



2023 New Zealand Masters Swimming Championships

Thursday 25 – Saturday 27 May 2023

Hawke's Bay Regional Aquatic Centre
42 Percival Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120

Event Information Booklet

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Purpose

The event is designed to create opportunities for those aged 18+ who would like to compete in a social swimming event to help get more people swimming more often. This event is open to anyone aged over the age of 18, whether you are a member of NZ Masters Swimming (NZMS), Swimming NZ (SNZ) or not.

This is a NZMS sanctioned event.

Good Sports

Please note that this is a Good Sports event. Swimming NZ is committed to providing positive sporting experiences.

[Click here to learn more about Good Sports](#)

Entry Information

Swimming New Zealand policies and the New Zealand swimming rules govern this competition.

This meet is open to anyone aged of 18 years or older. There is no requirement to be an annual member of NZ Masters Swimming or Swimming NZ to enter, with an additional \$20 fee to be added to the entry fee if you aren't currently a member. International swimmers are welcome to enter this competition also. All participants must agree to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

Please note that if you aren't a financial member of NZ Masters Swimming, you won't be eligible to break NZ or World Masters records or rank in their 10 results.

Entries	Timeline
Entries Open	7 February
Online Entries Close	11 May at 11:59pm

Entries may be re-opened on the day.

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted via the Register Now page.

[Click here to enter](#)

Swimmers are limited to entering 6 individual events, with no limit to the number of relay teams.

Qualification Criteria

Age as of 31 December 2023. Must be 18+ years

There are no qualifying times for this event, anyone aged 18+ years may enter. Individual entry times may be provided upon completing the entry form which will form the seeding for the timed finals.

Entry Fees

Location	Individual Entry Fee	Relay Team Entry Fee
Swimming	\$85	Free

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.

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

Swimmers from other countries will be permitted to enter via the same entry form. A foreign swimmer is eligible to compete in a meet sanctioned by NZMS provided they are a financial member of a National Masters organisation affiliated to World Aquatics.

Event Specifications

Timed Finals

All events will be swum as timed finals with over the top starts.

The organising committee may arrange for the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle to be swum with two swimmers in a lane of the same sex, depending on the number of entries. Separate timing will be required for



each swimmer. Swimmers competing in the 1500m can opt to have their 800m time recorded, which will count as two separate events. Swimmers who wish to do so must email secretarynzms@gmail.com by close of entries.

Age Groups

This event will be swum as timed finals, with results provided across age groups. Results will be awarded for each of the following age groups:

18 – 24 years
25 – 29 years
30 – 34 years
35 – 39 years
40 – 44 years
45 – 49 years
50 – 54 years
55 – 59 years
60 – 64 years
65 – 69 years
70 – 74 years
75 – 79 years
80 – 84 years
85 – 89 years
90 – 94 years
95 – 99 years
100+ years

Para Athletes

This competition welcomes Para swimmers of all classifications. Swimmers will need to hold a classification of some form – provisional, national or international. For more information about classification, please contact cameron@swimming.org.nz

Medals will be awarded to each of the following age groups using the multi-class points system:

18 – 30 years
31 – 45 years
46 – 60 years
61+ years

Relays

There will be the following relays in this year's schedule:

- 4 x 50m Medley Relay (male & female)
- 4 x 50m Medley Relay (mixed)
- 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (male & female)
- 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (mixed)

Relay age groups will be calculated by the combined age of the team (eg: team is aged 41, 45, 31, 65 means the combined age is 182).

Results will be awarded for each of the following relay age group categories:

100 - 119
120 – 159
160 – 199
200 – 239
240 – 279
280 – 319
320 – 359
(add 40-year increments where necessary)

Relays will be timed-finals within the specified event scheduled. Relay ribbons are awarded to all swimmers in the team achieving the first three places in every relay event, in every age group.

Teams must have their relay entries handed in to the resolution desk by end of the session prior.

6 x 50m Freestyle Regional Relay (mixed)

This relay is for club swimmers only to represent their region to battle out for the Ngaire Prentice Trophy.

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 secretarynzms@gmail.com by 11.59pm Tuesday 23 May.

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.



Online Program

All session programs will be published online via the [LiveTiming](#) 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 no printed programs for coaches or team managers.

