



2017 ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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This document outlines the conditions of entry and entry requirements for each Zone participating in the 2017 Zonal Championships.



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Background

The Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) Zonal Championships is a thrilling swim meet that pits the fastest swimmer from each of the 4 'Zonal' regions of NZ against each other in a teams based swim meet format.





This document outlines the selection process for swimmers, coaches and the process for declaring yourself unavailable for selection.

Key Dates

28 October:	Each zone to re-confirm to SNZ the key contact within their zone & confirm selection event for their Zone.
28 October:	Announcement of 4-member selection panels for each Zone Submission to SNZ of zonal selection criteria if the master has been adjusted.
4 November:	Confirmation of logo for Team Caps.
21 January:	Deadline for submission of preliminary zonal teams to SNZ for ratification.
22 January:	Team announcement for each Zone
28 January:	Zonal Teams to confirm travel arrangements for their team
11 February:	Swimming New Zealand Zonal Championship - Auckland

Zonal Regions

The four Zonal Teams consist of the following regions:

 <p>North</p>	<p>Northland Auckland Counties Manukau</p>	 <p>Lower North</p>	<p>Wellington Manawatu</p>
 <p>Central North</p>	<p>Waikato Bay of Plenty Taranaki Hawkes Bay / Poverty Bay</p>	 <p>South</p>	<p>Nelson Marlborough Canterbury West Coast Otago Southland</p>

Selection Events and Criteria

Selection Events:

Swimming New Zealand suggest that each Zonal Selection panel utilise results from all National & Regional meets from the 2016 NZ Short Course Championships, up to and including meets held prior to January 21, 2017. This period of selected events must be listed or outlined within each Zonal Selection Criteria document.



Selection Criteria:

Swimming New Zealand has created a Selection Criteria to assist each Zone and their respective Regions in selecting their teams. Regions are permitted to implement their own selection criteria as they see fit. Any revised Selection Criteria must be forwarded to Swimming NZ for approval by no later than 1 September 2017.

Each Zonal Selection Criteria will be posted on the event website.

Swimmer Eligibility

- Swimmers must swim for the Zone in which their current club registration is aligned.
- In order to be eligible for selection in a Zonal Team, swimmers must compete in their own zones nominated selection event or meet the eligibility requirements as set in their own zones selection criteria.
- A New Zealand registered swimmer that is currently residing outside of New Zealand or a swimmer unavailable due to injury or participation at another international event is eligible for this championship.

It will be the responsibility of each individual zones selection panel to consider applications for dispensation and to approve or revoke these. The process must be transparent and membership from within the zone must be thoroughly informed of outcomes.

Attached to this document is an unavailability form (Appendix 3). This document should be distributed within each of the zonal regions and must be submitted prior to the completion of the first session at the selection event for that zone. This form is for swimmers that do not wish to be considered for selection.

Also attached is an Application for Dispensation Form (Appendix 6). This form is to be used by swimmers seeking dispensation to compete in the Zonal Championship who have not been able to participate in the zonal selection event, either through injury or due to other swimming commitments. Decisions on such applications will be the responsibility of the zonal selectors to decide an outcome.

Team Make-Up

Each Zonal team will have the following individuals:

16 and Over - Senior

20 Swimmers (10 male and 10 female)
2 Coaches
1 Manager

15 and Under - Junior

20 Swimmers (10 male and 10 female)
2 Coaches
1 Manager

That is a total of 46 individuals per zone. Each swimmer may swim in 3 individual events in addition to relays.

Swimming New Zealand is working to bring over between 4-8 top Australian swimmers



to act as the Wildcard Swimmer for each zone. Once these swimmers have been confirmed they will be randomly placed into Zonal teams.

Team Subsidies, Travel & Accommodation

SNZ has allocated funding to each Zone to assist with travel and accommodation. This funding can be used as the zone sees fit and has been allocated on a scale dependant on the distance from the event venue.

Each zone is encouraged to seek further funding from potential sponsors in their respective areas provided that it is not in direct competition with the events major sponsor – Brian Perry Charitable Trust.

As this event is being broadcast live on Sky Sports, there will be various opportunities for brand exposure such as advertising space poolside and on competitor's garments and caps. More information on these opportunities will be released in the coming weeks.

Accommodation

SNZ and Executive Travel are working to find the best deal for accommodation for the Saturday night. Once the zonal contacts have been confirmed we will be in contact to confirm accommodation arrangements.

