

Memo



To SNZ Regions, SNZ Events Advisory Committee & SNZ Board
From Kent Stead – Events Manager
Date 15th July 2011
Subject Proposed changes to the SNZ Regulations

This paper outlines the reasoning behind the proposed changes to the SNZ regulations. These proposed changes have been identified by:

- Observation of this years national events by events staff looking for potential areas of change
- Completion of the competition review survey – involving all membership
- Feedback received from SNZ personnel
- Consultation with the SNZ Events Advisory Committee

Please refer to the attached document for the proposed regulation changes.

Below are the justifications for each of the proposed changes.

1.4 (Addition)

Justification.

Swimming New Zealand need to ensure the safety of swimmers and persons on pool deck during events. To ensure this, Swimming New Zealand propose that everyone on pool deck associated with teams is a registered member of SNZ. This will make it possible for SNZ to enforce 1.3.

1.5 (Addition)

Justification.

With the recent earthquakes in Christchurch, there has been the need to make changes to events to ensure that they are still staged. To ensure that in the future SNZ regulations are not breached we propose that changes can be made after consultation (when possible).

2.5 (Change)

Justification.

This change will make the qualification period for SNZ events a uniform date. This will make it easier for clubs and regions when compiling and submitting entries and for SNZ to check entries are from within the qualification period.

2.8 (Change)

Justification.

As outlined in the recent email, swimmers are based at the HPC with their coaches and a database of results is maintained at the HPC office. It would also make it easier for SNZ to collect entry fees in a single payment from the HPC.

2.11 (Addition)

Justification.

This is to ensure that swimmers are not affiliated to more than one federation and to ensure that clubs don't receive an advantage by inviting swimmers to participate in a SNZ event for the purpose of gaining greater club points.

2.18.2 (Change)

Justification.

This change will allow 12 year old swimmers to participate in the New Zealand Age Group Championships. If the swimmer is good enough to achieve the entry standard they deserve to attend. This has been suggested by a number of coaches and was agreed upon by the Events Advisory Committee.

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2.20.2 (Addition)

Justification.

This has been added at the suggestion of the Technical Advisory Committee to clarify the procedure if there is an emergency abandonment of the Open Water Championships.

2.22 (Deletion)

Justification.

The cost of staging the New Zealand 5km pool Championships for such a limited number of swimmers, makes this event impractical to continue to hold. SNZ will look at the feasibility of running this event in conjunction with another in the future to better utilise resources.

8.1.1 (Addition)

Justification.

In conjunction with the FINA handbook Swimming New Zealand propose that we seek applications for the announcer position. This is a crucial role at any event and we wish to recognise this.

9.4 (Addition)

Justification.

Swimming New Zealand propose that we maintain records for both Short Course and Long Course Age Group Relays. This would be excellent for team spirit and give swimmers something further to strive for.

10.1.5 (Change)

Justification.

Swimming New Zealand propose that we score all lanes in finals, regardless of whether the venue has an 8 or 10 lane pool. This will give recognition to all swimmers that have made finals. In addition we propose a new scoring system giving greater recognition to the swimmers that have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

I hope that the above outlines the rationale behind the proposed changes to the SNZ regulations. Swimming New Zealand are seeking feedback from Regions and the SNZ Events Advisory Committee by Thursday 4th of August. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Stead".

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