

## Swimming New Zealand Regulations

These Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) Regulations provide basic rules for swimming competitions swum under FINA and SNZ Regulations for Regions and Clubs in New Zealand. SNZ recognises that these regulations may be adjusted for competitions within a given Region or Club but recommends that all members adhere to these regulations and FINA rules as closely as possible.

These regulations also provide specific rules for Swimming New Zealand Competitions, which will be governed by FINA rules with the following exceptions.

### 1 Swimming New Zealand Authority Over NZ Competitions

- 1.1 SNZ reserves full authority over all New Zealand Competitions. SNZ will retain all profits and carry any losses for New Zealand Competitions in accordance with the SNZ National Swimming Championships and Competition Hosting Agreement.
- 1.2 New Zealand Competitions shall be controlled by SNZ and managed through the SNZ Events staff or a designated person(s), and hosted by the local Regional Association.
- 1.3 SNZ has the power to sanction any swimmer, coach, team member, technical official or any other person it has admitted to the venue 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.
- ~~1.3~~ 1.4 All coaches and managers of SNZ clubs on poolside at SNZ events must be members of Swimming New Zealand.
- 1.5 In addition to the New Zealand Competitions, SNZ may conduct, or authorise to be conducted international, national, regional or other such competitions as SNZ shall determine.
- ~~1.4~~ 1.6 SNZ reserves the right to make changes to events due to unforeseen circumstances. SNZ will seek feedback from the SNZ Events Advisory Committee and SNZ Regions if time permits prior to making any changes.

### 2 New Zealand Competition Conditions & Criteria

- 2.1 All New Zealand Competitions shall be swum under Swimming New Zealand regulations. These regulations may also be adopted for use in Regional, inter-club, club or other competitions.
- 2.2 All members, swimmers and persons connected with SNZ National Competitions are bound by the rules and regulations of SNZ, FINA and the Sports Anti Doping Rules of Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
- 2.3 SNZ will publish annually a roster of the venues and dates for all New Zealand Competitions. New Zealand Competition qualifying times, conditions and criteria, closing date for entries, and entry fees shall be set by SNZ and shall be published no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July of each year.
- 2.4 Where the New Zealand Open Championships and the New Zealand Summer Championships are being used as a qualification meet for major competitions, the schedule of events listed in these rules may be altered to ensure appropriate qualifying opportunities for that major competition. Such alteration shall be at the discretion of and by prior approval of the SNZ Board and shall be notified with the publications of conditions and criteria in 2.3 above.
- 2.5 The qualifying period for all New Zealand Championships and Competitions in January through June will begin on 1 January the previous year and events in July through December will begin on 1 July of the previous year. ~~Open Championships starts on the first day of the preceding year's New Zealand Age Group Championships. The qualifying period for all other New Zealand Competitions starts on the first day of the preceding year's equivalent competition.~~ The swimmers declared entry time shall be the fastest official time swum in the qualifying period.
- 2.6 Entries close at 12 midnight on the date specified by SNZ. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 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 each individual event entered except for AWD swimmers as specified in specific competition rules. 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, with the exception of HPC swimmers who have signed High Performance Centre Entry Agreements with their regions and clubs. No club entries are permitted. All entries must include swimmer details and proof of 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.
- 2.9 New Zealand competitions shall utilise all 8 or 10 lanes depending on the venue. Heats, preliminary-finals, semi-finals, finals and timed-finals will use all available lanes.

2.10 Over-the-top starts for heats will generally apply for all New Zealand competitions. Over the top starts may not apply at the discretion of and subject to prior approval of SNZ. The pool will be cleared before preliminary-final, semi-final, final and timed-final starts.

2.14.2.11 A swimmer who is a member of another Federation affiliated to FINA shall not be eligible to represent a Club or Region or score points for a Club or Region. Such swimmers must be entered in any SNZ event as a visitor.

2.14.2.12 Where championship titles are awarded by age, the age of a competitor shall be as at the first day of competition.

2.14.2.13 Time-trials shall not be permitted for individual events at New Zealand competitions. Time-trials for relay events may be undertaken with prior approval of the SNZ Board.

2.14.2.14 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.

