AOTEAROA
SECONDARY SCHOOLS

2027 New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships

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Parakiore Recreation and Sports Centre
St Asaph St, Christchurch

Information Booklet

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Purpose
The New Zealand Secondary School Championships will run across 6 sessions and sees the best secondary school swimmers go head-to-head for the national title and the secondary schools seeking the top school title. This competition has a particular focus on enjoyment and pride in representing your school, with lots of relays on offer to promote team swimming as well as some fast swimming.

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

Entry Information

Swimming New Zealand rules and regulations govern this competition.

This meet is open to financial, registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand swimmers – as a school swimmer, club swimmer or competitive swimmer. Non-SNZ members can enter through the online entry form and SNZ will create a school membership on the SNZ database for these competitors based on the information provided. All participants must agree to comply with the SNZ rules and School Sport NZ eligibility.

The championships are for year 9 to 13 students only and will be raced across Short Course (25m) format.

The age groups to be swum by both male and female are 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years and over, and Multi-Class 13 years and over. Students must be under 19 years of age on 1 January 2027. The competition is open to all schools in New Zealand with Year 9 - 13 students.

Home schooled swimmers are ineligible to participate as stipulated by School Sport NZ. Please refer to their website for the eligibility requirements for home schooled students.

Entry Deadline

Entries	Timeline
Entries Open	Tues 15 June 2027
Individual Entries Close	Tues 20 July 2027 at 11.59pm
Relay Entries Close	Wed 21 July 2027 at 11.59pm

Late entries will not be accepted.

Individual Entries
Swimming New Zealand Members are to enter through the SNZ database via their SNZ Fast Lane page.

Non-SNZ members need to enter through the online entry form, the link will be provided on the event webpage. SNZ will create a school membership on the SNZ database for these competitors based on the information provided.

Please find the non-SNZ member entry link on the event webpage when entries open.

School Relays
Schools will enter relays by submitting a relay entry form available on the event page of the SNZ website.

Swimmers must be entered into minimum one individual event to be eligible to race in relay events.

Please find the relay form link on the event webpage when entries open.

School Confirmation

All competitors will need to be approved by their school to compete. Schools will receive an email once entries have closed asking them to confirm the student(s) attends their school and they are approved to compete at the event to be permitted to swim.
Schools can also check the entry by team list on the event webpage following the entry closing date.

Please find the school approval form on the event webpage once entries close.

Entry Fees

	Individual Event Entry Fee	Relay Team Entry Fee
Student	$25	$40

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 will be invoiced by Swimming New Zealand for all relay entries, and the individual entry fees of those who are not entering via the database.

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

Qualification Criteria

Age as at 5 August 2027

The qualifying period is from 1 January 2026 to 5 August 2027.

The qualifying times are 25m short course times. Qualifying times may be achieved as long course converted times.

Individual entry times will be generated by the SNZ database – and can be from either officiated or development meets. For non-SNZ members proof of times from their Regional Swimming Championships must be sent to entries@swimming.org.nz.

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

Relays

Only swimmers who have entered at least one individual event in this competition may be permitted to swim in relay events. There is no limit to the number of relay teams a school may enter.

Male and female relays will be swum as timed-finals and in the age groups Under 16 and 16 & Over. Younger swimmers can swim in the older age group, but older swimmers cannot swim down.

If an Under 16 swimmer swims in the older age group, they cannot also swim in the younger age group of that event.

Mixed relays will be swum in the same age groups and teams must consist of 50% male and 50% female swimmers. Points from these races will not count towards top school relay trophies.

Skins Event

The 5 x 50m skins event won't receive entries. The fastest 10 athletes from the 100m IM for each of the skins age groups will form the field. We will spin the wheel prior to each leg of the skins competition to determine the swim stroke for that 50m effort. Two swimmers will be removed per leg until we have two swimmers in the 5th effort.

The male event will run in entirety, followed by the female event.

This event will be worth double points.

