

Memo



To SNZ Members
From Kent Stead – Events Coordinator
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Subject Proposed SNZ Regulation changes and Competition Review

Background

Swimming New Zealand aims to continually develop and review its national competition formats. The purpose of regular reviews is to ensure our competitions are meeting the needs of our swimmers. As a key stakeholder of SNZ, we seek your feedback and comments.

The process for this annual review is to:

1. Gather feedback via the SNZ National Competition Review from all the SNZ stakeholders.
2. Consolidate the feedback and publish recommended regulation changes.
3. Gather feedback regarding the recommended regulation changes.
4. Approve the SNZ Regulations and publish the 2011 National Competition Booklet.

SNZ Regulation Changes

SNZ is now seeking feedback on the recommended changes to the SNZ Regulations – Stage 3. Responses will only be used by SNZ for the purpose outlined above. Feedback is due by Sunday 18th July 2010. Regulations are listed in numerical order.

The current SNZ Regulations can be found on the [SNZ website](#).

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 National Competition Review please contact Kent Stead, Events Coordinator at kent@swimmingnz.org.nz or phone 04 560 0346

NZ Juniors Proposal

Thank you very much to everyone who submitted feedback regarding the NZ Juniors Proposal. There were some common themes that came through in the comments and subsequently SNZ will not be adopting the proposal. The major areas of concern from the members were the added costs of having to travel to three rounds instead of one, the length of time between Round 1 to the Final Round and the age as at date.

In the past few years SNZ has received a lot of negative feedback about the format of NZ Juniors and that it does not meet the needs of the swimmers. We have even had some regions refuse to host the competition if it stayed at 3 venues. Many events in the South venue only have 2 or 3 swimmers and some events only have 1 swimmer. This is not conducive to keeping our young swimmers in the sport. Therefore we are proposing in these regulations to keep the NZ Junior Champs the same but combine the Central and South venues, ultimately creating an opportunity for the swimmers in the South Island to compete with their peers. The changes are reflected in the altered regulations on page 7.

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PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

1 Swimming New Zealand Authority Over NZ Competitions

- 1.3 SNZ has the power to sanction any swimmer, coach, ~~or~~ team member **or technical official** for inappropriate behaviour at New Zealand Competitions. The sanction may include suspension from a race or the competition or expulsion from the venue or competition. SNZ shall advise the appropriate region of sanctions imposed.

Background

The regulation has been amended to include technical officials as SNZ needs to also be able to sanction a technical official for inappropriate behaviour.

2 New Zealand Competition Conditions & Criteria

- 2.7 A competitor at New Zealand Competitions shall be a financial member of SNZ or an invited visitor and must have achieved the qualifying time in all individual events **entered except in those competitions where an additional unqualified swim is permitted**. Only swimmers who have met **and entered** at least one required individual qualifying standard in the respective competition may be entered in relay events.
- 2.8 Regions must submit entries for SNZ members. No club entries are permitted. All entries must include **proof of** swimmer details and times. All relay entries must include the swimmers' names whose times were used to produce the entry time. Individual entry times may be verified against the SNZ Results database. Performances from regional and local competitions not held within the Results Database may not be eligible for entry to national competitions.
- 2.13 The names of swimmers' in each relay team, and their order of swimming, shall be advised to control at least 30 minutes before the start of the session in which the event shall be swum. The composition of the relay team may be changed from **heats to finals and from** that submitted at the time of submission of entries.

Background

- 2.7 No SNZ competitions have unqualified swims so removing reference. Swimmers must meet and enter a competition if they wish to enter a relay.
- 2.8 Clarifying that entries must be accompanied by a proof of time report.
- 2.13 Clarifying that relay names can be changed from heats to finals.

2.15 New Zealand Open Championships Criteria

- 2.15.2.1 AWD swimmers must hold a national swimming qualification (or higher) to be eligible to compete and must qualify for at least one event and may enter up to two (2) unqualified events. AWD qualifying times must be swum in a 50m pool.**
- 2.15.3.2 AWD events will be determined based on the IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations – Events and Programme of Events. All heats shall be Circle Seeded and swum with the able-bodied heats. Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.**

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2.15.6.1 Medals will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd AWD New Zealanders based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification. AWD Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.

2.15.7 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the **top-eight** New Zealanders **place-getters** in all A finals, including relays.

