



2026 Swimming Wellington Short Course Championships

This meet is open to Competitive Swimmers 12 years & over

Saturday 22 August - Sunday 23 August 2026

Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre
63 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie, Wellington 6022

Entries Open: Saturday 25 July 2026

Entries Close: Midnight, Sunday 16 August

2026

Entry Fee: \$14.00

Age As At: 22 August 2026

22 August 2026

Session 1: Doors Open 7am, Start 8.15am

Session 2: Doors Open 3pm, Start 4.15pm

23 August 2026

Session 3: Doors Open 7am, Start 8.15am

Session 4: Doors Open 3pm, Start 4.15pm

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1. Entry Conditions

- 1.1 Meet is open to all Swimming NZ registered and financial competitive swimmers 12 years of age and over, including para swimmers.
- 1.2 This meet is part of the 2026 Swimming Wellington Short Course Champs.
- 1.3 Age as at 22 August 2026.
- 1.4 Qualifying times must be held in the SNZ database and been obtained between 16 August 2024 and 16 August 2026. Converted times are permissible.
- 1.5 Entries will be via FastLane and will open on Saturday 25 July at 8:00am and close at midnight on Sunday 16 August.
- 1.6 Para swimmers (with or without classification) are to enter by email to the organiser with event numbers and times. There are not qualifying times, but no times are not permitted.
- 1.7 Entry fee is \$14 for each event, payable on entry in FastLane. Para swimmers will be invoiced.
- 1.8 Refunds will be allowed for any withdrawals before entries close. Refunds for withdrawals after entries have closed will be at the discretion of Swimming Wellington.
- 1.9 Late entries will be accepted up to 5:00pm on Tuesday 18 August on payment of \$50, in addition to the entry fee.
- 1.10 Withdrawals from Session 1 are to be emailed to the meet organiser as soon as possible until 5:00pm Thursday 20 August. Withdrawals after this time are to be made according to Section 2.5.
- 1.11 Swimming Wellington or the Technical Director may amend the programme or restrict entries if required.

2. Meet Rules

- 2.1 This Officiated Short Course meet will be conducted under Swimming NZ Pool Swimming Rules and Policies, Swimming Wellington Policies and local rules.
- 2.2 Meet will be held over 4 sessions with start times as below:

Session 1	22 August	8:15am
Session 2	22 August	4:15pm
Session 3	23 August	8:15am
Session 4	23 August	4:15pm

- 2.3 Events will be swum as separate gender timed finals with over the top starts.
- 2.4 At the end of each race swimmers must move away from the bulkhead and to the side of the lane. Swimmers must exit from the side of the pool after the start of the next race or when the referee signals to clear the pool with two short whistles.
- 2.5 Withdrawals after 5:00pm Thursday 20 August are to be made by the Team Manager completing a withdrawal form and delivering to the recorder at the recorders desk. For events in Session 1 withdrawals are to be with the recorder by 7:30am, withdrawals for events in subsequent sessions are to be with the recorder prior to the end of the preceding session.

Failure to comply with the withdrawal conditions will result in a \$30 penalty for each event.

- 2.6 Events will be scored in age groups. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and over. Points will be awarded from first to tenth inclusive as 20, 14, 10, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 based on actual finishing place
- 2.7 Events will not be marshalled.
- 2.8 Timing for this event will be automatic.
- 2.9 Strapping of muscles/joints is only permitted to support a current injury and evidence is required in writing from a doctor or physio. Approval by the Technical Director is required prior to the meet commencing.
- 2.10 Disqualifications will be announced and the DQ form will be able to be viewed (and photographed) at the recorders desk by the relevant Team Manager.
- 2.11 Protests may be lodged according to SNZ Policy 008 with payment of \$100 cash.