2.14.2.15 New Zealand Open Championships Criteria

2.14.2.15.1 Dates to be advised annually. The competition will be of a length determined by SNZ and long course (50m), and shall be held in late March/April. The exact timing will be dependent upon the scheduling of major international competitions (Olympics, Commonwealth Games and World Championships).

2.14.2.15.2 All swimmers (excluding AWD) shall only enter qualified events. Qualifying times swum in pools other than 50m must be converted to long course times using the SNZ Conversions.

2.14.2.15.2.1 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.

2.14.2.15.3 The events which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats with A and B Finals or AWD Finals (AWD only)	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR, IM 800m FR (Female only) 1500m FR (Male only)
Heats with AWD Finals	150m – IM (AWD only)
Timed finals	800m FR (Male only) 1500m FR (Female only) 4 x 100m MED (Club) 4 x 100m FR (Club) 4 x 200m FR (Club)
AWD Finals (AWD only)	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 150m – IM 200m – FR, IM 400m – FR

2.14.2.15.3.1 For 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m events, there will be A and B Finals. B Finals will be swum when there are 20 or more swimmers that competed in the heats. The Open Championship placings will be determined from the A final.

2.14.2.15.3.2 AWD events will be determined based on the IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations – Events and Programme of Events. All heats (excluding the 150m IM) shall be Circle Seeded and swum with the able-bodied heats. Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.

2.14.2.15.4 All heats shall be Circle seeded. Finals shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3. Relays will be timed-finals with all timed finals being swum at the end of the finals sessions.

2.14.2.15.5 A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

2.14.2.15.6 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd places.

2.14.2.15.6.1 Medals will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.

2.14.72.15.7 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the New Zealanders in all A finals, including relays.

#### 2.152.16 New Zealand Open Short Course Championships Criteria

2.15.42.16.1 Dates to be advised annually. The competition will be 3-days and short course (25m). The exact timing will be dependent upon the scheduling of major international competitions (Olympics, Commonwealth Games and World Championships).

2.15.22.16.2 All swimmers shall only enter qualified events. Qualifying times swum in pools other than 25m must be converted to short course times using the SNZ Conversions.

2.15.32.16.3 The events which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats Finals	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR, IM
Timed finals	800m FR (Female only) 1500m FR (Male only) 4 x 100m MED (Club) 4 x 100m FR (Club) 4 x 200m FR (Club)

2.15.42.16.4 All heats shall be Circle seeded. Finals shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3. Relays will be timed-finals with all timed finals being swum at the end of the finals sessions.

2.15.52.16.5 A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

2.15.62.16.6 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd places.

2.15.72.16.7 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the New Zealanders in all finals, including relays.

#### 2.162.17 New Zealand Summer Championships Criteria

2.16.42.17.1 The New Zealand Summer Championships (Short Course format or Long Course format) will only be held if required as a selection competition as determined by SNZ.

2.16.1.42.17.1.1 Commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2.3 of these Regulations.

2.16.22.17.2 All swimmers shall only enter qualified events.

2.16.32.17.3 Relays will be timed finals and shall be swum at the end of the finals sessions.

2.16.42.17.4 A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

2.16.52.17.5 Short Course Format: Open events for the 3-day short course (25m) format which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats Finals	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR only
Timed-finals	4 x 100m MED (Regional/Club) 4 x 100m FR (Regional/Club) 4 x 200m FR (Regional/Club) 400m – IM 800m FR (Female only) 1500m FR (Male only)

2.16.5.42.17.5.1 All heats shall be Circle seeded. Timed-finals shall be Rank seeded, and the fastest timed-final race in individual events shall be swum in the finals session. Relays will be timed-finals with all timed-finals being swum in the finals session. Finals shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.

2.16.5-22.17.5.2 Qualifying times swim in pools other than 25m must be converted to short course times using the SNZ Conversions.

2.16.6-2.17.6 Long Course Format: Open events for the 5-day long course (50m) format which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats Semi-finals Finals	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL
Heats Finals	200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR, IM 800m FR (Female) 1500m FR (Male)
Timed finals	4 x 100m MED (Regional/Club) 4 x 100m FR (Regional/Club) 4 x 200m FR (Regional/Club)

2.16.6-12.17.6.1 All heats shall be Circle seeded. Relays will be timed-finals with all timed-finals being swum in the finals session. Finals shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.

