest of the week.

## Presentations

### 2024 Swimming NZ Awards

We will be announcing the winners of the 2024 Swimming NZ Awards throughout the five finals sessions across the championships, recognising achievements from the 2024 calendar year.

The finalists for these awards will be announced on our website and social media channels ahead of the championships.

### Aquablack Pin Certificates

We will be presenting some Aquablacks who are yet to receive their pin certificates throughout the championships during the finals sessions.

### Team Announcements

We will announce and celebrate all swimmers and coaches who have been selected for the World Aquatics Championships, the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships, the NZ Development Team and the World Virtus Championships on Sunday 25th May at the end of the finals session.

We will also acknowledge the swimmers who have achieved the MQS for the World Para Swimming Championships (noting the selection window is open until 7th July)  
We will be celebrating your achievements at the end of the finals session also.

### Event Trophies

At the conclusion of racing on Sunday, we will be presenting the trophies for Top Club and Harold Pettit (most outstanding individual performance).

## Don't Miss Any Of The Action

### **Spectator Tickets**

We ask each of you to help us getting the largest and loudest crowd possible to help on race day by encouraging your whanau and friends to get their tickets to cheer you on from the grandstand.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

### **Livestream**

Swimming New Zealand YouTube channel will be the host platform for the 2025 Apollo Projects NZ Swimming Championships at the Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre.

If you can't attend the racing in person, don't miss any of the action by catching it live and free on the Swimming New Zealand YouTube channel.

The livestream links will be available from the competition webpage

## Community Initiatives & Activations

### **Coaches Area**

Following the success of this new initiative in recent years, Swimming NZ and SCTNZ are proud that there will be a dedicated coach area throughout the championships. This has been continued to encourage coaches to mingle with fellow coaches and get away for a break. This will be located next to the 25m pool.

### **Teamline Store – Merchandise & Swimwear**

Teamline will be present at the championships, selling both event merchandise and swimming apparel. Be sure to check out their pop-up store and say hello to the team located on poolside.

## Policies & Other Important Information

### Photography & Videography

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. All athletes and spectators have agreed to allow photographs, videos, and audio recordings to be taken by accredited SNZ contractors to be used for any legitimate purpose by SNZ. If you have any concerns please contact [events@swimming.org.nz](mailto:events@swimming.org.nz).

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.

### Team Manager Guidelines

To assist Team Managers with their preparations, we have provided a guidelines document.

[Click here to view](#)

### Accreditation Policy (009)

As accredited persons for these championships, please be aware you'll comply with this policy

[Click here to view](#)

### Anti-Doping

Think you're ready for 2025 Apollo Projects NZ Swimming Championships? Not until you're educated on anti-doping.

If you're taking part, it's vital you understand your anti-doping rights, responsibilities and the doping control process. How? Take the Level 1 e-learning course from Drug Free Sport New Zealand. It's quick, simple and makes anti-doping an easy part of your competition prep.

Get started now at [sportintegrity.nz/integrity/anti-doping/clean-sport-education](https://sportintegrity.nz/integrity/anti-doping/clean-sport-education)

