

Information

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Host Regional Association

Swimming Canterbury West Coast
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Pool Location/Venue address

QE II Leisure Centre
Travis Road
New Brighton
Christchurch

Entries and Entry fees

All information regarding entries and entry fees is detailed in the FLIER.

Pre-Meet Training Times

The pool will be available set at 50m on Monday 3rd March at the following times
Whole pool 9am-12pm
 3-7pm

Pool entry is free for training at these times.
Entry to the Complex is by the Rear Door.

PLEASE NOTE: Clubs that wish to train outside these times will have to pay Pool Entry.

Warm-up times

Morning heats
Warm-up 7.15am - 8.45am

Evening finals
Warm-up 4.15pm - 5.45pm

NOTE:

Tuesday 4th March
Warm-up 4.15pm – 5.30pm
for the Opening Ceremony at 5.40pm.

Session start times

Morning heats session 9am
Evening finals session 6pm

Warm down

Warm down will be in the Dive Well.

Warm-up Procedure

SNZ will use the standard Warm-up Procedure for all National Competitions.

Details of the Warm-up procedure are on the SNZ website.

Marshalling

Marshalling will take place in the pool equipment room, just behind the start end of the main pool. The number of events or races prior to the start will be advised at the Team Briefing Meeting.

Team Briefing Meeting

A Team Briefing for Regional team managers, team managers and coaches will be held on Monday 5th March at 6.00pm in the Function Room at QEII. Anyone is welcome at this meeting.

Regional Associations Coaches and Managers Form

This form should have been completed by the Regional Association for allocation of passes for coaches and team managers. The number of Session Programmes will be issued to REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS based on the number of coaches and managers detailed in the Regional Coaches and Managers Form

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Pool Access/Entry

Access to the pool for those with a pass – swimmers, team managers, coaches, SNZ staff and SCWC personnel and VIP's is via the doors by the dive well DURING WARM-UP ONLY.

These doors will be manned between the following times:

- 6.45am to 9am
- 3.45pm to 6pm

Outside these times access to QE II Leisure Centre is via the main entrance. Passes still need to be shown by those that have them.

Public and spectators will need to access the pool via the main entrance.

Exit

Everyone MUST exit the QE II facility via the main entrance through the toilets.

ALL DOORS in the QE II facility are alarmed at all times and are not EXITS. If people use these doors as exits QE II will not allow us future use of the south west door as an entrance to the facility.

Collection of Packs

Packs for team managers including session one programmes and passes can be collected by **CLUB TEAM MANAGERS** from the AOD room situated next to the 50m competition pool on Monday 3rd March between 3-6pm.

Officials meeting

An officials meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 8am in the Function Room at QEII.

Officials food

Officials Breakfast will be available each day between 7.30am – 8.30am in the Function Room at QEII.

Afternoon tea will be available each day between 4.30pm – 5.30pm in the Function Room at QEII

No food will be served to officials during the session. Drinks will be provided.

Officials Happy Hour

A Happy Hour will be held for officials on Friday 7th March after the finals session in the Function Room at QEII. This will consist of drinks and light food.

Seating

Seating will be allocated for Regional teams and will be rotated daily. The seating plans will be placed on the SNZ website.

Session and Results

Session Programmes and 1 result per region will be placed in the Regional Association boxes on the table outside the AOD Room. Relay and Withdrawal forms will be available from here also.

Results

Results will be provided as detailed below

- On either side of the northern end of the pool
- On doors at the 25m mark
- At the southern end of the pool

After each event, 1 results sheet per region will be distributed to each region in the Regional boxes.

Quick Results

SNZ will have LIVE/Quick Results on the SNZ website. The results for each event will be uploaded once the event has been signed off. These results will be on SNZ website.

Timelines

Timelines will be included on the session sheets. The times shown are approximate and races may start before or after the times indicated. It is the swimmers' responsibility to be at marshalling at the appropriate time.

Spectator Charges

All spectators must enter the QE II Leisure Centre via the main entrance. The following entry costs are to be paid to QE II Leisure Centre.

Door entry for Adults	\$2.50
Door entry under 15 years	\$1.50
Concession Cards for all sessions	
Adult	\$22.50
Child	\$13.50

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Session Programmes

Session programmes will be available for purchase at a table by the South East doors during warm up.

Session programme – per session \$2.00
Programme Concession Card \$10.00

Parking

There is plenty of parking available in the QE II Leisure Centre car parks.

Opening Ceremony

An Opening Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 5.40pm.

Regions are to provide a maximum of 3 reps from each team plus one regional placard bearer. These people are to assemble at the Dive Well end of the pool at 5.20pm in uniform.

Victory Ceremonies

Victory Ceremonies will be timetabled in the Order of Events and the Victory Ceremony Timetable will be published in the souvenir programme and the programme for finals sessions.

Team managers and Coaches are to ensure swimmers are familiar with this protocol and timetable which is on the SNZ website.

A musical fanfare will be used to indicate the Victory Ceremony.

Swimmers who are not present WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR MEDAL. Substitutes may be used if swimmers are in other races or in marshalling, however they must be of the same gender as the swimmer due to be receiving the medal.

Victory ceremonies will take place immediately after the following race – please see the Victory Ceremony Timetable on the website.

IMMEDIATELY after finishing their race AND BEFORE warming down the TOP 4 swimmers should dry down, get their tee shirt or tracksuit jacket and go to the presentation area. They must advise the presentation official they are present.

