



2025-26 NZ Open Water Swimming Series Secondary Schools & Swimming Clubs

22 November 2025 – 3 May 2026

7 Locations Across New Zealand

Information Booklet

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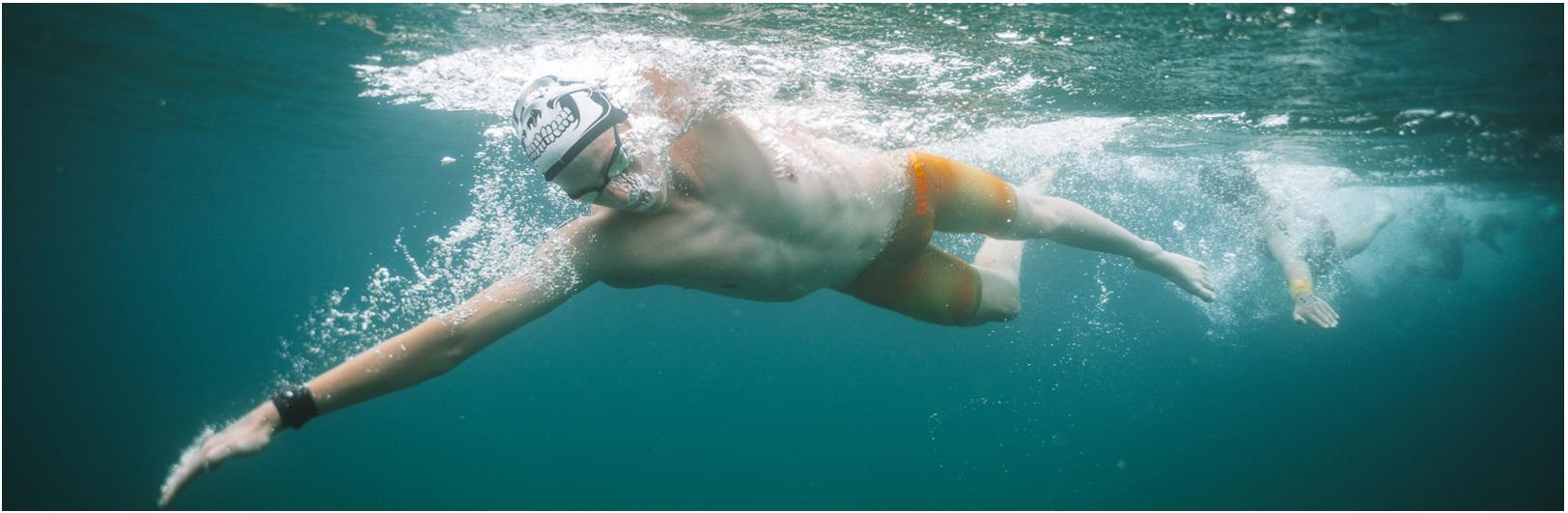
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For the latest information, please check the event webpage on the Swimming New Zealand website to ensure you have the up-to-date version.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Swimming NZ and the NZ Ocean Swim Series have partnered to host two new initiatives across the 2025-26 NZ Ocean Swim Series.

There is a series competition offered to Secondary School students to accumulate points across the series by competing at a minimum of three races of the same distance across the series.

Likewise, there is a series competition offered to competitive swimmers who are members with Swimming NZ, where swimmers can accumulate points across the series by competing at a minimum of three races of the same distance across the series.

Event Safety and Rules will be governed by the NZ Ocean Swim Series guidelines.

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

SECONDARY SCHOOL SERIES INFORMATION

The best results from three races of the same distance across the series will be accumulated to confirm the top secondary school swimmers from around the country across the age groups outlined below.

Distances Available

The event offers the following distances:

- Long Distance
- Mid Distance

Each series event offers different distance swims across Long, Mid and Short offerings. This series will calculate results from the Long and Mid distance swims.

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 Available

Age Groups for male and female across the series are:

- 12-13yrs
- 14-15yrs
- 16-19yrs

Age is calculated as at 3 May 2026, the date of the last series event.

Eligibility

Entrants must be enrolled at a secondary school in New Zealand and students in year 9 – 13. Home schooled students within New Zealand are eligible to participate.

Please note there are no qualifying times required to enter any of the series events.

Entry Information

All entries for each series event (or multi-pass) must be completed through the NZ Ocean Swim Series online registration portal. Entry fees are as set by the NZ Ocean Swim Series team.





As part of completing the registration, please ensure you tick the box that you are competing in the Secondary School Series and provide your school name.