Background

- 2.15.2.1 Paralympics New Zealand has requested that AWD events be added to NZ Open Champs. The 2010 National Competition Survey result show 61.7% of the membership agree. The Regulations have been developed by PNZ plus some wording taken directly from Disabled Swimming Champs regulations. There will be no separate Disabled Swimming Champs; the AWD events will be encompassed in to the NZ Open Champs.
- 2.15.3.2 As above
- 2.15.6.1 As above
- 2.15.7 Altering the wording so all finalists get certificates no matter if they are in an 8 or 10 lane pool. The current regulation only allows the top 8 to receive certificates even if swum in a 10 lane pool.

2.16 New Zealand Open Short Course Championships Criteria

2.16.7 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the **top-eight** New Zealanders **place-getters** in all finals, including relays.

Background

Altering the wording so all finalists get certificates no matter if they are in an 8 or 10 lane pool. The current regulation only allows the top 8 to receive certificates even if swum in a 10 lane pool.

2.17 New Zealand Summer Championships Criteria

- 2.17.1.1 Commencing on the 2nd Thursday in December using a 3-day short course (25m) format (or if required as a qualification meet for major competitions the meet will commence on the Tuesday preceding the 2nd Thursday in December using a 5-day long course (50m) format). The selected format shall be approved and advised by SNZ in accordance with rule ~~2.2.3~~ **2.3** of these Regulations.
- 2.17.3 Relays **will be timed finals and** shall be swum at the end of the finals sessions.
- 2.17.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the **top-eight** New Zealanders **place-getters** in all finals, including relays.

Background

- 2.17.1.1 Wrong rule number referred to.
- 2.17.3 Clarifying wording. Relay format not changed.
- 2.17.8 Altering the wording so all finalists get certificates no matter if they are in an 8 or 10 lane pool. The current regulation only allows the top 8 to receive certificates even if swum in a 10 lane pool.

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2.18 New Zealand Age Group Championships Criteria

- 2.18.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the **top-eight** New Zealanders **place-getters** in all finals, including relays.

Background

Altering the wording so all finalists get certificates no matter if they are in an 8 or 10 lane pool. The current regulation only allows the top 8 to receive certificates even if swum in a 10 lane pool.

2.19 New Zealand Age Group Short Course Championships Criteria

- 2.19.2 The New Zealand Age Group Short Course Championships shall be restricted to individual swimmers for the following age groups: 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and 17-18 years combined. **AWD events will be swum as open.** Relay events shall be swum as 15 and under and 16 and over. In any relay event swimmers 15 and under may swim in either their correct age group or 16 and over.

2.19.3.1 AWD swimmers must hold a national swimming qualification (or higher) to be eligible to compete and must qualify for at least one event and may enter up to two (2) unqualified events. AWD qualifying times must be swum in a 25m pool.

2.19.5.2 AWD events will be determined based on the IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations – Events and Programme of Events. All heats shall be Circle Seeded and swum with the able-bodied heats. Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.

2.19.7.1 Medals will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd AWD New Zealanders based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification. AWD Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.

- 2.19.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the **top-eight** New Zealanders **place-getters** in all finals, including relays.

Background

2.19.2 Paralympics New Zealand has requested that AWD events be added to NZ Age Group Short Course Champs to give the AWD swimmers the chance to swim short course. The 2010 National Competition Survey result show 77.3% of the membership agree. The Regulations have been developed by PNZ plus some wording taken directly from Disabled Swimming Champs regulations. There will be no separate Disabled Swimming Champs; the AWD events will be encompassed into the NZ Age Group Short Course Champs.

2.19.3.1 As per above

2.19.5.2 As per above

2.19.7.1 As per above

2.19.8 Altering the wording so all finalists get certificates no matter if they are in an 8 or 10 lane pool. The current regulation only allows the top 8 to receive certificates even if swum in a 10 lane pool.

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~~2.20 New Zealand Disabled Swimming Championships Criteria~~

~~2.20.1— Shall be conducted as part of the New Zealand Age Group Championships.~~

~~2.20.2— Shall be swum as Open male and Open female.~~

~~2.20.3— Swimmers must qualify for at least one event and may enter up to two (2) unqualified events. Qualifying times must be swum in a 50m pool.~~

~~2.20.4— Swimmers must hold a National Classification to be eligible to compete.~~

~~2.20.5— The events which will be swum include the following subject to an athlete's individual classification:~~

Heats	50m—FR, BK, BR, FL
Finals	100m—FR, BK, BR, FL
	150m—IM
	200m—FR, IM
	400m—FR

~~2.20.6— All heats shall be Circle Seeded and swum with the New Zealand Age Group heats. Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.~~

~~2.20.7— A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event.~~

~~2.20.8— Medals will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.~~

~~2.20.9— New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top three New Zealand place-getters in all events.~~

Background

The New Zealand Disabled Swimming Championships Criteria has been deleted because AWD events are being encompassed in to the NZ Open Championships and the NZ Age Group Short Course Championships. There is no need for the separate regulations.