Travel

SNZ will coordinate transfers for each Zonal team for the following journeys:

- From Auckland Airport to Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre.
- From Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre to Accommodation.
- From Accommodation to Auckland Airport

Any further transfers outside of those listed above will be at the Zone's cost. Once all Zones have submitted their travel arrangements, more definitive times will be allocated to each transfer.

Each Zone is required to supply their team's final travel arrangements (i.e. flight arrival times, accommodation venue and departure times) no later than **Wednesday 25 January, 2017**. This is required to ensure that travel arrangements can be confirmed with the transport provider.



Programme + Point score

The swimming programme will be as below. Both Junior and Senior teams will swim during both sessions.

Session 1 – 5pm Start 7pm Finish		
Event 1	4 x 50m Medley Relay	Junior Women
Event 2	4 x 50m Medley Relay	Junior Men
Event 3	4 x 50m Medley Relay	Senior Women
Event 4	4 x 50m Medley Relay	Senior Men
Event 5	400m IM	Junior/Senior Women**
Event 6	400m IM	Junior/Senior Men**
Event 7	200m Freestyle	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 8	200m Freestyle	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 9	100m Breaststroke	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 10	100m Breaststroke	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 11	200m Butterfly	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 12	200m Butterfly	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 13	200m Backstroke	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 14	200m Backstroke	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 15	800m Freestyle	Junior/Senior Women **
Event 16	800m Freestyle	Junior/Senior Men **
Event 17	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	Junior Women
Event 18	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	Junior Men
Event 19	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	Senior Women
Event 20	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	Senior Men
30 min Break between Sessions		
Session 2 – 730pm Start 930pm Finish		
Event 21	100m Freestyle	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 22	100m Freestyle	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 23	200m IM	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 24	200m IM	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 25	400m Freestyle	Junior/Senior Women**
Event 26	400m Freestyle	Junior/Senior Men**
Event 27	100m Butterfly	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 28	100m Butterfly	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 29	200m Breaststroke	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 30	200m Breaststroke	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 31	100m Backstroke	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 32	100m Backstroke	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 33	50m Freestyle	Junior Women Senior Women
Event 34	50m Freestyle	Junior Men Senior Men
Event 35	20 x 50m <i>Flying Squadron</i> Relay	Junior
Event 36	20 x 50m <i>Flying Squadron</i> Relay	Senior

** There will only be one 400m IM, 400m Freestyle and 800m Freestyle events for each gender with one junior swimmer and one senior swimmer from each zone.

Each event will have two representatives from each of the zonal teams. Lanes will be allocated for each zone and these will rotate across one lane each event:

Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6	Lane 7	Lane 8
A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D

Points for each race result will be allocated as follows:

1st = 26 | 2nd = 21 | 3rd = 17 | 4th = 12 | 5th = 10 | 6th = 8 | 7th = 6 | 8th = 4

In addition to the above scores, each Zone will be entitled to allocate up to four (4) 'Double Points' swimmers throughout the competition. The *Double Points* swimmer is



restricted to one per division (i.e. 1 x Junior Men, 1 x Junior Women, 1 x Senior Men & 1 x Senior Women) and can only be allocated to an individual event.

Each Zone must advise Swimming New Zealand of their designated *Double Points* swimmers at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet.

The Zonal Team with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the meet will be deemed the winning Zone.

Team Branding and Uniforms

Each Zone will be responsible for providing team clothing for their selected swimmers and team management. It will be at the Zone's discretion as to the number of items of clothing each team member will receive.

SNZ will provide swimming caps for each zone.



The swimming caps will carry the Zonal team logo and the Brian Perry Charitable Trust logo as a minimum. There is advertising space available for Zonal sponsors (see example above). Any requests for additional logo placement must be received no later than **28 September, 2016**.

Each clothing item/team apparel must carry (as a minimum) the following branding:

- The Zonal Logo
- The Swimming New Zealand logo
- The Brian Perry Charitable Trust logo

Entry Procedure

Entries for the 2017 Zonal Championship must be completed on the official paper entry form and emailed to events@swimming.org.nz No entry times are required.

Entry lists will remain confidential until the distribution of event programmes on the morning of competition.

There is no entry fees associated with the entry to this championship.

