



2023 Northern Arena Invitational

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 November 2023

Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre
14 Antares Place, Mairangi Bay

Event Information Booklet

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Purpose

The event sees the best swimmers from around the country go head-to-head for a spot on the team to World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024. This competition has a blend of age and open age swimmers, providing further opportunity for participation and a celebration of swimming.

Good Sports

Please note that this is a Good Sports event. Swimming NZ is proud to partner with and join the Good Sports movement. This program aims to help parents provide the best sporting experience to their kids.

Learn more about Good Sports by visiting our Parents & Whanau webpage.

Entry Information

Swimming New Zealand policies and the New Zealand swimming 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.

Entries	Timeline
Entries Open	Monday 4 September
Individual Entries Close	Tuesday 31 October

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted via the SNZ Fast Lane page. Individuals will be able to access and complete their entries online via their Fast Lane.

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

Late entries will be accepted for 24hrs only via email only to entries@swimming.org.nz. A late entry fee of \$50 will be applied in addition to individual entry fees.

Qualification Criteria

Age as of 10 November 2023. Must be 13+ years.

The qualifying period is from 1st January 2022 to 31st October 2023.

The qualifying times are 50m long course times. Long course times as well as short course conversions can be used for qualification. Para swimmers please see section below. All swimmers shall only enter qualified events.

Individual entry times will be generated by the SNZ Database, from both designated and development

meets. Performances from international, regional and local competitions not held within the database will not be eligible for use to enter this championship.

Entry Fees

Location	Individual Entry Fee	Relay Team Entry Fee
Domestic	\$15	N/A
International	\$20	N/A

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

No refunds for any withdrawals before or during the meet. Refunds for any medical withdrawals can be considered if a signed doctor's certificate is supplied.

Please note, there will be no refunds for any withdrawals related to Covid-19 without a medical certificate.

International Entries

Visitors will be able to submit entries using either a TM File or spreadsheet available on the event website. This need to be emailed to entries@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.

A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

International Para Swimmers must hold a National classification or higher and communicate their classification and any codes of exception to cameron@swimming.org.nz during their entry process.

Event Specifications

Heats

Heats will be swum in the morning sessions with circle seeding.



Finals

A, B, and C Finals will be swum for all 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m events in the evening sessions. The finals will race slowest (C final) to fastest (A final).

Final	Swimmers
A Final	8 fastest
B Final	9 – 16 fastest (Held if 20 swims in heats)
C Final	17 – 24 fastest (Held if 30 swims in heats)

Please note that there won't be any medals awarded for this competition.

Timed Finals

The 800m and 1500m Freestyle for both males and females will be swum as timed finals with only the fastest timed final swum in the final's session of that day.

Para Athletes

This competition is open to Para swimmers who have a classification of some form – provisional, national or international.

For this event, there will only be Paralympic events offered to para swimmers based on their classification.

Para swimmers may meet the qualification times in either a short course or long course pool. However, no converted times are allowed – i.e. so long as the time is met the swimmer can enter the event.

Please refer to the qualification times for each event.

Heats and finals will take place for all events.

Results will be based on the World Para Swimming points system (similar to the percentage of the world record calculation) using the event software, of which the results are final.

Relays

There are no relays at this competition.

Psych Sheets

Psych Sheets will be posted on the event webpage as soon as possible after entries close.

Corrections and changes to psych sheets are to be sent to entries@swimming.org.nz by 11.59pm Sunday 12pm 5th November.

Any changes made after the final psych sheets are published will not be updated, but will be completed and

updated on the SNZ event file and will be visible on the Swimify live timing site.

Online Program

All session programs will be published online via the Swimify website. Session one will be posted after the team managers meeting and all other sessions will be posted at the end of the previous session.

There will be one printed programme per club. This will be available at the resolutions desk at the start of each session.

Event Information

Opening Hours

Competition	Heats	Finals
Friday 10 Nov	8am	4pm
Saturday 11 Nov	8am	4pm
Sunday 12 Nov	8am	4pm

Pool entry is free for training at these times.

Clubs that wish to train outside these times will have to organise their own times with the pool and pay entry. Lanes should be booked in advance.