Event Information

Opening Hours

Competition	Earlier	Afternoon
Thurs 25 May	12pm	3pm
Fri 26 May	N/A	2pm
Sat 27 May	N/A	12pm

Pool entry is free for training at these times. Access will be through the main entrance of the complex for the competition.

Swimmers 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 NZ will have live results via the SNZ website and Live Timing. The results for each event will be uploaded once the event has been signed off.

Individual Swimming NZ member's results can also be found via the free Swimming NZ app MyTogs – [click here to download](#)

Ticketing

There will be no ticketing required for this competition.

Event Entrance

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

Livestreaming, Photography & Videography

All sessions at this event may be livestreamed. More details will be released closer to the event date.

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

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.

Teamline

Merchandise for this event may be provided by SNZ partner Teamline and may be available for pre-purchase. In addition, race suits and other swim products may be 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 www.teamline.co.nz

Parking

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

Swimmer Information

Pool Access

Access to the pool for everyone will be via the main entrance to the pool, **at the time listed those gates open.**

Accreditation

Please note that no accreditation is required to be collected for this event.

Warm-up Procedure

Date	Warm-Up Times
Thurs 25 May	Session 1: 12pm – 12.55pm
	Session 2: 3pm – 3.55pm
Fri 26 May	Session 3: 2pm – 2.55pm
Sat 27 May	Session 4: 12pm – 12.55pm



Warm-up signs for each lane will be displayed on pool deck. Please follow these directions.

Seating

Seating will be available in the grandstand. There is no allocated seating for this competition.

Strapping

Swimmers with strapping be reviewed by the Meet Director prior to swimming and are encouraged to provide documentation from a relevant registered health practitioner or physiotherapist. This is for the health and safety of the swimmer.

Marshalling Process

Self-marshalling will be employed during all sessions. Swimmers are asked to be in the marshalling room 4 timed finals prior to their event. For all 50m events swimmers need to be in the marshalling area 6 timed finals prior to their event.

Victory Ceremonies

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders for the champion of each age group at the end of the championships. These will be decided from collating points across all races swum by each individual. Visitor medals will be awarded to any international competitor who places.

The Victory Ceremony will take place at the conclusion of racing on Saturday 27 May.

Dress Standard for victory ceremonies:

- T-shirt, jacket or sweatshirt – if you belong to a club please wear your club colours
- Shorts/trousers/skirt must be worn
- Shoes must be worn
- No Caps or Goggles.

Pre-Event Meeting

There will be a pre-event meeting held on Thursday 25 May at 11.30am in the Marshalling Room.

Those who attend will be given a brief run-down of meet activities, expectations of swimmers and clubs and general delivery of the event.

If you are unable to attend, please familiarise yourself with this document and the pre-event email well.

Withdrawals

If a swimmer would like to withdraw from an event, please contact secretarynzms@gmail.com by Tuesday 23 May at 12pm.

Protests

Protests must be submitted to the referee, in writing, on the protest form 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 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 timed finals before the scheduled race).

Banner Placement

Swimming New Zealand will have signage at the event and will take precedence for position over club banners. SNZ reserves the right to remove any banners that are not in appropriate areas or conflict with event signage and/or sponsors.

Disqualifications

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



Points & Awards

The following points system will be used for the 2023 NZ Masters Swimming Championships:

Points for Age Timed Finals (individual)

Place	1	2	3	4	5
Points	6	4	3	2	1

Points for Age Relays

Place	1	2	3	4	5
Points	6	4	3	2	1

Trophies to be awarded

Top Club – awarded to the NZMS club obtaining the most points at the National Long Course Championships

Ngaire Prentice Trophy – top region in 6 x 50m Freestyle Region Relay

Bob McClure Medal – awarded to the winner of the 400m Individual Medley in the 65 – 69 age group

Peter Wilson Shield – awarded to the swimmer who has contributed the most to the spirit of Masters swimming

Tom Logan Memorial Trophy – awarded to the fastest swimmer in the 60 years + age group in the 100m Breaststroke

National LC 50m Men’s Freestyle Champion – awarded to the fastest man over 50m Freestyle in the 25 years +

National LC 50m Women’s Freestyle Champion – awarded to the fastest woman over 50m Freestyle in the 25 years +

Medical Information

Service	Address	Phone
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	