2.16.6-22.17.6.2 Qualifying times swum in pools other than 50m must be converted to long course times using the SNZ Conversions.

2.16.7-2.17.7 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd places.

2.16.8-2.17.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the New Zealanders in all finals, including relays.

#### 2.17-2.18 New Zealand Age Group Championships Criteria

2.17-12.18.1 Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March using a 5-day long course (50m) format.

2.17-22.18.2 The New Zealand Age Group Championships shall be restricted to individual swimmers for the following age groups: 12/13 years combined, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and 17-18 years combined. 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.

2.17-32.18.3 All swimmers shall only enter qualified events. Qualifying times swum in pools other than 50m must be converted to long course times using the SNZ Conversions.

2.17-42.18.4 Relays shall be swum at the end of the sessions.

2.17-52.18.5 The events which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats Age Group Finals	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR, IM 4 x 50m FR (Regional/Club) 4 x 50m MED (Regional/Club)
Timed-finals	800m FR (Female only) 1500m FR (Male only)

2.17.5-12.18.5.1 All heats shall be Circle seeded with all ages seeded together. Timed-finals shall be Rank seeded with all ages seeded together and the fastest timed-final race in individual events shall be swum in the finals session. Age Group Finals shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3 with age groups seeded separately.

2.17.6-2.18.6 A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

2.17.7-2.18.7 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd places.

2.17.8-2.18.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top ten New Zealanders in all finals, including relays.

#### 2.18-2.19 New Zealand Age Group Short Course Championships Criteria

2.18-12.19.1 Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the September school holidays using a 5-day short course (25m) format.

2.18.22.19.2 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.

2.18.32.19.3 All swimmers (excluding AWD) shall only enter qualified events. Qualifying times swum in pools other than 25m must be converted to short course times using the SNZ Conversions.

2.18.3.12.19.3.1 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 can be swum in either a 25m or 50m pool (no conversion).

2.18.42.19.4 Relays shall be swum at the end of the sessions.

2.18.52.19.5 The events which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats Age Group Finals or AWD Finals (AWD only)	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR, IM 4 x 50m FR (Regional/Club) 4 x 50m MED (Regional/Club)
Heats with AWD Finals	150m – IM (AWD only)
Timed-finals	800m FR (Female only) 1500m FR (Male only)
AWD Finals (AWD only)	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 150m – IM 200m – FR, IM 400m – FR

2.18.5.12.19.5.1 All heats shall be Circle seeded with all ages seeded together. Timed-finals shall be Rank seeded with all ages seeded together and the fastest timed-final race in individual events shall be swum in the finals session. Age Group finals shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3 with age groups seeded separately.

2.18.5.22.19.5.2 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 (excluding the 150m IM). Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.

2.18.62.19.6 A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

2.18.72.19.7 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd places.

2.18.7.12.19.7.1 Medals will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.

2.18.82.19.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the New Zealanders in all finals, including relays.

#### 2.192.20 New Zealand Open Water Championships Criteria

2.20.1 Shall be held between January and April and will be swum by male and female as an open timed-final. Will be swum over FINA distances of 5km, 10km and/or 25km as determined by SNZ.

2.20.2 In cases of emergency abandonment of 10km and/or 25km events, places will be determined if the lead swimmer has completed ¾ of the race.

2.20.2.1 If the lead swimmer has not completed ¾ of the race, the event will be restarted at the earliest moment possible.

2.20.2.2 The 10km event shall have precedence over the 5km event.

2.20.2.3 The 5km event may be rescheduled to a later start time, and/or date.

2.19.12.20.3 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in the following age categories 13-15 years, 16-17 years and Open.

~~2-19-22.20.4~~ Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Visitors in the following age categories 13-15 years, 16-17 years and Open.

~~2-19-32.20.5~~ New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top ten New Zealanders in all age groups in all events.

~~2-19-42.20.6~~ There is no limit on international visitor entries for this competition.