Results

There will be live results via the SNZ website and Swimify Live Timing app. The results for each event will be uploaded once the event has been signed off.

Ticketing

There will be no spectator tickets required to purchase. We encourage as many people to attend and cheer on the swimmers from the grandstand.

Spectator Entrance

The entrance will be via the event entry located next to the main entrance.

Livestreaming, Photography & Videography

This competition won't be livestreamed.

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 or not an item is intended for personal or commercial use.

Parking



Parking is limited at the AUT Millennium facility. Please try and limit the number of vehicles you travel in to the meet.

Please note: Paid parking has been introduced at AUT Millennium; 90 minutes free with a cost of \$2.00 per hour thereafter. All day parking will cost \$10.00. Additional parking information at <http://autmillennium.org.nz/parking-information/>.

Athlete Information

Pool Access

Swimmers

Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers is via the main pool entrance, **at the time listed those gates open.**

Warm-up Procedure

Date	Warm-Up Times
Friday 10 Nov	Heats: 8am – 9.15am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.15pm
Saturday 11 Nov	Heats: 8am – 9.15am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.15pm
Sunday 12 Nov	Heats: 8am – 9.15am
	Finals: 4pm – 5.15pm

A warm-up procedure document will be available on the event webpage, please refer to this document for warm-up guidelines.

Athlete Seating

Seating will be available on pool deck and the grandstand for swimmers, coaches and team managers. Please note that there will be no allocated seating.

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 may not be permitted to swim.

Marshalling Process

Heats:

Self-marshalling will be employed during all heat 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.

Finals:

Swimmers (including reserves) 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.

If a swimmer is not present at the time of their event being marshalled, the clerk of course will replace that swimmer with the reserved swimmer.

Winner Interviews

Open final and Para multi-class winners in the evening sessions, as well as NZ Para and Open Record breakers during all sessions may be asked to complete a short interview at the conclusion of the race.

Victory Ceremonies

There will be no victory ceremonies at this competition.

National Team Announcements

After the completion of the final session on Sunday 12 November, SNZ will announce the 2024 World Aquatics Championships team. All selected swimmers will need to be present for this announcement and will be required to take part in a team photo.

Team Managers Information

Accreditation

Accreditation is not required for this event.

Pool Access

Coaches & Team Managers:

Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers is via the main pool entrance.

Managers Meeting

There will be a team managers meeting held on Friday morning at 8.15am in the official's 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 should have at least one representative at the meeting to ensure all information is delivered back to the swimmers. If you are unable to attend, please familiarise yourself with this document and the pre-event email well.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted via email by 12pm on Thursday 9 November or at the Team Managers meeting being held at 8.15am



on Friday 10 November. Any withdrawals for session one submitted after this will incur a withdrawal fee.

Any further withdrawals for sessions 2 - 6 will not be accepted via email after 12pm Thursday 9 November. Withdrawals need to be made via a withdrawals form which can be found at the resolutions desk. Withdrawals via email will be considered late and will incur a late withdrawal fine.

For 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.*

Withdrawals from evening final races will be required to be submitted 30 minutes from posting of event results online.

Any withdrawals after this 30-minute period will incur a \$50 fine.

Protests

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.

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 or 6 heats before the scheduled race).

Please note that there will be some special presentations included in the timeline of each finals session.

Disqualifications

Disqualifications will be posted online with the events results. A copy of the DQ form can be found at the resolutions desk.

Medical Information



Service	Address	Phone
Northcare Accident and Medical	5 Home Place, Rosedale	09 479 7770
Tooth Doctor, Northcare	5 Home Place, Rosedale	09 414 7174
Northcare Pharmacy	5 Home Place, Rosedale	09 283 0945
X-Ray, Ascot Radiology	AUT Millennium	09 478 6640
Physio, Healthzone	AUT Millennium	09 477 2098
North Shore Hospital	Shakespeare Rd, Takapuna	09 486 8900
Emergency – Fire, Police, Ambulance		111
AED	NAC Control Pool / Ascot Radiology / Millennium Gym L1	