Accreditations

Accreditation passes will be produced for the named swimmers, coaches and managers. Only individuals with official passes will have access to pool deck.



Team Managers Meeting

There will be a team managers meeting on Saturday the 11th of February at the Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre at 3pm. This will be a compulsory meeting and 2 members of each Zonal Team are invited to attend.

Timeline

Below is a provisional timeline for the 11th of February. Times are subject to change and any changes will be communicated to the zonal contact.

Time	
11.45am	Team arrivals to National Aquatic Centre - Auckland
12:00pm-12:45pm	Seminar Period One
12:45pm - 1:15pm	Lunch Break
1:15pm-2:00pm	Seminar Period Two
2:30pm-3:30pm	Break
3.00pm	Team Managers Meeting
3:30pm-4:50pm	Swimmers Warm Up
5:00pm-6:30pm	Session One
6:30pm-7:00pm	Legends Relay/Sky TV Interviews/Break
7:00pm-8:30pm	Session Two
8:45pm-9.30pm	Dinner
9.30pm	Athletes depart to accommodation/home

Seminars

There are two scheduled seminar periods from 11.30am – 12.15pm and 1.00pm – 2.00pm. These will be educational seminars and will feature talks from the Swimming New Zealand High Performance Department, High Performance Sport New Zealand, Drug Free Sport New Zealand and Swimming New Zealand Media Liaison.



Appendix 1

Swimmers Selection Criteria



Event	2017 Zonal Championship, 11 February 2017
Criteria Release Date	28/10/2016
Comments	Selection Criteria Document provided by SNZ for Zonal Selection Committees

Competition	2017 Zonal Competition
Selection Events	<p>North: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017</p> <p>Central North: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017</p> <p>Lower North: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017</p> <p>South: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017</p>
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be available to fulfill the Team Commitments as listed below 2. Be aged 13-15 years or 16 years and over as at 11 February 2017 3. Have swum in the selection event for their own zonal team or have received dispensation prior to the selection event. Swimmers have the option of swimming in other zonal selection events but must swim in their own zones event.
Representation / Eligibility	<p>Swimmers must swim for the zone that represents the club they are currently registered with.</p> <p>The only exception is if a zone has more than 3 male or 3 female current AquaBlacks. In this circumstance an AquaBlack from the zone exceeding the quota may choose to swim for a different zone. If no AquaBlack voluntarily swims for another zone the lowest ranked AquaBlack, based on FINA points in their selected event will be required to swim for the zone with the least number of AquaBlacks. If two zones have the same number of AquaBlacks, their FINA points rankings in their selected event will be combined and the zone with the lowest total will be the zone the swimmer in question swims for.</p>
Team Commitments	<p>All swimmers must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by their Zonal Team and Swimming New Zealand
Performance Requirements	<p>Criteria for Selection for individual events:</p> <p>Swimmers highest FINA score at any of the Selection Events will be used by the Zonal Team Selectors to determine performance when selecting the team.</p> <p>The following standards apply;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only times from individual Olympic events will be considered • Swimmers will only be selected for one category. If a swimmer has the highest performance standard in two categories, the zonal selectors will select the next best performer in the lower ranking event based on FINA Points of the swimmer with the highest performance standard in two categories
Team Size	The team size will be 10 males and 10 females per age group team as follows :



	<p>8 swimmers of each gender selected based on the highest FINA Points score performance in these categories</p> <p>1 individual medley swimmer (200m & 400m) 1 freestyle swimmer (400m & 800m women, 400m & 1500m men) 1 sprint freestyle (50m) 2 freestyle swimmers (100m and 200m) 1 butterfly swimmer (100m and 200m) 1 breaststroke swimmer (100m and 200m) 1 backstroke swimmer (100m and 200m)</p> <p>2 swimmers of each gender will be selected as wildcard swimmers at the discretion of the zonal selectors. One of these wildcard swimmers can be from outside of the designated zone including non-members of Swimming New Zealand.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swimming New Zealand may amend these selection criteria at any time in its sole discretion by giving adequate notice to the zonal administrator. 2. In the event that a swimmer has in the 12 months prior to the Selection Meet met the Performance Requirement, and is unable to compete at the Selection Event due to extenuating circumstances, the previous performance will be considered by the zonal selectors. In the event of illness or injury a medical certificate may be requested, indicating the current and future performance impact of the condition. 3. The definition of AquaBlack is a member of a NZL team selected to the pinnacle event of that year (FINA World LC Championships, Olympics, Commonwealth Games). The pinnacle event for 2016 is the Olympic Games. 4. 13-15 year old swimmers may not swim up to the 16 & Over team from their zone
<p>Approved / Designation / Date</p>	<p>Updated 03 October 2016</p>