#### ~~2-20-21~~ New Zealand Junior Championships Criteria

~~2-20-12.21.1~~ Commencing on the 3rd Saturday in February using a 2-day long course (50m format) conducted on the same date(s), at 2 different venues (North, Central/South) using the same programme.

~~2-20-22.21.2~~ The New Zealand Junior Championships shall be restricted to swimmers for the following individual age groups: 10 and under, 11 years, and 12 years. Relay events shall be swum as 12 years and under.

~~2-20-32.21.3~~ All events at the New Zealand Junior Championships shall be swum as timed-finals in age groups. SNZ Regulation 2.10 regarding over the top starts in timed-finals may not apply at the discretion of, and subject to prior approval of, SNZ.

~~2-20-42.21.4~~ All swimmers shall only enter qualified events.

~~2-20-52.21.5~~ Qualifying times swum in pools other than 50m times must be converted using SNZ Conversions.

~~2-20-62.21.6~~ Regional relays only shall be swum at the end of the sessions.

~~2-20-72.21.7~~ The events which will be swum by males and females are:

Age Group Timed-finals	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 200m – FR, BK, BR, IM
12 years & Under Timed-finals	200m – FL 400m – FR, IM 4 x 50m FR (Regional) 4 x 50m MED (Regional)

~~2-20-82.21.8~~ Timed-finals shall be Rank seeded.

~~2-20-92.21.9~~ No international visitor entries allowed.

~~2-20-102.21.10~~ Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd national place-getters. No regional medals will be presented.

~~2-20-112.21.11~~ New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top ten New Zealanders in all events, including relays.

~~2-20-122.21.12~~ Regional ribbons will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd regional place-getters.

#### ~~2-21-22~~ New Zealand Division II Competition Criteria

~~2-21-12.22.1~~ Commencing on the Wednesday 15 days after the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March. Using a 4-day long course (50m) or short course (25m) programme. The venue may be short course or long course.

~~2-21-22.22.2~~ 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. 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.

~~2-21-32.22.3~~ 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).

~~2-21-42.22.4~~ All swimmers shall only enter qualified events. Qualifying times swum in pools other than 25m must be converted to short course times using the SNZ Conversions.

~~2-21-52.22.5~~ The events which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats Age Group Finals	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 4 x 50m FR (Regional/Club) 4 x 50m MED (Regional/Club)
Timed-finals	400m – FR, IM 800m FR (Female) 1500m FR (Male)

~~2.21.5.1~~ 2.22.5.1 All heats shall be Circle seeded with all ages seeded together. Timed-finals shall be Rank seeded with all ages seeded together and the fastest timed-final race in individual events shall be swum in the finals session. Age Group Finals shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3 with age groups seeded separately.

~~2.21.6~~ 2.22.6 A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event. There is no limit on international visitor entries for timed-finals but only two (2) international visitors may swim in the fastest timed-final.

~~2.21.7~~ 2.22.7 Medals will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. No certificates will be awarded for this competition.

#### ~~2.22~~ New Zealand 5km Pool Championships Criteria

~~2.22.1~~ 2.22.1 Shall be held using a long course (50m) programme and conducted on the same date(s) at several venues. The date(s) and venues will be determined by SNZ.

~~2.22.2~~ 2.22.2 Will be swum by male and female as an open 5km timed-final.

~~2.22.3~~ 2.22.3 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in the following age categories: 13-15 years, 16-17 years and Open.

~~2.22.4~~ 2.22.4 Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Visitors in the following age categories: 13-15 years, 16-17 years and Open.

~~2.22.5~~ 2.22.5 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top ten New Zealand place getters in each age group.

~~2.22.6~~ 2.22.6 There is no limit on international visitor entries for this championship.

### 3 Withdrawals

3.1 In all competitions, a competitor or team not wishing to take part in a preliminary final, semi final and final in which qualification was earned shall withdraw within 30 minutes following the preliminaries or the semi-finals of the event in which the qualification took place. Any competitor or team who withdraws from preliminary finals, semi finals and finals more than 30 minutes after the preliminary or semi final in which qualification was earned shall pay without excuse to SNZ a fee as determined by SNZ.

3.2 For timed finals withdrawals must be advised by the end of the session preceding the start of the timed final event. i.e. the day before.