Please note that if you do not wish to swim in the Skins event, you must complete a withdrawal form within 30mins of swimming the 100m IM. No late withdrawals will be accepted.

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.

Multi-Class Swimmers
These championships are open to Multi-Class swimmers who have a classification of some form – provisional, national or international. Please note this includes S15, S18 and S19 classifications.

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

There are no qualifying times for Multi-Class swimmers but you must have a time on the SNZ database.

Multi-Class swimmers are eligible for the following events: 50m for all strokes, 100m for all strokes excluding butterfly, 200m freestyle, 100m IM for all classifications.

Event Information

Opening Hours

Competition	Morning	Afternoon
Thurs 5 Aug		15.00 (doors)
		16.30 (comp)
Fri 6 Aug	7.00 (doors)	15.00 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	16.30 (comp)
Sat 7 Aug	7.00 (doors)	15.00 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	16.30 (comp)
Sun 8 Aug	7.00 (doors)	
	8.30 (comp)	

Schools and/or athletes that wish to train outside these times will have to organise their own times with the pool and pay entry.

Results
Swimming NZ will have live results via Swimify.

Ticketing

Tickets	Morning	Afternoon
Adult	$10*	$10*
Child 5 & under	Free	Free

*Please note ticket prices are exclusive of GST and Humanitix processing fees.

A limited number of tickets will be available from Tuesday 15 June at 9am. Tickets will be available for purchase via Humanitix.

A ticket will permit entry into the public grandstand. A ticket holder is not permitted to enter pool deck without an accreditation pass. SNZ reserves the right to ask you to return to the public grandstand or to be removed from the venue.

Spectator Entrance
The spectator entrance is through door A Level 2. Please ensure you have your ticket ready to scan in.

Livestreaming, Photography & Videography
Photos and videos may be taken throughout the competition. This event may also be livestreamed and your school may be filmed and/or interviewed and available on demand.

Still and moving images that have been taken by or recorded on behalf of SNZ may be used in any or all of the promotional, social and advertising material of SNZ or provided to any third party, including but not limited to SNZ partners and sponsors, for their reasonable use as they see fit.

If you wish to opt out of the above, have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact entries@swimming.org.nz before close of entries. Swimming NZ adheres to the School Sport Charter for school events.

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 poolside pop-up store located at the venue. Find everything you need on their website.

Parking
Paid parking is limited at the Parakiore. 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 doors B & C Level 2. 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 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
Thurs 5 Aug	Afternoon: 3pm - 4.20pm
Fri 6 Aug	Morning: 7am – 8.20am
	Afternoon: 3pm – 4.20pm
Sat 7 Aug	Morning: 7am – 8.20m
	Afternoon: 3pm – 4.20pm
Sun 8 Aug	Morning: 7am – 8.20am

Warm-up procedure – please follow the lane signage displayed during warm up.

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

Meet Set-Up
The meet is short course (25m pool).
All events are timed finals.

Events will be super seeded with the top 8 swimmers in each age group swimming together in the last timed finals for each respective event, all other swimmers will be rank seeded.

Marshalling Process
Self-marshalling will be employed during all sessions of this event. Swimmers will assemble 4 heats prior to their event. For all 50m events swimmers need to be behind the blocks 6 heats prior to their event.

Victory Ceremonies and Medals
Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers for all age group and Multi-Class events.

The victory ceremony timetable will be included in the programme, 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.

Please make sure all swimmers are on time for their victory ceremony. Swimmers will not be allowed to walk on to the victory podium late and will have to collect their medal after the ceremony has ended.

Dress Standard for victory ceremonies:

- School t-shirt, jacket or sweatshirt.
- Shorts, trousers or skirt must be worn.
- Shoes must be worn
- No caps or goggles.

Swimming NZ contract photographer(s) to take photos during the event and victory ceremonies so there is to be strictly no photography on pool deck and the victory ceremony area. All photos taken by the official event photographer will be made available in the event wrap via an online link. Anyone taking photos in this area will be asked to leave immediately.

