

2019 AON National Age Group Championships

16-20 April 2019, Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Wellington

Swimming New Zealand rules and regulations govern this competition.

This meet is open to financial, registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand Competitive Swimmers and foreign swimmers registered with foreign FINA affiliated swimming federations. All participants must agree to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

This is a living document and amendments may be made. For the latest information, please check to the Event Page on the [Swimming New Zealand website](#) to ensure you have the correct version.

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Venue Address

[Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre](#)

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General Entry Information

Entry Deadline

TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2019 at 11.59pm. Late entries will not be accepted.

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted via the SNZ National Database. Individuals will be able to access and complete their entries online via their MyPage.

There is no limit on the number of individual event entries.

Qualification Criteria

Swimmers must be 13 years but under 19 years old as at 16 APRIL 2019

The qualifying period is from 1st January 2018 to 1st April 2019.

The qualifying times are 50m Long Course times. Qualifying times swum in pools other than 50m must be converted using the SNZ Conversions. Swimmers using converted times will not be seeded in the slowest heat. All swimmers shall only enter qualified events.

Only results from approved meets will be able to be used as qualifying times, performances from unapproved competitions will not be eligible for entry to this competition.

Individual entry times will be generated by the SNZ Database. Performances from International, Regional and Local competitions not held within the database will not be eligible for use to enter this championship. Swimmers, who wish to enter 50m events, must have achieved a qualifying time in the 100m or 200m of the particular event and also achieved the published qualifying time for the 50m event. E.g. 50m Butterfly, the swimmer must have qualified in either the 100m or 200m Butterfly and achieved the 50m Butterfly qualifying time.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are \$18.00NZD per individual event and \$36.00NZD for relay events.

Entry fees must be paid prior to the start of the meet. If they have not been paid it could result in the withdrawal of swimmers.

Clubs that have not paid the required entry fees at the closing date of entries will be invoiced by Swimming New Zealand.

No Refunds for any withdraws before or during the meet. Refunds for any medical withdrawals can be considered if a signed doctors certificate is supplied.

Spectator Tickets

Limited spectator seating will be available for each session. **Tickets will go on sale for the general public on 1 March 2019.**

Please note: ALL Sessions for the 2019 Aon NAGS will be livestreamed, more information will be available on the Swimming New Zealand Website.

International Entries

Visitors will be able to submit entries using either the TM File or spreadsheet available on the event website. These need to be emailed to events@swimming.org.nz by the entry deadline date specified above.

Foreign entries also need to be accompanied with a signed Travel Authorisation Form/Letter from the national federation.

Foreign clubs are required to provide a proof of entries report upon submission of entries.

There is no limit on international visitor's entries for timed finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed final. Only three (3) international visitors may swim in the finals with a maximum of two (2) allowed to swim in any one final.

Event Specifications

Age Groups

The New Zealand Age Group Championships shall be restricted to individual swimmers for the following age groups: 13 years, 14 years, 15 years; 16 years & 17-18years.

Finals

'A' Finals (top 10) will be swum as individual age groups for all ages in the 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17/18 years

New Events

Women's 1500m & Men's 800m Freestyle.

The events are included in the 2019 program – they will be swum under the following criteria:

- **For 2019 there will be no qualifying times.**
- Timed Finals - The Top 30 fastest entry times as at the close of entries - times off the SNZ Database will be accepted (all other entries will be refunded).
- Medals will be awarded for all age groups
- **These events are for New Zealand competitors only.**

Para swimmers

SNZ reserves the right to include Para events – the format is yet to be determined.

Relays

Relays will be swum as timed-finals with the fastest timed-final swum in the evening session. Relays will be swum as 15 & Under and 16 & over categories. There shall be a maximum of 2 teams per club.

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

Psych Sheets

Preliminary Psych Sheets will be posted on the SNZ website on: **THURSDAY 4th APRIL 2019**

Corrections and changes to psych sheets are to be sent to events@swimming.org.nz by: **11.59pm SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2019.**

Final Psych Sheets will be posted on the SNZ website on: **MONDAY 8th APRIL 2019.**

Pre-Meet Training

Pre event training is as follows:

Monday 15th April 2019: 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Pool entry is free for training at these times. Access will be through the main entrance of the complex.

Clubs/Regions that wish to train outside these times will have to organise their own times with the pool and pay entry.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted at the Team Managers meeting held the day prior to the start of the meet. Any withdrawals submitted after the meeting for session one will incur a withdrawal fee.

Withdrawals from finals need to be submitted within 30 minutes from posting of event results. Any competitor or team who withdraws from finals more than 30 minutes after the posting of the event results shall pay without excuse to SNZ a fee as determined by SNZ.

As some events are timed finals SNZ regulation 3 will apply.

3.2 For timed-finals, withdrawals must be advised by the end of the session preceding the session with the timed final event.

Protests

Protests must be submitted to the referee, in writing, on the protest form by the team manager only within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event. 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 regional 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.