### 4 Protests

4.1 Protests are possible:

4.1.1 If the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competition are not observed.

4.1.2 If other conditions endanger the competitions and/or competitors, or

4.1.3 Against decisions of the referee; however no decision shall be allowed against decision of fact

4.2 Protests must be submitted:

4.2.1 To the referee

4.2.2 In writing

4.2.3 By the responsible team leader only

4.2.4 Together with a fee as determined by SNZ

4.2.5 Within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective competition.

4.2.6 If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

4.3 All protests shall be considered by the referee. If the referee rejects the protest, they must state the reason for their decisions. The Regional Team Manager may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

4.4 If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to SNZ. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be returned.

### 5 Seeding Of Heats And Finals

- 5.1 Circle Seeding: Where competition heats are run with Circle seeding the heats shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.
- 5.2 Rank Seeding: Where heats and timed finals are run with Rank seeding, the following procedure shall apply:
- 5.2.1 Seeding of heats or timed-finals will be according to the swimmers declared entry times, the fastest group of swimmers shall be placed in the last heat, the next fastest group of swimmers in the penultimate heat, and the next fastest in the preceding heat, etc until all swimmers are assigned to a heat.
- 5.2.2 Lanes shall be assigned in descending order of submitted times within each heat in accordance with FINA Rule SW 3.1.2
- 5.2.3 Exception: Where there are two or more heats or timed-finals in an event, there shall be a minimum of three swimmers seeded into any one heat or timed-final, but subsequent scratches may reduce the number of swimmers in such heat or timed-final to less than three.
- 5.3 Preliminary Finals, Semi Finals and Finals, other than timed-finals, shall be seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.

## 6 Swim Offs

- 6.1 In the event that swimmers from the same or different heats have equal times registers to 1/100 second for either the last place in a final or semi-final there shall be a swim off to determine which swimmer shall advance to the appropriate finals. Such swim offs take place at the referee's discretion. Another swim off shall take place if equal times are registered again.

## 7 Regional & Local Competition Results

- 7.1 A complete set of official results of all regional and local competitions swum under SNZ rules must be forwarded in an electronic format to SNZ within 14 days of the competition for the SNZ Results Database.

## 8 Technical Official Appointments For NZ Competitions

- 8.1 SNZ will invite applications for technical officials for all New Zealand competitions.
- 8.1.1 SNZ shall appoint the key positions:
- meet director
  - referee/judge of stroke
  - starter (2)
  - chief inspector of turns (2)
  - chief recorder
  - chief timekeeper (1)
  - clerk of course
  - announcer
- 8.1.2 The meet director shall have the authority to alter or add to the SNZ appointments as necessary to ensure that there are sufficient officials to run the competition.
- 8.1.3 For the New Zealand Junior Championships SNZ may appoint a national meet director to liaise with SNZ and the venue meet directors where necessary.
- 8.2 A Jury of Appeal shall be appointed by SNZ prior to the competition. The Jury shall have the power to hear and adjudicate on appeals against decisions by the Referee. The Jury shall consist of the meet director and two other suitably qualified persons. Decisions by the Jury shall be final.
- 8.3 Any matter for which the SNZ Regulations do not provide shall be determined by the SNZ designated person as defined in regulation 1.2.

## 9 New Zealand Records

- 9.1 SNZ shall maintain a register of all New Zealand long-course and short-course individual and regional relay records, New Zealand long-course and short-course relay records.
- 9.2 New Zealand records will only be accepted when times are recorded by automatic timing or semi-automatic timing in the event of an automatic timing system malfunction and shall be recognised to 100th (one hundredth) of a second. Swimmers will be recognised as joint holders of the record when more than one has the same time.
- 9.3 Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Individual Medley records cannot be set in Freestyle events.
- 9.4 The distances for New Zealand individual and relay records and age-group records for males and females shall be:

Long Course & Short Course Open & Age Group Records	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR, IM 800m – FR 1500m – FR
Long Course & Short Course Open Records only	4 x 100m MED 4 x 100 FR 4 x 200m FR
<u>Long Course &amp; Short Course Age Group Records Only</u>	<u>4 x 50m FR</u> <u>4 x 50m MED</u>
Short Course Open & Age Group Records	100m – IM

