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2027 New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships

Sunday 11 April – Thursday 15 April 2027

Hawke's Bay Regional Aquatic Centre, 42 Percival Road, Frimley, Hastings

Information Booklet

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Purpose
This is the pinnacle age group long course competition in NZ. The best Olympic Pathway and multi-classification swimmers will race for the national title in their respective age group (13-16 years individually for Olympic Pathway, and 13-18 years combined for Multi-Class).

Code of Conduct
As part of attending this event you have agreed to comply with the Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) 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 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 16 February 2027
Individual Entries Close	Tues 23 March 2027 at 11:59pm
Relay Entries Close	Wed 24 March 2027 at 11:59pm

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted via the SNZ Fast Lane page.

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

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.

Qualification Criteria

Age as at 11 April 2027.

The qualifying period is from 1 January 2026 to 22 March 2027.

Olympic Pathway swimmers must be 13 years or above but under 17 years as of 11 April 2027. Multi-class swimmers must be 13 years or above but under 19 years as of 11 April 2027.

The qualifying times are 50m long course times. Long course times as well as short course converted times can be used for qualification. Multi-Class swimmers may meet the qualification times in either a short course or long course pool. However, no converted time is allowed – i.e. so long as the time is met the swimmer can enter.

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	$29	$44
International	$36	$56

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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 under the International Entry tab available on the event website by the entry deadline date. For any queries relating to international entries please email entries@swimming.org.nz.

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 each age final 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 Multi-Class swimmers must hold a valid classification and communicate it along with any codes of exemptions to entries@swimming.org.nz.

Event Specifications

Heats

All heats will be seeded as slowest to fastest seeding.

Finals

Championship finals will be swum as the top 10 swimmers per individual age groups: 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and 16 years. Multi-Class finals will be swum as combined 13 – 18 years.

Distance Freestyle Events

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

Multi-Class Athletes

These championships are open to classified Multi-Class swimmers. Only the events listed with a qualifying time can be swum by each classification, these events and classifications are also the ones competing for medals in the respective event.

Heats and finals will only take place for each event with a qualifying time.

The format for Multi-Class finals will be determined by the swimmers who achieve the ten highest points from the heat swims, based on "Aqua Points" (not WPS) designed for Multi-Class racing in New Zealand.

Medals and club points will be distributed based on the Aqua Points system, using the meet software, of which results are final.

Relays

Relays will be timed-finals being swum at the end of the finals sessions. Relays will be swum as 13 – 14 years and 16 years and under. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 clubs. Multi-class swimmers can enter as part of a club relay, abiding to the age group conditions stated.

Swimmers must be entered in individual events to be entered in relays. For selection purposes, relay teams can be entered by the National Selection Panel. Priority would be given to nationally selected teams over club teams.

The names of the swimmers who will actually compete in a relay must be submitted at least **60 minutes before the start of the session** in which the event takes place. The swimmers must be listed in the order in which they will swim.

For **medley relay events**, each swimmer must be listed against the specific stroke they will swim.

Failure to swim in the order listed will result in disqualification. Substitutions may be made only in the case of a documented medical emergency.

Any regional or combined relay teams will be swum as exhibition swims only and will not be eligible for points or medals.

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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.

Printed Programme

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.

Event Information

Opening Hours

Pre-Meet Warm Up Day	Morning	Afternoon
Sat 10 April	9am – 12pm	3pm – 6pm

Competition	Heats	Finals
Sun 11 April – Thurs 15 April	7.00 (doors)	15.30 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	17.00 (comp)

Access will be through the main entrance of the pool for the pre-meet sessions.

Clubs/regions that wish to train outside of 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 Swimify.

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 tickets will be available for purchase online via Humanitix from **Tuesday 16 February 2027 at 9.00am.** Please visit the event webpage for the link to purchase tickets, this will be available prior to tickets going on sale.

The spectator entrance is through the main pool reception area and signs will direct you around the back to the doors next to the grandstand. Please ensure you have your ticket ready to scan in.

Livestreaming, Photography & Videography

All sessions at this competition will be livestreamed.

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. All athletes and spectators have agreed to allow photographs, videos and audio recording to be taken by accredited SNZ contractors to be used for any legitimate purpose by SNZ. Anyone wishing to take photo, video and/or audio recordings at the championships need to request permission. If you have any concerns please contact events@swimming.org.nz.

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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 poolside pop-up store. Find everything you need on their website.

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

Athlete Information

Pool Access
Swimmers
Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers is via the swimmer's entrance from the main pool foyer. Access will be granted at the time warm up begins.