Other T's & C's

Event Photography and Livestreaming

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.

Medal Ceremonies

There is to be strictly NO PHOTOGRAPHY in the medal presentation area, all photo's will be taken by the official event photographer and photo's will be made available on the SNZ Facebook page.

Anyone taking photo's in this area will be asked to leave immediately.

Athlete Competition Information

Pool Access

Swimmers/Coaches/Team Managers:

Access to the pool for swimmers, coaches and managers is via the front entrance. Staff 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.

Spectators:

Spectators will access the pool via the **Spectator Entrance** from 8am in the morning and 5pm for evening session. Spectator tickets will be available for purchase online prior to the meet. If there are tickets still available for certain sessions they will be available for purchase at the venue prior to that session.

*Please note – Given the number of swimmers/coaches/managers, there will be limited capacity for spectators. If the complex is deemed to be full by SNZ and WRAC staff, the complex will be closed to additional spectators as required.

Spectators are not permitted on pool deck. SNZ staff will also be monitoring this, if any spectators are seen to be on pool deck they will be moved to the spectator area.

Athlete Seating

The seating plan will be posted on the SNZ website.

Clubs/Regions are asked to ensure that swimmers with allocated seating do not procure additional seats.

If your team is seated in the upstairs grandstand please dry off in the changing rooms before proceeding up the stairs.

Strapping

Swimmers with strapping must provide documentation from a relevant registered health practitioner or physiotherapist and be reviewed by the Meet Director prior to swimming. Any swimmers without such documentation will not be permitted to swim.

Warm-up Procedure

SNZ use a standard warm-up procedure for all national competitions. Please refer to the warm-up procedure document on the SNZ website.

Marshalling Process

Heats:

Self-marshalling will be employed during all heats sessions of the. Swimmers will assemble behind the starting blocks 4 heats prior to their event. For all 50m events swimmers need to be behind the blocks 6 heats prior to their event.

Finals:

Swimmers 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.

Winner Interviews

All **A FINAL winners** in the evening sessions will be asked to complete a short winner interview at the conclusion of the race.

Victory Ceremonies

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events.

The Victory Ceremony Timetable will be included in the finals programmes, 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 for victory ceremonies:

- Club or Regional t-shirt, jacket or sweatshirt.
- No Caps or Goggles.
- No towels to be wrapped around the waist.

IT IS AN EXPECTATION THAT ALL SWIMMERS ARE PRESENT AND DRESSED APPROPRIATELY TO RECEIVE THEIR MEDAL.

Club/Regional Team Managers Information

Accreditation

Clubs will need to complete the coaches and managers form for team personnel who are region attending the meet. Event passes will be allocated to clubs based on this information.

Clubs are entitled to nominate coaches and team managers based on the number of swimmers they have competing as follows:

- 1-10 Swimmers = 2 coaches/managers
- 11-20 Swimmers = 3 coaches/managers
- 21-30 Swimmers = 4 coaches/managers
- 31+ Swimmers = 5 coaches/managers

Accreditation Criteria

Coaches must be registered with Swimming New Zealand as a professional coach and must be showing as financial and active in the Swimming New Zealand database.

Managers must be an active member on the Swimming New Zealand database. They can be registered as volunteer membership type. They are not permitted to be undertaking any coaching on pool deck.

Swimmers, Coaches and Managers will all be issued an accreditation pass, these must be worn while on pool deck, anyone not wearing a pass will be asked to move to the spectator's area.

Event Communication

During the meet SNZ will use the multi-txt system to communicate to coaches and managers during the meet, please ensure your contact details are correct.

Managers Meeting

There will be a team manager's meeting held on **Monday 15 April at 5.00pm (venue TBC)**. 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 must have at least **one representative at the meeting to ensure all information** is delivered back to the swimmers.

Event Packs

Packs and passes must be collected from the venue from **3.00pm – 5.00pm on Monday 15 April**.

Disqualifications

Disqualifications will be announced and a copy of the DQ form put in the Regional Team Manager Box.

Results

Results will be posted as soon as possible in the complex. Swimming New Zealand will have live results via Meet Mobile, and PDF of each session's results will be posted on the events page at the conclusion of each session.

Banner Placement

Swimming New Zealand will have signage at the event and will take precedence for position over regional and club banners. SNZ Reserves the right to remove any banners that are not in appropriate areas or conflict with event signage and/or sponsors.

Session Programmes

Finals session programmes will be placed in regional boxes outside the Admin Room. Relay and Withdrawal forms will be available from here also. Session programme numbers are based on the regional coaches and managers form. If you require additional programmes these can be purchased from the front desk.

Timelines

Timelines will be included in both heats and finals session programmes. The times shown are approximate and races may start before or after the times indicated. It is the swimmer's responsibility to be at marshalling at the appropriate time (i.e. 4 heats before a swimmer's scheduled race).