- 9.5 New Zealand age group records will be recognised for males and females in yearly ages as follows: - 12 years and under, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, and 18 years. Age will be determined as at the date of the swim.
- 9.6 A swimmer may establish a record for an intermediate distance within an individual record distance. The swimmer must successfully complete the entire distance for the record to be accepted.
- 9.7 The NZ relay record shall be the fastest time recorded by 4 New Zealanders.
- 9.8 For regional relay records all swimmers for whom the record is claimed must be current members of the one region.
- 9.9 The first swimmer in a relay event may establish a record for an individual record distance. The individual performance shall not be nullified by any team disqualifications for violations after the record is achieved.
- 9.10 An application must be received by SNZ within 21 days of the date of the performance, or within 21 days of a competitor/team returning from overseas. Record certificates shall be issued for all ratified records.

## 10 Trophies

### 10.1 General Trophies Rules

- 10.1.1 All trophies shall always remain the property of SNZ. Replicas or miniatures shall be awarded to the recipient. Original trophies shall be engraved with the recipient's name, unless specified otherwise.
- 10.1.2 Only Swimming New Zealand members are eligible for consideration for trophies or trophy points.
- 10.1.3 Points shall be awarded to Regions and Clubs based upon the finishing position in the finals or timed finals of the relative New Zealand Competitions.
- 10.1.4 No points shall be awarded or allocated to Visitors placing in any event. Swimming New Zealand members relative points place shall be advanced to replace any visitor.
- 10.1.5 Standard SNZ Points table shall be for all swimmers in A finals. In timed finals the number of lanes will determine the number of swimmers scoring. In an eight lane pool eight swimmers will score, in a ten lane pool ten swimmers will score. the top 8 Points for placegettersing is as follows:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	<del>10</del> 6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0

- 10.1.6 Duncan Laing Trophy table shall be for the top 3 placing as follows:

Place	1	2	3
Points	10	7	6

### 10.2 Individual and Relay Trophies

- 10.2.1 BAXTER O'NEILL TROPHY 1959

The Baxter O'Neill trophy is awarded for Swimmer of the Year. It is presented for swimming performance, services to the sport, and character. The award shall be selected by the SNZ selectors. The period of selection will be from the end of the previous to the end of the current New Zealand Open Championships.

- 10.2.2 BILLIE FITZSIMMONS CUP

The Billie Fitzsimmons cup is awarded to the individual with the most outstanding performance of the year in the international competitions listed below. The award shall be selected by the SNZ selectors and be based on the highest place ranking in top international competition in the preceding calendar year. For the purposes of this award international competitions shall be ranked in descending order Olympics, World long Course, World Short Course, Commonwealth Games, and Pan Pacs.

#### 10.2.3 INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The International award is awarded for the best individual long course performance by a New Zealander during each calendar year. The award shall be selected by the SNZ selectors and be based on the FINA points equivalent at the time of the performance. The Award shall be in the form of a framed certificate or medal stating details of the performance, which gained the Award.

#### 10.2.4 HAROLD PETTIT TROPHY

The Harold Pettit trophy is awarded for the most outstanding individual performance, in an Open event, at the New Zealand Open Championships. The award shall be selected by the SNZ selectors and be based on the FINA points equivalent at the time of the performance. The statuette shall not be engraved.

#### 10.2.5 LIFE MEMBERS TROPHY

The Life Members trophy is awarded for the most outstanding individual performance at the New Zealand Age Group Championships. The award shall be selected by the SNZ selectors and be based on the single event XLR8 points at the time of the performance.

#### 10.2.6 BROCKETT AWARD

Cash prizes of \$500, each presented at the New Zealand Age Group Championships or New Zealand Open Championships whichever falls later to one male and one female swimmer who have the most outstanding 15 & under performance in the period. The award shall be selected by the SNZ selectors and be based on the single event XLR8 points at the time of the performance. The period of selection will be from the end of the previous to the end of the current New Zealand Age Group Championships.

