2027 NZ Short Course Swimming Championships

Sunday 26 – Thursday 30 September 2027

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

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.

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 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 3 Aug 2027
Individual Entries Close	Tues 14 Sep 2027 at 11.59pm
Relay Entries Close	Wed 15 Sep 2027 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.

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 26 September 2027.

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

The qualifying period is from 1 January 2026 to 14 September 2027.

The qualifying times are 25m short course pool. Short Course as well as long 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 for Multi-Class swimmers – 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

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 SNZ. 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 webpage 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 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. The 17-18 Years Timed Final which only permit a maximum of two visitors.

International Multi-Class swimmers must hold a valid classification and communicate it along with any codes of exemptions to entries@swimming.org.nz the entry process.

Event Specifications

Morning Sessions
Morning session 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).

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 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.

Multi-Class Swimmers

These championships are open to classified Multi-Class swimmers. Only the events listed with a qualifying time can be swum by each classification.

Heats and finals will take place for all events, except those marked as Multi-Class Timed Finals (MCTF) – which will instead be held within the overall event heat, with medals to be presented in the evening session.

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.

Swimming NZ is wanting to grow Para swimmer's involvement in relays. The introduction of relays (listed below) will be exhibition swims, so no club points or medals will be awarded.

- 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 swum at the end of the finals session. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 clubs.

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.

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 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 Information

Opening Hours

Pre-Meet	Morning	Afternoon
Sat 25 Sep	9am – 12pm	3pm – 6pm

Competition	Heats	Finals
Sun 26 – Thurs 30 Sep	7.00 (doors)	15.30 (doors)
	8.30 (comp)	17.00 (comp)

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 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 heat session tickets will be available for purchase online via Humanitix from **Tuesday 3 August at 9.00am.**

Spectator Entrance

The spectator entrance is through the door beside the main pool entrance. Please ensure you have your ticket ready to scan in.

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 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.

Teamline

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

Parking

Paid parking is limited at Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre. 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 at the rear event entracnce.

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
Sun 26 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.45pm
Mon 27 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Tues 28 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Wed 29 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Thur 30 Sep	Heats: 7am – 8.20am
	Finals: 3.30pm – 4.50pm

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

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.

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 2027 – June 2028) 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**

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.

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.

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 and registered with Swim Coaches & Teacher of NZ Inc. 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, 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 an 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 25 September. Any other accreditation packs can be collected from the accreditation desk from 7am on Sunday 26 September.

Pool Access

Coaches & Team Managers:
Access to the pool for all swimmers, coaches and team managers is via the swimmer's entrance.

Managers Meeting

There will be a team managers meeting held on Saturday 25 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 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 information.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals from events for session one will need to be submitted via email by 5pm or at the Team Managers meeting being held at 5pm on Saturday 25 September. 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 25 September.

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.

Withdrawals from the Semi-Finals in the 50m events must be submitted within 30 minutes of the event results being posted online. Swimmers who withdraw from a Semi-Final are not eligible to compete in the final. No scratchings will be accepted between the Semi-Finals and the Finals.

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

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.

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 competitions information.

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.

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

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

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	