



# 2025 NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships

## Pre-Competition Information Book



Accurate as 16 July 2025



## Welcome from Swimming NZ

Kia ora swimmers, coaches and managers,

On behalf of Swimming NZ and the events team in Hamilton, welcome to the 2025 NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships being held next week. We are excited to be hosting this event at Waterworld Te Rapa in Hamilton, 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 Hamilton.

Thanks for being part of the championships, and best of luck for your final preparations and racing throughout the week.

Nga mihi nui,  
Kate



**Kate Griffiths**  
Competitions Manager



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## Competition Partners

### Competition Partners

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- Bayleys
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- NZ Carbon Farming
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## Sponsor Awards

Thanks to some of our event partners, there are prizes available for the three awards outlined below. Please give some consideration and submit nominations for the respective award due date to be presented during the championships.

### **Caltex – “Good Sport Competition”**

This is awarded to a player, coach or manager for making a positive impact on those around them.

Prize = a full Caltex of goodies to take home

Award Nominations Close = Friday 25 July at 12pm

[Click here to submit nomination](#)

### **Bayleys – Altogether Better**

This is awarded to a school team that is “#altogetherbetter. Whether it’s your unbeatable teamwork, unbreakable spirit, or unrelenting drive to succeed, we want to hear what makes your team stand out from the rest. We are looking for teams that embody the spirit of unity, teamwork and dedication.

Prize = \$200 voucher

Award Nominations Close = Friday 25 July at 12pm

[Click here to submit nomination](#)

### **NZ Carbon Farming**

This is awarded to a school attending the championships who has the best sustainability tip to help our environment.

Prize = \$50

Award Nominations Close = Friday 25 July at 12pm

[Click here to submit nomination](#)



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## Meet the Delivery Team

Name	SNZ Role	Major Competition Roles
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	Technical Director
Tanisha Keach	Digital & Marketing Manager	Content Sharing, Social Media & Website
Tonya Osborne		Quantum Operator
Helene Helms		Sport in the Box Operator



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## Important Information

### Key Contacts

Role	Name	Enquiry Type	Contact
Competitions Manager	Kate Griffiths	Competition 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

### WhatsApp Group – Updates – 2025 NZ Sec Schools

We have created a WhatsApp Group that you can join to receive short updates across the week should we require to. This is open to managers, coaches and swimmers if they would like to join.

[Please join the WhatsApp group here](#)

### Good Behaviour

Swimming New Zealand is committed to providing positive swimming experiences for all involved. Across the competition, we trust that all interactions 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

We ask that you please stick to these lanes as documented on pool deck. Please note that fins and paddles will be permitted so long as health and safety is adhered to.

### Swimmer and Team Manager Accreditation & Access To Pool

Access to the pool is via the competitor's entrance, which is located halfway down the left-hand side of the building – follow the lane toward the rear of the building. Please do not use the main entrance. Doors will be open at the times listed that doors open and you'll need your accreditation to enter. 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 school.



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

### **Coaches Accreditation**

Please ensure have your valid coach accreditation pass for the new financial year (started from 1 July 2025). 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.

### **Seating**

There will be no seating plan for this event, we ask that schools work together to ensure everyone is catered for.

### **Opening Ceremony**

There will be an opening ceremony on Thursday afternoon at 4.15pm.

### **Parking**

Parking is limited at the Waterworld. Please try and limit the number of vehicles you travel into the meet and comply with parking times.



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## Entries & Results

### Psych Sheets

Preliminary psych sheets were published on the event webpage on 16 July.

[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. There will be a copy uploaded in the Files banner of Swimify for the following session that you can print.

### Session Timelines

The session timelines will be confirmed and available on Swimify in the days leading up to racing commencing.

### Withdrawals

Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted via email by 3pm or at the Team Managers meeting being held at 3.15pm on Thursday 24 July. Any withdrawals for session one submitted after this time will incur a 25 point deduction from the total school points as per Policy 008.

Any further withdrawals for sessions 2 - 6 will not be accepted via email after 3pm Thursday 24 July. Withdrawals need to be made via a withdrawals form which can be found at the resolutions desk located around the 25m turn on the non-grandstand side of pool deck.

As all events are run as 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.*



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### DQs & Protests

Disqualifications will be announced and a copy of the DQ form will be available 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.



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## Competition Information

### Opening Hours

Competition	Morning	Afternoon
Thurs 24 July		15.00 (doors)
		16.25 (comp)
Fri 25 July	7.15 (doors)	15.00 (doors)
	8.40 (comp)	16.25 (comp)
Sat 26 July	7.15 (doors)	15.00 (doors)
	8.40 (comp)	16.25 (comp)
Sun 27 July	7.15 (doors)	
	8.40 (comp)	

Anyone wishing to access the pool outside these times for training will need to contact the facility directly to book lane space.

