



#AonNAGS2019

# 2019 AON NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
WELLINGTON REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE



## **2019 AON National Age Group Championships**

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

### **Swimming New Zealand rules 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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## **General Entry Information**

### **Entry Deadline**

**Individual Entries close WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019 at 11.59pm.**

**Relay Entries close THURSDAY 4 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.

Late Entries will be accepted for 24hrs, as per SNZ Policy 006. A \$50 (NZD) fee will apply.

### **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 3rd 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**

NZ athlete online 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.

International or manual entry fees are \$20.00NZD per individual event and \$40.00NZD for relay events.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Spectator Tickets**

Limited spectator seating will be available for each session. **Tickets will go on sale for the general public on 1 March 2019** through Eventbrite, <https://swimmingnz.eventbrite.co.nz>. **SOLD OUT**

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

## **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**

Para will not be part of the Aon National Age Group Championships in 2019.

## **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.

The names of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least 30 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 their 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.

### **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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019: 8.00 – 12.00pm & 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 are required 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 of \$50 (NZD).

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 Policy 008 will apply.

For timed-finals, withdrawals must be advised by the end of the session preceding the start of the timed final event. i.e. the day before.

### **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 photos in this area will be asked to leave immediately.

## **Athlete Competition Information**

### **Session Times**

- **Heat Sessions: Warm Up 7.00am – 8.00am | 8.10am Start**
- **Finals Sessions: Warm Up 4.00pm – 5.00pm | 5.10pm Start**

### **Pool Access**

#### **Swimmers/Coaches/Team Managers:**

Access to the pool for swimmers, coaches and managers is via the entrance off Evans Bay Parade. 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. Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of \$5.00.

#### **Spectators:**

Spectators can access the pool via the **Spectator Entrance** (please note this is not through the main pool entrance) off Kilburnie Cres from 6.30am in the morning and 3.30pm 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. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, <https://swimmingnz.eventbrite.co.nz>. **Tickets are sold out and there will be no door sales.**

\*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.

There will be no rotations of seating during the championships.

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

### **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.

Visitor medals shall be awarded to any International competitor who places.

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.

The AON logo is displayed in red, bold, sans-serif font.

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The logo for Swimming New Zealand, featuring a stylized swimmer icon above the text "Swimming NEW ZEALAND".

**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.

Accreditation must be completed via the Jotform, located [HERE](#). The deadline for accreditation is **Thursday 4 April 2019 at 8.00am**. Due to printing requirements no late names can be accepted.

Anyone without accreditation will have to pay the spectator entry fee and sit in the grandstand.

### 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 in the Marshalling 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 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 shown on the large screen at the end of the race and a copy of the DQ form put in the club Team Manager Boxes. **These will not be announced as per previous meets.**

## **Results**

Results will be posted as soon as possible in the Marshalling Room. 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 located beside the Teamline Merchandise. 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 found online.

## **Timelines**

Timelines will be included in both heats and finals session programmes. SNZ will endeavour to keep to programmed times however 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).

## **Opening Ceremony**

There will be an opening ceremony and march past prior to the start of the Finals Session on Tuesday 16 April. Each club should nominate two swimmers to represent their club in the march.

The march will start at 4.45pm at which time all swimmers will need to be seated. Please note that warm ups will start 10min earlier on Session Two to allow for the Opening Ceremony.