3. Awards

- 3.1 **Medals** - The top 3 Wellington swimmers placing in each age group in each event will receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal. Any visitor finishing in the top 3 will be awarded a visitor medal up to a maximum of 2 medals per age group per event.
- 3.2 Medals will be presented during the sessions as results are posted.
- 3.3 **Ribbons** – will be awarded for swimmers finishing in the top 10 who have not received a medal in each age group for each event.
- 3.4 Ribbons can be collected during the sessions after the results are posted and preferably prior to the end of each session.
- 3.5 Trophies will be awarded to Swimming Wellington Clubs as follows:
 - ♦ **Tawa Trophy** – to the Swimming Wellington Club with a team of more than four swimmers that achieves the best average individual event points over the championship. This is calculated as Total Points divided by the number of swimmers from the club.
 - ♦ **Mana Swimco Cup** – for the Swimming Wellington Club with the highest points score.

4. Club, Swimmer and Volunteer Information

- 4.1 Meet will be held at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie, Wellington on Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 August 2026.
- 4.2 Doors open for the 4 sessions as below:

Session 1	22 August	7:00am
Session 2	22 August	3:00pm
Session 3	23 August	7:00am
Session 4	23 August	3:00pm

- 4.3 Initial Psych Sheets will be published on the Swimming Wellington website on Monday 17 August by 1:00pm.
- 4.4 A seating plan will be published on the SWN website on Thursday 20 August after 5:00pm..
- 4.5 Final Psych Sheets and estimated session times will be published on the Swimming Wellington website on Thursday 20 August by 1:00pm.
- 4.6 Final Programme will be published on the Swimming Wellington website on Friday 21 August by 1:00pm.
- 4.7 Names of Coaches and Team Managers attending this meet are to be notified to the organiser by 8:00pm Tuesday 18 August. Maximum numbers of team officials per session are:
- ◆ 1 – 10 Swimmers – 3
 - ◆ 11 – 20 Swimmers – 5
 - ◆ 21 – 35+ Swimmers - 7
- 4.8 Temporary passes for team managers from visiting clubs will be able to be collected from the southern entrance prior to the first session.
- 4.9 Images (e.g. photography, video, etc.) may be taken by accredited media approved by Swimming Wellington. Images are only to be used for legitimate purposes in accordance with the SNZ Member Protection Policy. Club photographers must have approval from Swimming Wellington prior to the start of the meet.
- 4.10 Entry for all attendees will be via the south entrance. Team Managers are to present Swimming Wellington pool entry passes. Coaches are to display their SCTNZ card throughout the meet. Officials (including timekeepers and club volunteers) are required to sign in on entry.
- 4.11 Two programmes per club (for the Team Managers) will be available from the desk at the south entrance.
- 4.12 Warm-Up - Competition Pool
- ◆ Will commence and finish as below:
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| Session 1 | 7:20am to 8:10am |
| Session 2 | 3:20pm to 4:10pm |
| Session 3 | 7:20am to 8:10am |
| Session 4 | 3:20pm to 4:10pm |
- ◆ First 20 minutes – General Warm Up (no dive lanes). Lane 0 reserved for Para Swimmers (if any). Feet First Entry
 - ◆ Lane 0, 1, 8, 9 – Dive lanes for the last 10 minutes of warm-up. If any Para Swimmers then lane 0 remains reserved for Para Swimmers and Lane 2 will become a Dive Lane.
 - ◆ Swimmers must exit the pool at the side and not swim over the lane ropes.
- 4.13 Warm-Up – Non Competition Pool
- ◆ Will commence at the same time as the competition pool warm up in lanes 6 to 9, and will continue for the session.
- 4.14 Clubs will be required to provide timekeepers and IOT's for this event based on the number of swimmers entered. Clubs will be advised on their

requirement after entries are closed. To aid in planning prior to entries closing, the expected ratio is 1 timekeeper per 8 swimmers and 1 IOT per 12 swimmers.

- 4.15 Team Managers Meeting will be held at 7:10am prior to session 1.
- 4.16 Officials Meeting will be held 20 minutes before the start of each session.

5. Spectator Information

- 5.1 Entry for Spectators will be via the Main Entrance and an entry fee of \$3.00 is payable for spectators 16 years of age and over.
- 5.2 No printed programmes will be provided for spectators.
- 5.3 Programme and results will be available online via Meet Mobile.
- 5.4 Photography by Spectators is limited to personal cell phones.

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