Appendix 2

Coaches Selection Criteria



Competition	2017 Zonal Championship, 11 February 2017
Criteria Release Date	28/10/2016
Comments	Selection Criteria Document provided by SNZ for Zonal Selection Committees

Date	Version	Comments
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Selection Events	<p>North: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017 Central North: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017 Lower North: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017 South: 2016 SNZ Short Course Championships to 22 January, 2017</p>
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, a coach must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be the "primary" coach of a swimmer selected for the competition (fully in control of at least 85% of all training) 2. Be coaching the eligible qualified swimmer in New Zealand for a minimum of 90 days prior to the Selection Event(s). 3. Be a registered member of both NZSCTA and Swimming New Zealand in good standing. 4. Be a minimum of Bronze certified (or equivalent). 5. Be available to fulfill the Team Commitments as outlined by SNZ and their zone.
Team Commitments	<p>All coaches must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to SNZ and their zonal teams requirements regarding team preparation. • Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SNZ and their zone

Selection Methodology for Team Coaches	<p>Coaches will be selected by the Zonal Selectors based on the selection criteria. The selection panel will nominate selections to SNZ for ratification.</p> <p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be a ratio of one (1) coach to ten (10) swimmers. 2. Coach selection will be based on the FINA Points of what the selected athlete achieved at the selection event(s). 3. All selected coaches will be NZ based coach of record. 4. Coaches will be ranked and selected in order of ranking up to the number required using the highest 2014 Short Course FINA Points scores based on athlete performances at selection events in Olympic races. 5. If the situation arises where there is a tie on FINA Points the coach with the most swimmers on the team will be selected in the first instance followed by the tied coach on FINA Points.
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Withdrawals	<p>If an athlete withdraws from the team following the team announcement, the coach who earned selection based on the athletes ranking is required to withdraw from this position but is eligible for selection based on any further swimmers ranking. The replacement coach will be the next highest ranked coach.</p>
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Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Swimming New Zealand may amend these selection criteria at any time in its sole discretion.2. Primary Coach – means the person responsible for planning and poolside supervision of 85% of a swimmer’s training. The swimmer must have trained under the primary coach for a minimum period of 90 days leading into the selection competition.3. Coach Selection Panel. The coach selection panel comprises the zonal selectors.
Approved / Designation / Date	Updated 3 October 2016



Appendix 3

Unavailability Form



Unavailability Form

This form is to be completed by swimmers or coaches that want to inform Zonal Selectors and Swimming New Zealand that they are unavailable for selection to the 2017 Zonal Championship. Please ensure that you have completed all of the relevant information below and send through to your zonal contact. Relevant contact information can be found below.

Please complete in full the details below (Please PRINT)

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Club _____

Zone _____

Coach _____

Gender M / F _____

Tel (0) _____

Fax (0) _____

Mobile (02) _____

<p>Swimming New Zealand Keegan McCauley SNZ Events Manager</p> <p>PO Box 302 145 North Harbour Auckland</p> <p>Ph: 021 569 436</p> <p>events@swimming.org.nz</p>	<p>Northern Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Northland - Auckland - Counties Manukau <p>Brett Green 09 873 1290 brett@akswim.co.nz</p>	<p>Central North Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taranaki - Waikato - Bay of Plenty - Hawkes Bay <p>Alison Fitch centeralswimmingaquaknig@hts@gmail.com</p>	<p>Lower North Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wellington - Wanganui - Manawatu - Wairarapa <p>Henrietta Latham 0275021854 operations@swimwn.co.nz</p>	<p>South Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nelson/Marlborough - Canterbury WC - Otago - Southland <p>Lorraine McMath 021 833 243 makoscommittee@gmail.com</p>
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This document needs to be submitted to your zonal contact or a member of the zonal selection panel before the end of the first session of your zones selection event. A copy of this form must also be sent to events@swimming.org.nz by the zonal contact.



