

Contingency Plans for 2022 SNZ Events

The following document outlines the guidelines and decision-making processes in relation to delivering Swimming New Zealand events at various traffic light levels. At all times Swimming New Zealand will monitor the Ministry of Health and follow their guidelines and advice.

National competitions can only be delivered safely during traffic light levels Orange and Green in conjunction with using vaccine certificates. Therefore, these guidelines will be used when:

- When New Zealand is in the traffic light system
- Different geographic areas are at different traffic light level
- Traffic light levels change within 14 days of event commencing or during an event

SNZ will consider one or all the following options in relation to event delivery:

1. Modified or bespoke option
2. Postponement or location change
3. Cancellation

Decisions relating to changes to event delivery will be communicated **at least 14 days prior** to the first day of the affected event unless traffic light levels increase to red after this time then an update of event status will be communicated as soon as possible.

National Events

- National events will only be delivered if the **entire country** is in traffic light levels Orange or Green in conjunction with using vaccination certificates
- The first option will be modified or bespoke option
- The second option will be to postpone and/or move to a new location
- If a suitable date or location cannot be found, the third option will be to cancel the event
- Please refer to the table below for each specific SNZ event

Zonal Events

- Zonal and island events will only be delivered if the **attending regions** are in traffic light levels Orange or Green in conjunction with using vaccination certificates. Clubs & residents located in areas that are in traffic light level Red will be excluded from entering
- Please refer to the table below for each specific SNZ event

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The table below outlines the contingency plans in place for how Swimming NZ will respond to each respective alert level for each SNZ event listed below.

Event	Green Traffic Light	Orange Traffic Light	Red Traffic Light
Open Water & Epic Swim	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	A decision will be made by the first week of December as to whether the current date 15 – 16 January will proceed as normal. A back-up date has been confirmed for 26 – 27 March at the same location.
Junior Festivals	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates for those eligible, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates for those eligible, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	If any region is under the red traffic light level, modified or bespoke options listed under this table will be strongly encouraged so that a racing opportunity is still provided for all swimmers around country.
NZ Champs	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	If any region is under the red traffic light level, modified or bespoke options listed under this table will be strongly encouraged so that a racing opportunity is still provided for all swimmers around country. Olympic & Paralympic long list athletes will need to compete at one of the following venues:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland, Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre or Westwave • Hamilton, Waterworld • Wellington, WRAC <p>A back-up opportunity will be to swim their races at NAGS. These long list athletes will swim alongside NAGS swimmers during the heats, but have their own timed finals in the evenings and not impact age group finals</p>
NAGS	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	If any region is under the red traffic light level, modified or bespoke options listed under this table will be strongly encouraged so that a racing opportunity is still provided for all swimmers around country.
Div II	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	If any region is under the red traffic light level, modified or bespoke options listed under this table will be strongly encouraged so that a racing opportunity is still provided for all swimmers around country.

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Island Secondary Schools	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	If the host region is under the red traffic light level, the event will be cancelled.
NZ Secondary Schools	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	If any region is under the red traffic light level, modified or bespoke options listed under this table will be strongly encouraged so that a racing opportunity is still provided for all swimmers around country.
Short Course	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are encouraged.	Proceed as normal with the use of vaccination certificates, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner. Face coverings are mandatory, excluding when in the water.	If any region is under the red traffic light level, modified or bespoke options listed under this table will be strongly encouraged so that a racing opportunity is still provided for all swimmers around country.

Modified/Bespoke Options

1. If a region(s) is under the red traffic light level, the intention will be to continue with a modified regional or zonal event hosting up to 100 people per session with the use of vaccine certificates. Face coverings will be mandatory, excluding when in the water, and 1m physical distancing will be required. Results for these regional events can be collated for national results. For other regions still under orange or green traffic light levels, the intention will be to continue to host a combined national meet for these regions.
2. If majority of regions are under the red traffic light level, the intention will be for a regional or zonal to host up to 100 people per session and the results to be collated nationally. Face coverings will be mandatory, excluding when in the water, and 1m physical distancing will be required.

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3. Consideration will be given to collating results from regional championships for national rankings, in the same manner to the 2020 Short Course Series.

Please note: only events where all participants are permitted to attend will be classed as a national championship event.

If the traffic light level changes to red during an event, the event will be stopped immediately.

Refunds

Event Cancellation

Event cancellation may occur in the event of a circumstance outside of Swimming NZ's control, such as a force majeure event or a government/facility-imposed restriction(s), that impacts our ability to deliver the event. If the event has not commenced and is cancelled more than 14 days prior to starting, the participant will receive a full refund. If the event is cancelled within 14 days of commencing, or has commenced, the participant may receive a partial refund at the sole discretion of Swimming NZ. The level of refund shall be determined by considering the costs already incurred by Swimming NZ which cannot be recouped.

Event Rescheduling

Should an event be rescheduled due to a circumstance outside of our control, such as a force majeure event or a government/facility-imposed restriction(s), that impacts our ability to deliver the event, Swimming NZ will investigate the possibility of re-scheduling the event to another date. Swimming NZ shall be under no obligation to reschedule the event. If the event is rescheduled, Swimming NZ will refund event entries if the swimmer is unable to attend a rescheduled event.

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