~~2.21 New Zealand Open Water Championships Criteria~~

~~2.21.4 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top **ten eight** New Zealanders in all age groups **place-getters** in all events.~~

Background

Altering the wording so the top 10 in each age group get certificates. The current regulation only allows the top 8 to receive certificates.

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2.22 New Zealand Junior Championships Criteria

- 2.22.1 Commencing on the 3rd Saturday in February using a 2-day long course (50m format) conducted on the same date(s), at **3 2** different venues (North, Central/South) using the same programme.
- 2.22.11 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the **top-eight** New Zealanders **place-getters** in all events, including relays.

Background

- 2.22.1 Changing from 3 venues to 2 venues. South and Central will combine.
- 2.22.11 Altering the wording so all finalists get certificates no matter if they are in an 8 or 10 lane pool. The current regulation only allows the top 8 to receive certificates even if swum in a 10 lane pool.

2.23 New Zealand Division II Competition Criteria

- 2.23.2 The Division II Competition shall be restricted to individual swimmers for the following age groups: 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and **16-18 years-and-over**. Club relay events shall be swum as 14 and under, and 15 and over. In any relay event swimmers 14 & under may swim in either their correct age group or 15 & over.
- 2.23.3 A swimmer who has qualified for either the New Zealand Open Championships or the New Zealand Age Group Championships is ineligible to enter the Division II Competition in that year (**includes qualifying by converted times**).
- 2.23.7 **Medals Ribbons** will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor **medals ribbons** shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. No **medals-or** certificates will be awarded for this competition.

Background

- 2.23 Adding New Zealand to title to reflect that it is a national competition.
- 2.23.2 The purpose of Division II is to be a development competition for swimmers to progress to the NZ Age Group Championships (13-18 years), so the highest age group has been changed to 16-18.
- 2.23.3 Clarifying that swimmers cannot compete in Division II if they have qualified for NAGs or Opens on converted times.
- 2.23.7 Because it is a national competition, medals should be presented.

2.24 New Zealand 5km Pool Championships Criteria

- 2.24.2 Will be swum by male and female as an open 5km timed-final **with both genders rank seeded together**.
- 2.24.5 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top **ten eight** New Zealand place getters **in each age group**.

Background

- 2.24.2 Advising the style of seeding and that both genders can swim together in the same race so separate races do not have to be held for each gender.
- 2.24.5 Increasing number of swimmers who receive certificates from top 8 to top 10 and for each age group.

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10 Trophies

10.1.5 Standard SNZ Points table shall be for the top 8/**10** placings as follows:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8 Lane	10	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
10 Lane	12	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

10.4.3 TOP PERFORMANCE CLUB TROPHY

The Top Performance Club trophy is awarded at each of the NZ Age Groups; NZ Open Water, NZ **Age Group** Short Course; NZ Summer, ~~and~~ NZ Open **Championships and NZ Open Short Course Championships**. A trophy for the top club, a plaque to the second and third placed clubs and certificates to the top ten placed clubs will be provided by Swimming New Zealand. Standard SNZ points (Regulation 10.1.5) will be awarded in all individual events and club relay events. **AWD performances do not count towards this trophy.**

10.4.5 TOP AWD CLUB TROPHY

The Top AWD Club trophy is awarded **for performances at the NZ Age Group Short Course and NZ Open Championships. at the NZ Disabled Championships**. A trophy for the top club, a plaque to the second and third placed clubs and certificates to the top ten placed clubs will be provided by Swimming New Zealand. Standard SNZ points (Regulation 10.1.5) will be awarded in all individual events.

Background

- 10.1.5 Updating the table to reflect points for places 9 and 10 when a final swum in a 10 lane pool. Currently points are only allocated to the top 8 places.
- 10.4.3 Regulation only stated NZ Short Course so defining that Top Performance Club consists of NZ Age Group Champs and NZ Open Short Course Champs. Specifying that AWD performances do not count towards Top Performance Club Trophy as there is already a separate AWD Trophy.
- 10.4.5 Because there will be no Disabled Champs, changing regulations so that both competitions that now have AWD events are counted towards Top AWD Club Trophy.

SUMMARY

SNZ looks forward to your feedback in relation to the Regulation changes. The current SNZ Regulations can be found on the [SNZ website](#).

Feedback on the Regulation changes is to be emailed to Kent Stead at kent@swimmingnz.org.nz by Sunday 18th July 2010.

If you have any further questions at any stage please do not hesitate to contact me.

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