### Skins Event

The 4 x 50m skins event won't receive entries. The fastest 8 athletes from the 100m IM for each of the skins age groups will form the field. We will spin the wheel prior to each leg of the skins competition to determine the swim stroke for that 50m effort. Two swimmers will be removed per leg until we have two swimmers in the 4th effort. The male event will run in entirety, followed by the female event. This event will be worth double points.

Please note that if you do not wish to swim in the Skins event, you must complete a withdrawal form within 30mins of swimming the 100m IM. No late withdrawals will be accepted. However, we strongly encourage swimmers to participate in the skins if you are ranked in the top 8 as double points are offered to the school.

### Multi-Class Racing

These championships are open to Multi-Class and Para swimmers who have a classification of some form – provisional, national or international. Please note this includes S15, S18 and S19 classifications.

Medals will be distributed based on the World Para Swimming points system (similar to the percentage of the world record calculation) and equivalent for the alternative pathway classifications using the event software of which results are final. To confirm, this means that one set of medals will be presented for each respective Multi-Class timed final.

### Relays

Male and female relays will be swum as timed-finals and in the age groups Under 16 (15&U) and 16 & Over. Younger swimmers can swim in the older age group, but older



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swimmers cannot swim down. If an Under 16 (15&U) swimmer swims in the older age group, they cannot also swim in the younger age group of that event.

Mixed relays will be swum in the same age groups and teams must consist of 50% male and 50% female swimmers. Points from these races will not count towards top school relay trophies. Any mixed school relay teams will be swum as exhibition swims only and will not be eligible for points or medals.

Swimmers must be entered in individual events to be entered in relays.

The names of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least 45 minutes before the start of the session in which the event is to take place, in the order in which they are to swim. The names of swimmers in medley relay events must be listed for the respective strokes.

Failure to swim in the order listed will result in disqualification. Substitutions may be made only in the case of a documented medical emergency.

### **Marshalling**

Self-marshalling will be employed during all 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.

### **Victory Ceremonies**

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd swimmers/teams in all events (except exhibition relays).

The victory ceremony timetable will be included in the session programme on Swimify 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:

- School t-shirt, jacket, or sweatshirt.
- Shorts, trousers, or skirts must be worn.
- Shoes must be worn.
- No caps or goggles.
- 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.

Please note that photos taken by SNZ photographer will be made available for you to download and use.



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## **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 (Carlrine Gillespie) 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. 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.

## **Winner Interviews**

We may conduct interviews with selected final winners during the championships, or NZ Age and NZ Open Record breakers.

## **Prior to Racing**

### **Team Managers Meeting**

There will be a compulsory team manager meeting held on Thursday 24 July at 3.15pm in the meeting room next to the event entrance.

Team managers will be given a brief run-down of meet activities, expectations of swimmers and schools, and general delivery of the championships. Each school 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 Passes**

Accreditation passes must be collected from the accredited entrance from 2.30pm on Thursday. If the packs aren't collected then, they will be available to collect from the accredited entrance for the rest of the championships.



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## Don't Miss Any Of The Action

### Spectator Tickets

Limited spectator tickets have been available for purchase online via Humanitix. Session programmes will be available online via the event Webpage.

[Click here to purchase spectator tickets](#)

### Livestream

We will be livestreaming all sessions of these championships live and free on the Māori+ YouTube channel.

Thanks to Māori+ for their ongoing support of swimming which has helped us provide all sessions live and free to our swimming community.

If you can't attend the racing in person, don't miss any of the action by catching it live and free on the Māori+ YouTube channel. The link will be available from the competition webpage closer to competition.

### Teamline Store – Merchandise & Swimwear

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



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## Policies & Other Important Information

### Livestreaming, Photography & Videography

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. By entering, all athletes and spectators have agreed to allow still and moving images that have been taken by or recorded on behalf of SNZ may be used in any or all of the promotional, social and advertising material of SNZ or provided to any third party, including but not limited to SNZ partners and sponsors, for their reasonable use as they see fit..

This event will be livestreamed and your school will be filmed and/or interviewed and available on demand. If you wish to opt out, have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact [events@swimming.org.nz](mailto:events@swimming.org.nz) immediately. Swimming NZ adheres to the School Sport Charter for school events.

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 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](#)

### Sport Integrity Commission

As a sport, we promote clean and fair sport, everyone has their role to play. The recently established Sport Integrity Commission has been created to oversee and support the delivery of clean and fair sport in New Zealand. They have a range of resources and education to assist.

Learn more about clean sport education – [click here](#)



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