#### 10.2.7 HANSELLS TROPHY

The Hansells trophy is awarded to the swimmer who breaks an existing New Zealand Age Group Record by the greatest percentage margin at the New Zealand Age Group Championships. For the purposes of calculating the margin the approved schedule of New Zealand Age Group Records at the commencement of the New Zealand Age Group Championships shall be used.

#### 10.2.8 DARMSTADT TROPHY

The Darmstadt trophy is awarded to the Men's Open 100m Freestyle Champion at the NZ Open Championships. A New Zealand team at the Darmstadt meet won this Trophy.

#### 10.2.9 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TROPHY

The South Australian trophy is awarded to the Women's Open 100m Freestyle Champion at the NZ Open Championships. The South Australian Amateur Swimming Association gifted this trophy in 1962.

#### 10.2.10 STALAG SHIELD

The Stalag shields shall be awarded to the male and female 4x100m Freestyle Relay Regional Champions at the NZ Open Championships. Dominion Headquarters of the Returned Services Association presented the shields won by New Zealand swimmers in the Prisoner of War Camp, Stalag 383 in Germany to the New Zealand Swimming Federation in 1945. The shields shall not be engraved.

#### 10.2.11 ROLAND ST. CLAIR MEMORIAL CUP

The Roland St Clair memorial cup is awarded to the Men's 10km Open Water Champion.

#### 10.2.12 AUNTIE BROWN CUP

The Auntie Brown cup is awarded to the Women's 10km Open Water Champion.

#### 10.2.13 SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND 5KM OPEN WATER CUPS

The Swimming New Zealand 5km Open Water Cups are awarded to the Men's and Women's 5km Open Water Championships.

#### 10.2.14 ANNETTE KELLERMAN CUP

The Annette Kellerman trophy is awarded for the best result in open water events in New Zealand and overseas in the period. The award shall be selected by the SNZ selectors. The period of selection will be from the end of the previous to the end of the current New Zealand Open Water Championships. For the purpose of this award competitions shall be ranked in descending order Olympics, World Open Water, Pan Pacific Championships, Oceania and NZ Open Water.

10.2.15 NZ 25km CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The NZ 25km Championship trophy is awarded to the winning female and to the winning male in the New Zealand 25km Open Water Swim. Two trophies gifted to Swimming New Zealand by Mrs Carol Walker of Auckland.

10.3 Regional Points Trophies

10.3.1 YALDHURST SHIELD

The Yaldhurst shield is awarded to the highest scoring Region for championships won at the New Zealand Open Championships. One point shall be awarded for each first placing in open individual events.

10.3.2 1914 - 1918 WAR MEMORIAL SHIELD

The War Memorial shield is awarded to the highest scoring Region for championships won at the New Zealand Age Group Championships. One point shall be awarded for each first placing in individual Age Group events.

10.3.3 FREYBERG SHIELD

The Freyberg shield is awarded to the highest points scoring Region at the New Zealand Age Group Championships and New Zealand Open Championships. Standard SNZ Points (Regulation 10.1.5) will be awarded in each individual event.

10.3.4 DENIS BLUNDELL TROPHY

The Denis Blundell trophy is awarded to the highest points scoring Region at the Division II Competition. Standard SNZ Points (Regulation 10.1.5) will be awarded in each individual event.

10.4 Club Points Trophies

10.4.1 CAIN TROPHY

The Cain trophy is awarded to the Club with most points in the individual events at the Division II Competition, the New Zealand Age Group Championships and the New Zealand Open Championships. Standard SNZ points (Regulation 10.1.5) will be awarded in each individual event.

10.4.2 DUNCAN LAING TROPHY

The Duncan Laing trophy is awarded to the Club with most points at the New Zealand Summer Championships, New Zealand Age Group Championships, and New Zealand Open Championships. The three meets shall be taken in the order stated. Duncan Laing Trophy points (Regulation 10.1.6) will be awarded in each individual event.

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, NZ Open 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. Points will be published in the following format:

Male	+	Female	+	AWD	=	Total
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10.4.4 TOP DEVELOPMENT CLUB TROPHY

The Top Development Club trophy is awarded at each of the NZ Juniors and Division II Competition. 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.

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. 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.

Proposed Regulations