

Swimming New Zealand Policy

Title: Meet Approval - Designated & Development



Number: 007

DESIGNATED MEETS

Purpose

To provide the opportunity for swimmers to achieve qualifying times to attend national championships, with a greater emphasis given to performance at these meets.

Technical Official Requirements

For times to be approved from designated meets the following minimum requirements are needed:

Timing Equipment	10 Lanes		8 Lanes		6 Lanes	
	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual
Referee	1	1	1	1	1	1
Starter	1	1	1	1	1	1
Judge of Stroke	2	2	2	2	2	2
Inspector of Turns	8	8	6	6	4	4
Timekeepers	10	30	8	24	6	18
AOE	1	-	1	-	1	-
Meet Manager Operator	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recorder	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	25	44	21	36	17	28

Please note that regionally qualified and registered officials are required to fill the positions above highlighted in blue.

Technical Official Sign Off

The referee or technical director (where applicable) will be required to sign off the officials' requirements for the designated meet approval documents. These documents will then need to be emailed to SNZ (swimcentral@swimming.org.nz) accompanied by the official electronic results file.

Swimming Rules

These meets will be officiated under Swimming New Zealand policies and the New Zealand swimming rules.

Results

All results should be uploaded on to the SNZ Swim Central database by the meet organiser. These results can be used as qualifying times to enter any level of competition, including national championships.

Other Notes

- A designated meet may be held as either a short course or long course meet.

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- NZ Records can be set at these meets provided they comply with the New Zealand Records – Policy 003
- The term “designated meet” relates to how this meet has been nominated as an opportunity for swimmers to gain times to qualify for national championships. These meets are established to focus on performance.
- The region must nominate and communicate with Swimming NZ as to which meets within their region will be assigned a “designated meet”. Each region is permitted 10 designated meets per annum (July – June) in addition to their regional champs – which can include long (open and age) and short course (open and age). These designated meets must be communicated to SNZ from each region by 30 June for the following 12 months period.

DEVELOPMENT MEETS

Purpose

To provide a racing opportunity for swimmers in a low pressure and fun-focused environment, without aiming to achieve a qualifying time for national championships.

Event Delivery Requirements

For development meets, the following minimum requirements are needed:

	10 Lanes		8 Lanes		6 Lanes	
	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual	AOE	Manual
Timing Equipment						
Referee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starter	1	1	1	1	1	1
Judge of Stroke	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inspector of Turns	0	0	0	0	0	0
Timekeepers	10	10	8	8	6	6
AOE	1	-	1	-	1	-
Meet Manager Operator	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recorder	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	14	13	12	11	10	9

Please note that none of the positions are highlighted in blue, so there is no requirement for regionally or nationally qualified and registered officials to fill any of the positions above. To clarify, this means that anyone can start the races and is not required to be an official.

Race Results Sign Off

- There is no requirement for any technical official sign off.
- The recorder is required to upload the results on to the SNZ Swim Central database

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Swimming Rules

- These meets will be officiated under Swimming New Zealand event policies and the meet rules set by the organiser.
- Disqualification
In line with the purpose of development meets “to provide a racing opportunity for swimmers in a low pressure and fun-focused environment, without aiming to achieve a qualifying time for national championships”, it is strongly encouraged to avoid disqualifying a swimmer unless absolutely necessary. For example, a swimmer failing to touch simultaneously in a breaststroke race or taking an additional dolphin kick under the water should not be disqualified; whereas a swimmer making a blatant false start or swimming freestyle in a backstroke race should be.
- Where a swimmer has performed a breach that would cause disqualification at a designated meet, it is strongly encouraged that the swimmer is not disqualified, but instead, the swimmer and coach are informed of the breach and can learn from it and improve for the future.

Results

All results should be uploaded on to the SNZ Swim Central database by the meet organiser. These results can be used as qualifying times to enter school/club events and/or regional championships but cannot be used to enter national championships.

Other Notes

- A development meet may be held as either a short course or long course meet.
- NZ Records cannot be set at these meets as they don't comply with the New Zealand Records – Policy 003
- The term “development meet” reflects the opportunity for swimmers, coaches, and officials to learn and develop in a relaxed environment.