



2026 NZ Short Course Swimming Championships

Sunday 27 September – Thursday 1 October 2026

Parakiore Recreation and Sport Centre
26 Saint Asaph St, Christchurch Central City

Information Booklet

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Purpose

The event sees the best swimmers from around the country go head-to-head for the national short course title. This competition has a blend of age group and open age swimmers. This is the pinnacle short course event in New Zealand and provides the best swimmers in New Zealand to compete at the national level.

Code of Conduct

As part of attending this event you have agreed to comply with the Swimming New Zealand code of conduct. Any behaviour that does not comply may result in further action, which may include being removed from the remainder of the event.

Please ensure you exhibit good behaviour towards everyone at the event, including officials, volunteers, staff and other clubs.

Please refer to the event webpage for the full code of conduct.

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 World Aquatics affiliated swimming federations. All participants must agree to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

Entries	Timeline
Entries Open	Tues 28 July 2026
Individual Entries Close	Tues 15 Sep 2026 at 11.59pm
Relay Entries Close	Wed 16 Sep 2026 at 11.59pm

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

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. Swimmers must be entered in an individual event to be able to participate in relay teams.

Qualification Criteria

Age as at 27 September 2026.

Swimmers must be 13 years and above as of this date to be eligible for this meet.

The qualifying period is from 1 January 2025 to 14 September 2026.

The qualifying times must be achieved in a 25m short course pool. No long course converted times can be used for qualification – Multi-Class swimmers please see section below. All swimmers shall only enter qualified events.

Only results from officiated meets can be used as qualifying times.

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.

Entry Fees

Location	Individual Entry Fee	Relay Team Entry Fee
Domestic	\$28	\$43
International	\$35	\$55

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 by Swimming New Zealand.

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.

International Entries

Visitors will be able to submit entries using either a TM File or International Entries link available on the event website. This needs 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 per final (eg: 2 in A final and 2 in B final). 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 Multi-Class swimmers must hold a national classification or higher and communicate their classification and any codes of exception to entries@swimming.org.nz or cameron@swimming.org.nz during the entry process.

Event Specifications

Morning Sessions

In the morning session there will be timed final races swum in the following age groups; 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and 17 – 18 years, and 19 & over (open).

Multi-Class events will be swum as open age group within the able-bodied morning heats. Multi-Class finals take place in the evening for all Para events.

The top 10 ranked swimmers in each age group will swim in the final heat of each event, all other swimmers will be rank seeded in combined age groups. Medals for age groups (13 – 18 years) will be determined from the heats in the morning.

Finals

A, B and C Finals will be offered in the evening session for 50m, 100m and 200m distances if they meet the set number of swimmers in the morning heats.

A and B Finals will be offered in the evening session for 400m distances if they meet the set number of swimmers in the morning heats. Please note there won't be a C Final offered for this distance.

Final	Swimmers in Heats
B Final	30+ swimmers
C Final	40+ swimmers

Distance Freestyle Events

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

Multi-Class Swimmers

These championships are open to Multi-Class swimmers who have a classification of some form – provisional, national or international.

This includes those swimming in the new S15, S18, and S19 classifications. These new classes align with an alternative global pathway (i.e. outside of World Para Swimming) for those with the relevant impairment or diagnosis.

- S15 – hearing impairment of at least 40dB (decibel) or greater in their better ear.
- S18 – Down Syndrome or intellectual impairment (S14) combined with a physical impairment.
- S19 – Autism diagnosis.

S18 and S19 are international classifications are aligned to the Virtus pathway (along with S14/II1, however the classes internationally are known as II1/II2/II3).

S15 has an international pathway via the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf.

Multi-Class swimmers may meet the qualification times in a 25m short course or 50m long course pool, however . There is no qualifying time for the 100m IM but it is still able to be entered. However, please ensure the swimmer can perform each stroke.

Heats and finals will take place for all events, except the 200m strokes, 400m Individual Medley and 800m/1500m Freestyle for intellectual impairments which will be raced as timed finals during the heats sessions for medals, with swimmers to race amongst the able-body heats.

Medals and club points will be distributed based on the World Para Swimming points system (similar to the



percentage of the world record calculation) and equivalent for the alternative pathway classifications using the meet software of which results are final. To confirm, this means that one set of medals will be presented for each respective Multi-Class final.

Swimming NZ is wanting to grow Multi-Class swimmer's involvement in relays. The introduction of relays (listed below) will be exhibition swims, so **no club points or medals will be awarded**. S15-S19 swimmers can enter also.

Relays will be decided after entries close to try find the best way to allow swimmers to compete in the relevant relay team.