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 accreditation booth.

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
Sun 11 Apr	Heats: 7.00am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.45pm
Mon 12 Apr	Heats: 7.00am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Tues 13 Apr	Heats: 7.00am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Wed 14 Apr	Heats: 7.00am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Thur 15 Apr	Heats: 7.00am – 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. There will also be labelled spectator seating area.

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.

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.

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Winner Interviews

Selected final winners in the evening sessions, as well as NZ age and open record breakers (including Multi-Class swimming records) during all sessions may be asked to complete a short interview at the conclusion of the race.

Victory Ceremonies

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events for each group – 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and multi-class 13 – 18 years. Visitor medals will be awarded to any international competitor who places in the top 3.

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.

Any swimmer who is late to the victory ceremony will not be allowed to join the medal podium. Please ensure all swimmers are on time.

Dress Standard for victory ceremonies:

- Club or Regional t-shirt, jacket, or sweatshirt.
- Shorts/trousers/skirt must be worn
- Shoes must be worn.
- No Caps or Goggles.

SNZ contract photographer(s) to take photos during the event and victory ceremonies. All photos taken by the official event photographer will be made available via a Drop Box link as soon as possible and in the post-event wrap. Anyone taking photos in this area will be asked to leave immediately.

Team Managers Information

Accreditation

Clubs must complete the relevant **Team Manager Form** and **Annual Coach Accreditation Form (July 2026 – June 2027)** for all team personnel attending the meet.

Please note that we have introduced the below ratios for clubs

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

Please note that a **current SNZ Police Vet clearance is required at the time of application**. Accreditation will not be issued without a valid clearance. Police Vet clearances are currently taking up to **six weeks** to process, so clubs are advised to apply well in advance.

Event passes will be allocated to clubs based on the information submitted.

Accreditation must be worn at all times, around the neck, to gain access to and remain on the pool deck.

No accreditation no entry. Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of $15.00 each.

Accreditation applications will not be accepted after the late application deadline.

Date	Deadline
Applications Open	Tues 16 February 2027
Applications Close	Tues 23 March 2027 at 11:59pm
Late Applications Close	Wed 24 March 2027 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.

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 with a current SNZ Police Vetting check completed and on their SNZ profile. 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 SNZ 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 30 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.

Anyone without accreditation will need to purchase a spectator ticket.

Accreditation Collection

Accreditations for each club can be collected by the team managers at the swimmer's entrance from 3.00pm – 5.00pm on Saturday 10 April. These must be collected by team managers. Any other accreditations can be collected from 7:00am on Sunday 11 April at the swimmer's entrance.

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

Managers Meeting
There will be a compulsory team managers meeting held on Saturday 10 April at 5pm in the Heretaunga 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.

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

Withdrawals
Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted at the Team Managers meeting or via email to entries@swimming.org.nz by 5pm on Saturday 10 April. Any withdrawals for session one submitted after this will incur a withdrawal fee.

Please note: withdrawals will not be accepted via email after 5pm Saturday 10 April.

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.

Disqualifications
Disqualifications will be posted online with the events results and displayed on the big screen at the completion of the race. The DQ form can be requested to view 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 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.

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.
Please do no place any banners over the poolside signage.

Event Communication
During the meet SNZ may use WhatsApp to communicate to coaches and managers during the meet, a link to the group will be shared in the pre-competition information.

Opening Ceremony
An opening ceremony will be held at the start of Session 2 on Sunday 11 April starting at 4.50pm.

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Points & Awards

The following points system will be used for the 2027 NZ Age Group Swimming Championships:

Club Points for Age 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

Club Points for 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

Freyberg Shield – Top Region across NZ Champs and NZ Age Groups
1914 – 1918 War Memorial Shield – Top Region
Hansells Trophy – Athlete who breaks a NZ age group record by the greatest percentage margin
Life Members Trophy – Most outstanding individual performance
Top Age Club
Top Multi-Class Age Club

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Medical Information

Hawke's Bay Sports Medicine	HBRAC	06 870 7001
The Doctors Gascoigne	407 Gascoigne Street, Raureka	06 878 9978
Mahora Community Dental Clinic	806 Tawa Place, Mahora	06 873 4861
Mahora Pharmacy	907 Tomoana Road, Mahora	06 878 3666
TRG Imaging	HBRAC	06 873 1166
The Movement Co. Rehab & Performance	HBRAC	06 870 7001
Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	398 Omahu Road, Camberley	06 878 8109
Emergency – Fire, Police, Ambulance		111
AED	HBRAC	