

GENERAL INFORMATION

Swimming New Zealand rules and regulations govern this competition. The events will be run under FINA rules. This meet is open to financial, registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand Club Swimmers and Competitive Swimmers.

For information and updates to this document please refer to the [NZ Secondary Schools OWS Championships Event Page](#) on the [Swimming New Zealand Webpage](#). Please check back here regularly to ensure you have the correct version.

Venue Address

Lake Taupo Yacht Club
9 Ferry Road
Taupo 3330

Meet Contact

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Entry Information

Entry Deadline and Process

All entries MUST be completed online, entry information can be found [here](#).

1KM & 2.5KM

Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 11.59pm. These entries will need to be completed through the Epic Swim registration portal found at [here](#).

5KM:

Tuesday 20 December 2017 at 11.59pm. All entries must be submitted via the SNZ National Database through the competitors [MyPage](#).

Late entries will not be accepted. **NO REFUNDS** for any withdrawals (including medical) will be given once entries have closed.

will be able to access and complete their entries online.

Schools Sanctioning Form:

All entries must be accompanied by the Schools Sanctioning Form. These are to be submitted to events@swimming.org.nz by **Tuesday 20 December 2017 at 11.59pm.**

Foreign Entries

No international visitor entries will be accepted for this championship.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are as follows per individual event:

1km - \$35.00
2.5km - \$55.00
5km - \$30.00

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

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

Qualification and Eligibility Criteria

Age as at 13 January 2018.

There are no qualifying times for the 2018 NZ Secondary School OWS Championships.

This championship is open to all schools in New Zealand with year 9-13 students. Home-schooled swimmers are ineligible to participate as stipulated by the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council. Students must be enrolled as bona fide students at the school of representation and study at least 80% of the programme.

To be eligible to compete in the 5km event, a swimmer must be a financial and registered (at the time of competition) Club Swimmer or Competitive Swimmer. The 1km and 2.5km races are open to all schools in New Zealand with year 9-13 students.

Distances and Age Groups

Three distances will be swum as part of the championships these will be 1km, 2.5km and 5km.

The age groups to be swum by both male and female are years 9-10, and years 11-13. Students must be under 19 years of age on 1 January 2018 to compete.

Psych Sheets for 5KM Only

Preliminary Psych Sheets will be posted on the Swimming New Zealand website on **WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2017.**

Corrections and changes to psych sheets are to be sent to events@swimming.org.nz by **11.59pm THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017.**

Final Psych Sheets will be posted on the Swimming New Zealand on **FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2017.**

Meet Photography

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.

Anti-Doping

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

Protest Fee for 5KM

The protest fee is set at \$100.00NZD. This is payable on submission of correctly completed protest form.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Start Times

Saturday 13 January

1km 8.00am

2.5km 1.30pm

Sunday 14 January

5km Men 10.00am

Women 10.03am

Race Course

The race course is a 2.5km rectangular set-up and can be found below. Swimmers must swim anti-clockwise around the course (refer to the course layout diagram). Swimmers must pass the buoys on their left shoulder. For the 5km race, swimmers must swim the course 2 times. For the 1km race there is a shortened course, seen below in red. Swimmers will be required to swim through a finish gate when completing the race.



Timing

SNZ will have electronic timing for the NZ Secondary School OWS Championships. Timing chips will be worn on both wrists; these will be given out at registration. Swimmers will be required to pay \$50.00 per chip if it is lost/not returned.

Rack Pack Collection and Numbering

Registrations for the 2018 NZ Open Water Championships are as follows:

1km	3.00pm – 8.00pm	Friday 12 January
2.5km	3.00pm – 8.00pm	Friday 12 January
5km	8.30am-9.30am	Sunday 14 January

Swimmers must present for the 5km event and will be allocated their swim cap and number for the swim at this point.

Note: - Swimmers must not put on Vaseline until they have been numbered. They must also be dry.

- No Jewellery is permitted.
- Fingernail length will be checked.

Briefing

A briefing for swimmers will be held as follows:

1km	7:50am	Saturday 13 January
2.5km	1:20pm	Saturday 13 January
5km	9.30am	Sunday 14 January

This will be on the second floor of the Taupo Yacht Club. The briefing must be attended and will include details of race format, start, race course, finish and race rules.

Withdrawals

Swimmers withdrawing from the event must inform Swimming New Zealand prior to 5pm Friday 12 January. Any swimmers withdrawing from the race after numbering are required to inform the Clerk of the Course of their withdrawal.

Changing Rooms

A male and female changing tent and toilets will be located on the beach in front of the Yacht Club. There will be no access to the downstairs of the yacht club for changing.

Parking

There is plenty of parking in the carpark adjacent to the yacht club and in surrounding streets.

Results

Results for the 2018 NZ Secondary School OWS Championships will be posted on the SNZ website as soon as practicable after the event.

Wetsuits for 5km

FINA have introduced new rules regarding the use of wetsuits in Open Water competitions that come into effect on the 1st of January 2018:

- The lowest possible temperature of the water should remain at 16°C
- Between 16°C and 18°C, wetsuits + bathing cap mandatory.
- Between 18°C and 20°C, wetsuits are optional.
- Over 20°C, wetsuits are not allowed.

Wetsuits are optional for the 1km and 2.5km events.