

GENERAL 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 Club Swimmers, Competitive Swimmers who are also enrolled in Secondary School.

For information and updates to this document please refer to the [NZ Secondary Schools OWS Championships Event Page](#) on the [Swimming New Zealand Webpage](#). Please check back here regularly to ensure you have the correct version.

Venue Address

Mount Maunganui Main Beach
Marine Parade
Mt Maunganui

Meet Contact

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Entry Information

Entry Deadline and Process

All entries MUST be completed online, entry information can be found [here](#).

1.25KM or 2.6KM

Thursday 31st January 2019 at 5 pm. These entries will need to be completed through the Ocean Swim Series registration portal found [here](#).

500M:

Thursday 31st January 2019 at 5 pm. These entries will need to be completed through the Ocean Swim Series registration portal found [here](#).

Late entries will not be accepted. **NO REFUNDS** for any withdrawals (including medical) will be given once entries have closed.

Schools Sanctioning Form:

All entries must be confirmed by the Secondary School. Schools will be sent a list of their students for confirmation, this must be confirmed to anthony@swimming.org.nz by

Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 5 pm.

Foreign Entries

No international visitor entries will be accepted for this championship.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are as follows per individual event:

Distance	Super Early bird	Early bird	Standard
1.25km	\$32.50	\$37.50	\$42.50
2.6km	\$47.50	\$57.50	\$67.50
500m	\$22.50	\$27.50	\$32.50

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.

Qualification and Eligibility Criteria

Age as at 9 February 2019.

There are no qualifying times for the 2019 NZ Secondary School OWS Championships.

This championship is open to all schools in New Zealand with year 9-13 students. Home-schooled swimmers are eligible to participate but must align to a secondary school for the meet. Students must be enrolled as bona fide students at the school of representation and study at least 80% of the programme.

Distances and Age Groups

The distances that can be swum as part of the championships are 1.25km, 2.6km and 500m. Please note that a swimmer **cannot** enter the 2.6km and 1.25km due to start times overlapping.

The age groups to be swum by both male and female are 12-13yrs, 14-15yrs and 16-19yrs. Students must be under 19 years of age on 1 January 2019 to compete.

Meet Photography

Participants who have entered this event agree to allow photograph, video multimedia or film likeness taken by accredited photographers to be used for any legitimate purpose by Swimming New Zealand or others as approved by Swimming New Zealand.

Anti-Doping

All participants must agree to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

Bag Storage Area

An area designated for gear bags will be available for all participants to store your bags while you swim (or run!). This will be situated at the main event site on Mount Main

Beach. You will need to bring your own bags along and label with your surname (using the bag label provided in your swim pack).

Remember, if you're taking part in the 2.6km or 1.25km swims, you will need to drop your bag here before heading to your swim briefing down the beach. Please note, our bag storage is an 'all care, no responsibility' service, please do not pack valuable items.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Start Times

Saturday 9 February

1.25km	10:40am
2.6km	9:30am
500m	11:40am

Race Course

The three race courses for the 2.6km, 1.25km and 500m swims can be found below. Swimmers must follow within boundaries of the course (as set and directed by race officials). Swimmers will be required to swim through a finish gate when completing the race.

2.6km



1.25km



500m



Timing

Electronic timing for the NZ Secondary School OWS Championships will be used.

Swimmers will be required to pay \$50.00 per chip if it is lost/not returned.

Rack Pack Collection and Numbering

Event Day Registration for the 2019 NZ Open Water Championships are open from 7.50am.

Briefing

A briefing for swimmers will be held as follows:

1.25km	10:35am	Saturday 9 th February
2.6km	9:20am	Saturday 9 th February
500m	11:35am	Saturday 9 th February

The briefing must be attended and will include details of race format, start, race course, finish and race rules.

Withdrawals

Swimmers withdrawing from the event must inform Swimming New Zealand prior to 5pm Friday 8 February. Any swimmers withdrawing from the race after numbering are required to inform the Clerk of the Course of their withdrawal.

Parking

There is plenty of parking on the streets surrounding the main beach at Mount Maunganui, however these can go pretty quickly so be prepared for a short walk to get to the event site.

Results

Results for the 2019 NZ Secondary School OWS Championships will be posted on the SNZ website as soon as practicable after the event.

Wetsuits

Wetsuits are optional for all events.