Please note no foreign entries (overseas visitors) will be accepted for this Secondary School series.

Prizes & Awards

The top students in each respective age group will be awarded medals at the presentations at the end of the series (after the Rangitoto Swim).

There will be no Top School Award presented across this series.

SWIMMING CLUB SERIES INFORMATION

Competitive swimmers who are members of Swimming NZ and clubs can enter the series to contribute to the Top Club award.

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- Long Distance
- Mid Distance

Each series event offers different distance swims across Long, Mid and Short offerings. This series will calculate results from the Long and Mid distance swims.

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

There are no age groups within this award, the series points will be calculated from open age results.

Eligibility

Entrants must be a current financial competitive swimmer with Swimming NZ and their respective club.

Please note there are no qualifying times required to enter any of the series events.

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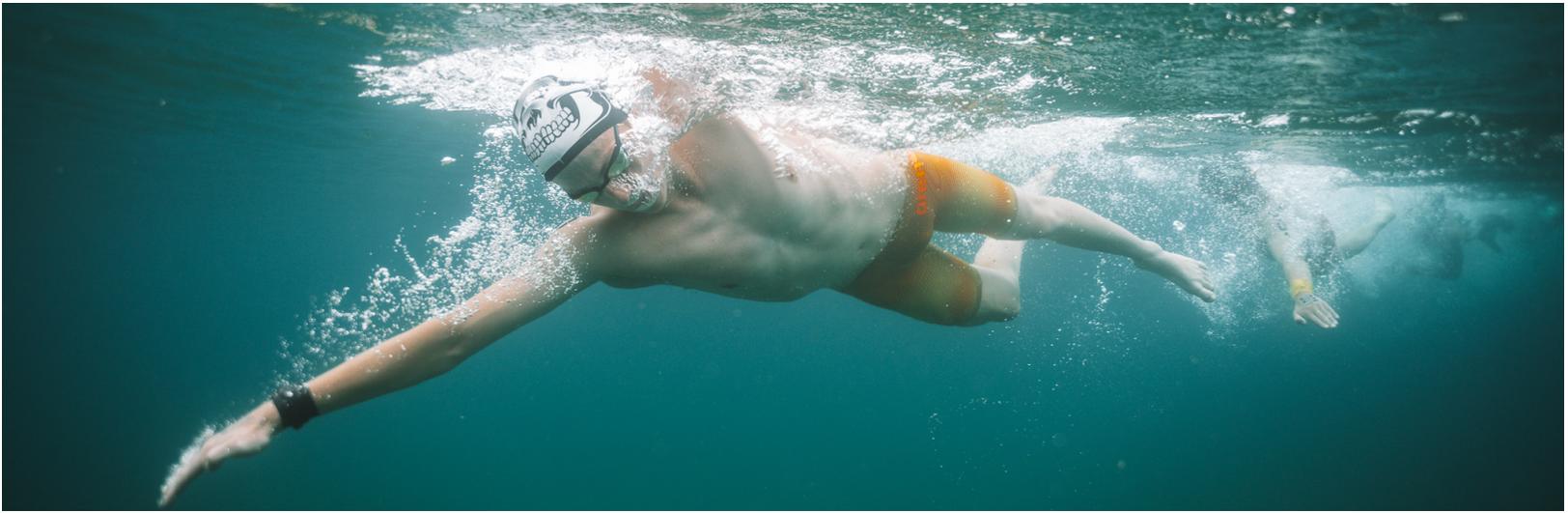
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As part of completing the registration, please ensure you tick the box that you are a member of Swimming NZ and provide your club name.

Points & Award

Swimming NZ members can accumulate points for their club by racing in the long or mid distance events throughout the series. The more participation and fast swims, the greater the chance for your club to be awarded the Top Club Award.

Presentation will be made at the end of the series (after the Rangitoto Swim).



COMPETITION INFORMATION

We encourage participants to find all the relevant competition information on the respective NZ Ocean Swim Series event webpage.

Briefings

Briefings are compulsory and must be attended by all swimmers prior to commencing. They include important information about safety, start and finish procedures and any other important information.

Key Times

Please refer to the respective NZ Ocean Swim Series event webpage for the key times.

Course Maps

These can be viewed on the respective NZ Ocean Swim Series event webpage.

Wetsuits

Wetsuits are optional for all events.

Wave Starts

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

Race Pack Collection

These can be collected from the registration tent at the times specified on the respective NZ Ocean Swim Series event webpage.

Results

Results will be posted on the NZ Ocean Swim Series website as soon as practicable after each race.

Anti-Doping

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