Appendix 4

Zonal Team Entry Form



Zonal Team Entry Form

Zonal Team:

Senior / Junior

Team Manager:

Team Manager Ph:

Individual Entry Information:

Event #	Event Name	Swimmer # 1	Swimmer #2
Event 1	4 x 50m Medley Relay (Jnr W)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 2	4 x 50m Medley Relay (Jnr M)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 3	4 x 50m Medley Relay (Snr W)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 4	4 x 50m Medley Relay (Snr M)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 5	400m IM		
Event 6	400m IM		
Event 7	200m Freestyle		
Event 8	200m Freestyle		
Event 9	100m Breaststroke		
Event 10	100m Breaststroke		
Event 11	200m Butterfly		
Event 12	200m Butterfly		
Event 13	200m Backstroke		
Event 14	200m Backstroke		
Event 17	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (Jnr W)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 18	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (Jnr M)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 19	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (Snr W)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 20	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (Snr M)	1.	2.
		3.	4.
Event 21	100m Freestyle		
Event 22	100m Freestyle		
Event 23	200m IM		
Event 24	200m IM		
Event 25	400m Freestyle		
Event 26	400m Freestyle		
Event 27	100m Butterfly		
Event 28	100m Butterfly		
Event 29	200m Breaststroke		
Event 30	200m Breaststroke		
Event 31	100m Backstroke		
Event 32	100m Backstroke		
Event 33	50m Freestyle		
Event 34	50m Freestyle		
Event 35	20 x 50m <i>Flying Squadron</i> Relay		
Event 36	20 x 50m <i>Flying Squadron</i> Relay		



Appendix 5

Team Selection Form



Team Selection Form

Zonal Team		
Senior Team Manager		
Junior Team Manager		
Senior Team Coaches		
Junior Team Coaches		

Ensure that you include the swimmers and coaches names and club when completing this form. This must be sent to events@swimming.org.nz by the end of 21 January 2016.

Senior Team

Athlete #	Event Name	Male	Female
1	1 (200 & 400 IM)		
2	1 (400 & 800/1500 Free)		
3	1 (50 Free)		
4	2 (100 & 200 Free)		
5			
6	1 (100 & 200 Fly)		
7	1 (100 & 200 Breast)		
8	1 (100 & 200 Back)		
9	2 (Wildcard)		
10			

Junior Team

Athlete #	Event Name	Male	Female
1	1 (200 & 400 IM)		
2	1 (400 & 800/1500 Free)		
3	1 (50 Free)		
4	2 (100 & 200 Free)		
5			
6	1 (100 & 200 Fly)		
7	1 (100 & 200 Breast)		
8	1 (100 & 200 Back)		
9	2 (Wildcard)		
10			



Appendix 6

Application for Dispensation Form



Application for Dispensation

This form is to be completed by swimmers seeking dispensation to compete at the 2017 Zonal Championship. Your request will be considered by your Zonal Selectors based on the information you have provided below. Please ensure that you have completed all of the relevant information and send through to your zonal contact. Relevant contact information can be found below.

Please complete in full the details below (Please PRINT)

Name	_____
Address	_____

Email	_____
Club	_____
Zone	_____
Gender	M / F
Tel	(0) _____
Fax	(0) _____
Mobile	(02) _____

Please describe why you are applying for dispensation:

Please detail your best performance in the last 12 months for consideration:

Stroke and Distance:	_____
Time & FINA Points:	_____
Event Name:	_____
Date:	_____

<p>Swimming New Zealand Keegan McCauley SNZ Events Manager</p> <p>PO Box 302 145 North Harbour Auckland</p> <p>Ph: 021 569 436</p> <p>events@swimming.org.nz</p>	<p>Northern Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Northland - Auckland - Counties Manukau <p>Brett Green 09 873 1290 brett@akswim.co.nz</p>	<p>Central North Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taranaki - Waikato - Bay of Plenty - Hawkes Bay <p>Alison Fitch centralswimmingaquaknights@gmail.com</p>	<p>Lower North Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wellington - Wanganui - Manawatu - Wairarapa <p>Henrietta Latham 0275021854 operations@swimwn.co.nz</p>	<p>South Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nelson/Marlborough - Canterbury WC - Otago - Southland <p>Lorraine McMath 021 833 243 makoscommittee@gmail.com</p>
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This document needs to be submitted to your zonal contact at least 2 weeks prior to the start of your zones selection event. A copy of this form must also be sent to events@swimming.org.nz by the zonal contact.