Team Manager Information

Accreditation
Schools 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 schools

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

School teachers attending the event must have a valid clearance logged on the Teaching Council of Aotearoa website, which was suffice as the Police Vetting to gain accreditation at the event. School teachers will still need to apply for a team manager accreditation.

School staff wishing to attend that are not listed on the Teaching Council of Aotearoa website must provide proof of Police Vetting done via their school.

Any other coach or team manager attending the championships must be police vetted by SNZ. If you do not have an approved police vetting in the SNZ database by the time applications close, you will not be issued with an accreditation.

Please find the form on our website and email policevetting@swimming.org.nz for any further questions you may have. Please note, police checks may take up to 6 weeks – allow enough time before the event to have these processed.

Accreditation must be worn at all times, 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.

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

Date	Deadline
Applications Open	Tues 15 June 2027
Applications Close	Tues 20 July 2027 at 11.59pm
Late Applications Close	Wed 21 July 2027 at 11.59pm

No accreditations will be accepted after the late application closes.

A link to apply for the respective team manager accreditation and annual coach accreditation form 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. Accreditations will not be processed until the fee has been paid.

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.

Managers must be an active member on the Swimming New Zealand database or a registered school teacher. 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.

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.

Anyone without accreditation will need to purchase a spectator ticket.

Accreditation Collection

Accreditations for each School can be collected by the team managers from the resolution desk from 2.30pm to 4pm on Thursday 5 Aug. Any other accreditation packs can be collected from the event entrance from 7am on Friday 6 Aug.

Pool Access

Coaches & Team Managers

Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers is via Level 2 Doors B & C. **Accreditation must be worn around the neck to gain access.** No accreditation = no entry.

Accreditations will be available for collection from the competition entrance from 2:30pm on Thursday 30 July.

Lost accreditation can be replaced at a cost of $15 each.

Team Managers Meeting

There will be a Team Managers Meeting held at the venue on **Thursday 5 August at 3.15pm**. The location will be confirmed in the pre-competition information.

It is compulsory that all Team Managers attend this meeting so that processes can be explained, accreditation handed out and any questions answered.

If you can't attend the meeting, please familiarise yourself with this document and the pre-event information.

Online Programmes
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.

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.

Event Communication
During the meet SNZ may use WhatsApp to communicate to coaches and managers during the meet, link will be included in the pre event information.

Banner Placement
Swimming New Zealand will have signage in and around the facility; this signage will take precedence over school banners. SNZ reserves the right to remove any banners that are not in appropriate areas or that conflict with event signage/sponsors.

Withdrawals
Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted at the Team Managers meeting held prior to the start of the meet or via email to entries@swimming.org.nz by 3.15pm on Thursday 5 Aug. Scratching after this time will only be accepted via 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 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 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.

Opening Ceremony
There will be an opening ceremony prior to the start of session one on Thursday 30 July before racing starts. Further details will be communicated closer to the time.

Medal Ceremony Timetable

Day	Session	Medal Ceremony
Thursday 5 Aug	One	Presented at the conclusion of Session One
Friday 6 Aug	Two	Presented during and at the conclusion of Session Two
	Three	Presented during and at the conclusion of Session Three
Saturday 7 Aug	Four	Presented during and at the conclusion of Session Four
	Five	Presented during and at the conclusion of Session Five
Sunday 8 Aug	Six	Presented during and at the conclusion of Session Six

Points

2027 NZ Secondary School Swimming Championship points are as follows:

Age Group & Para Events

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

Relay Events (not mixed relays)

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

- Trophies will be awarded to:
  - Top Girls School
  - Top Boys School
  - Top Co-Ed School
  - Top Multi-Class School
  - Boys Relay Trophy – overall relay points
  - Girls Relay Trophy – overall relay points

Note: Schools can only win the above Top School trophies based on their school type. i.e. A Co-Ed School cannot win either of the Top Girls or Top Boys School trophies.

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	