- 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay – MC (the following options swum together)
 - S14 Men
 - 34 Point Women
 - 34 Point Men
- 4 x 100m Medley Relay – MC (the following options swum together)
 - S14 Men
 - S14 Mixed
 - 34 Point Mixed

Please note with these relays being exhibition swims, you can be part of a relay team without swimming an individual event. If you would like to swim in a relay, please contact Cameron at cameron@swimming.org.nz. A full list of eligible relays can be found within the Para swimming NZ records.

Relays

Relays will be timed-finals with all timed-finals being swum at the end of the finals session. Relay events can be entered by a national selection team (for selection purposes – including Para swimming teams), a club team or a Para/regional/zonal team. Priority of selection to teams will be in that order. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 clubs. Swimmers must be entered into at least one individual event to be eligible to compete in relay teams.

Psych Sheets

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

Any corrections and changes to psych sheets are to be sent to entries@swimming.org.nz within 24 hours of the psych sheets being posted.

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 live timing site.

Event Information

Opening Hours

Pre-Meet	Morning	Afternoon
Sat 26 Sep	9am – 12pm	3pm – 6pm

Competition	Heats	Finals
Sun 27 Sep	7.00 (doors)	15.30 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	17.00 (comp)
Mon 28 Sep	7.00 (doors)	15.30 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	17.00 (comp)
Tues 29 Sep	7.00 (doors)	15.30 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	17.00 (comp)
Wed 30 Sep	7.00 (doors)	15.30 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	17.00 (comp)
Thurs 1 Oct	7.00 (doors)	15.30 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	17.00 (comp)

Pool entry is free for training at these times. **Access to the pool will be advised in the pre event information.**

Clubs/Regions 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

Swimming New Zealand will have live results via the SNZ website and the Swimify live-timing website and app. The results for each event will be uploaded once the event has been signed off.

Ticketing

Tickets	Heats	Finals
Adult	\$10*	\$15*
Child (5 & under)	Free	Free



*Please note prices listed above are exclusive of GST & Humanitix Processing Fees.

Spectator heat session tickets will be available for purchase online via Humanitix from **Tuesday 28 July at 9.00am**.

Spectator Entrance

Access to the pool will be advised in the pre-competition information.

Livestreaming, Photography & Videography

All sessions at this event will be livestreamed.

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. All athletes and spectators have agreed to allow photographs, videos, and audio recordings to be taken by accredited SNZ contractors to be used for any legitimate purpose by SNZ. If you have any concerns please contact the Competition Manager.

Anyone wishing to take photo, video and/or audio recordings at the championships need to request permission via emailing events@swimming.org.nz. The SNZ staff will, at their sole discretion, determine whether or not an item is intended for personal or club use.

Merchandise

Merchandise for this event is provided by SNZ partner Teamline and is available for pre-purchase. In addition, race suits and other swim products are available from Teamline on their online store and from their store within the facility. Find everything you need on their website.

Parking

Parking is limited at the Parakiore facility. Please try and limit the number of vehicles you travel into the meet.

Please refer to the parking signs displayed for more details.

Athlete Information

Pool Access

Swimmers

Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers will be advised in the pre-event information.

Accreditation must be **worn around the neck and presented to gain access**. 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 \$15.00 via the ticketing and accreditation booth located at the main entrance.

Any team manager, coach or swimmer who is caught giving their accreditation to somebody other than themselves, will have their accreditation removed for the remainder of the event.

Warm-up Procedure

Date	Warm-Up Times
Tues 27 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.45pm
Wed 28 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Thurs 29 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Fri 30 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Sat 1 Oct	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm

Warm-up procedure – please follow the lane signage displayed during warm up. The 25m programmes pool will be open throughout the event for swimmers to warm up and swim down in.

Athlete Seating

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



Strapping

Swimmers with strapping must provide documentation from a relevant registered health practitioner or physiotherapist and be reviewed by the Technical 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 room. All swimmers are required to marshal for relays. Swimsuits will be checked at marshalling for legality.

Winner Interviews

All A final and Para multi-classification winners in the evening sessions may be asked to complete a short interview at the conclusion of the race, as well as potentially the Age, Multi-Class and Open Record breakers during all sessions.

Victory Ceremonies

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events for the age groups 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 - 18 years, Open and Multi-Class Open (13 years +). Please note that the age group medals are determined from the swims in the morning. Visitor medals will be awarded to any international competitor who places, with a limit of two visitors who can medal in an event.

The Victory Ceremony Timetable will be included in the session 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.
- Pants or shorts MUST be worn.
- No Caps or Goggles.
- No towels to be wrapped around the waist.

There is to be strictly no photography on pool deck and the medal presentation area, all photos will be taken by the official event photographer and photos will be made available via the online link as soon as possible. Anyone taking photos in this area will be asked to leave immediately.

Team Managers Information

Accreditation

Clubs will need to complete the respective team manager form and annual coach accreditation form (July 2026 – June 2027) for team personnel who are attending the meet. Event passes will be allocated to clubs based on this information.

Please note that we have introduced the below ratios for clubs

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

Accreditation must be **worn, around the neck, to gain access to the pool**. No accreditation no entry. Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of \$15.00 each.

Accreditations will not be accepted after the late application deadline.

Date	Deadline
Applications Open	Tues 28 July 2026
Applications Close	Tues 15 September 2026 at 11.59pm
Late Applications Close	Wed 16 September 2026 at 11.59pm

A link to apply for coach and team manager accreditation will be available on the event webpage closer to the opening date, with this page providing more details regarding gaining accreditation.

The late applications closing date above is the last date to apply for an accreditation.

Please note: late applications will incur a \$50 late fee for each individual.





Accreditation Criteria

Coaches must be registered with Swimming New Zealand under the member category 'Coach' and must be showing as financial and active in the Swimming New Zealand database. Coaches are also required to have completed the respective online education modules.

Managers must be an active member on the Swimming New Zealand database. They can be registered as volunteer member and must have a Police Vetting check completed on their SNZ profile. They are not permitted to be undertaking any coaching on pool deck.

If you need to process or confirm your police check on the SNZ database, please email policevetting@swimming.org.nz. Please note that police checks may take up to 28 working days, ensure you allow enough time to be approved before the event.

Photo accreditation will be incorporated for this event, so a headshot or passport photo will be required to be included as part of the application process.

Please note you will only hear back from Swimming New Zealand if there is an issue with your accreditation approval.

Any team manager, coach or swimmer who is caught giving their accreditation to somebody other than themselves, will have their accreditation removed for the remainder of the event.

Anyone without accreditation will need to purchase a spectator ticket.

Accreditation Collection

Accreditations for each club can be collected by the team managers from the swimmer's entrance from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday 26 September. Any other accreditation packs can be collected from the accreditation desk from 7am on Sunday 27 September.

SNZ will not be providing lanyards in 2026. Please provide your own lanyards for your accreditation.

Pool Access

Coaches & Team Managers:

Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers is via the swimmer's entrance. Accreditation must be presented to gain access. 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 \$15.00 via the ticketing and accreditation booth located at the main entrance.

Managers Meeting

There will be a compulsory team managers meeting held on Saturday 26 September at 5pm. The location will be confirmed in the pre-event information.

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.

If you are unable to attend the team managers meeting, please familiarise yourself with this document and the pre-event information as well.

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 for session one submitted after the meeting will incur a withdrawal fee.

As ALL events in all morning sessions are run as timed finals 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. Any competitor or team who withdraws from finals after this time shall pay without excuse to SNZ a fee of \$50 (NZD) as per SNZ Policy 008.

Disqualifications

Disqualifications will be posted online and displayed on the big screen at the completion of the race. The DQ



form can be sighted by requesting at the resolutions desk.

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 announcement. 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.

Online Programmes

All session programs will be published online via the Swimify website. Session one will be posted after the

Points & Awards

The following points system will be used for the championships:

Points for Open Finals (individual and relays)

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	26	21	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Age Group Timed Finals (13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17-18yrs)

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	26	21	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Multi-Class Finals

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	26	21	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Please note: Points are awarded only to the club of New Zealand federated swimmers. This means that visitors at the competition cannot score points, regardless of whether the swimmer resides in New Zealand or swims as part of a New Zealand club.

Trophies to be awarded

team managers meeting and all other sessions will be posted at the end of the previous session.

Printed Programmes

All programmes will be published online, if you wish to have a printed copy these can be purchased via the link that will be added to the event page closer to the event. The cost for these will be \$30 which will cover all sessions. Pre-paid programmes will be available for each session during the warmup from the resolutions desk. Please note extra copies will not be printed and anyone requiring programmes will need to pre-order them by the end of the Team Managers meeting.

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.



Top Age Group Club
Top Multi-Class Club
Top Open Club

Medical Information

Service	Address	Phone
Moorhouse Medical Centre	3 Pilgrim Place, Sydenham	03 365 7900
Sydenham Dental Care	58 Wordsworth St , Sydenham	03 366 7429
Unichem Moorhouse Pharmacy	3 Pilgrim Place, Sydenham	03 365 7905
X-Ray, Pacific Radiology	3 Pilgrim Place, Sydenham	0800 869 729
Physio, Physio Health	3 Pilgrim Place, Sydenham	03 377 0612
Christchurch Hospital	2 Riccarton Ave, Christchurch City Central	03 364 0640
Emergency – Fire, Police, Ambulance		111
AED	Parakiore	