We will endeavour to run the victory ceremonies as timetabled. If for any reason there is a delay in the results being available, the victory ceremony for that event will take place as soon as possible. The victory ceremonies will continue to happen as timetabled.

Dress standard for victory ceremonies

- Club or regional t-shirt, jacket or sweatshirt.
- No caps or goggles.
- No towels to be wrapped around the waist.
- Tracksuit bottoms or shorts are NOT required.

Swimmers with a Disability

The NZ Disabled Championships is included in the NZ Age Group Championships.

Swimmers with a disability will swim in the heats with the able-bodied swimmers in the morning and in separate finals in the evening.

Banner placement

SNZ will have signage at the NZ Age Group Championships. This signage will take precedence for position over regional and club banners.

Squad Qualifying Competition

2008 NZ Age Group Championships is a Squad qualifying opportunity.

Selection Competition

2008 NZ Age Group Championships is the selection competition for the **2008 Trans Tasman Tri-Series Team**. Availability forms for this will be available from table outside the AOD room. All availability forms are due with SNZ by Monday 10th March to be eligible for selection.

More information on the Tri-Series Development Camps is available on the SNZ website.

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Certificates

Certificates for NZ Age Group Championships will be sent to regions after the meet from the SNZ office.

Dance

Aquagym Swimming Club will be running a dance for the swimmers on Saturday 8th March after the finals session. Please see the next 2 pages for more information.

Merchandise/Souvenirs

SNZ is delighted to advise you we will be providing 'official' Swimming New Zealand merchandise at 2008 NZ Age Group Championships at very competitive prices.

SNZ will be providing

- Swimcaps
- Togs for boys and girls
- T-shirts

'Aquashop' will be co-ordinating the merchandise directly with you on behalf of SNZ.

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase a connection to the Swimming New Zealand Brand!

For further details or to place an order contact Chris at Aquashop on

Phone (04) 385 0362
Fax (04) 385 0386
Email aquashop@aquashop.co.nz

Swimming New Zealand wishes all the swimmers the best of luck and a great competition.

Have fun!

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To All Regional Swim Centres and Swim Clubs

RE: 2008 National Age Groups Championship After Meet Dance

Swim Canterbury has endorsed AquaGym Swim Club as the organiser of the 2008 National Age Groups Championship (NAGS) After Meet Dance in Christchurch. We write to inform you of the details of this After Meet Dance so you can consider whether you want your swimmers to attend and so the swimmers can come prepared to attend the Dance and celebrate their achievements.

The After Meet Dance is to be held on the Saturday, after the last session, from 8.30pm to 12 – 12.30, at a purpose built youth facility, 15 minutes drive from the QE 2 Pool complex. The facility offers:

- A hall for dancing
- An X box room where two people can play individually or compete at any one time
- A mezzanine lounge area
- A café area

AquaGym Swim Club has engaged the services of **Co Motion** mobile disco which provides professional equipment and DJs who use the latest technology to create a sound and lighting experience. Their play list is extensive and updated weekly. Requests from the floor are encouraged.

The theme for the After Meet Dance is **Superheros**. Swimmers can come dressed as their favourite Superhero, or as their own made up Superhero, or just dressed to enjoy the dance.

There will only be a limited number of tickets - 250 - so we advise Clubs to place a pre – order with payment to be sure your swimmers are able to attend. Tickets will also be sold at the pool each evening until all tickets are sold out. Once purchased, tickets will only be given to the Team Managers at the last session. At that point the location of the venue will also be given to Team Managers.

Tickets cost \$12 each. This offers access to the dance and the facilities/activities listed above as well as a light supper and one fizzy drink. (No alcohol is permitted at this facility and event).

To pre – order and purchase tickets, Clubs can contact:

Hayley Brett
AquaGym Swim Club Administrator
Telephone: 0274 545 358
Email: h.bryan@xtra.co.nz

Tickets will also be on sale each evening at QE 2 pool during the Meet.

To ensure swimmer safety:

- Team Managers must bring swimmers to and collect them from the dance.
- We request that one adult per Regional Team stay on the premises during the dance. There will be no pass outs.
- The After Meet Dance is only open to the swimmers who have competed at NAGS.
- Aqua Gym Swim Club will provide security at the door and throughout the facility.
- Team Managers are welcome to view the facility prior to the night and are encouraged to attend the Dance.
- The venue address will only be disclosed to the Regional Team Managers who have swimmers attending the dance on the night of the actual dance.
- Tickets will be handed out to Regional Team managers early in the evening of the night of the Dance.

Posters advertising the After Meet Dance are enclosed. Please place them on your notice boards or hand out to those swimmers who are competing at NAGS.

We invite you to distribute this letter to the swimmers who have registered swimmers for NAGS. Do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

AquaGym Swim Club wants this dance to be a safe, fun and happy experience for the swimmers and are striving hard to ensure that this happens.

Yours sincerely

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WINTER SUPERHERO DANCE 08

FOR THE DANCE THIS YEAR THE THEME WILL BE SUPERHERO SO COME DRESSED AS A SUPERHERO OR MAKE UP YOUR OWN SUPERHERO OR JUST COME DRESSED IN SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE

THERE WILL BE LOTS OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES TO DO AT THE DANCE SO GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN

WHEN:

**9PM SATURDAY
8TH OF MARCH**

COST:

**12 BUCKS
A TICKET**

**[FOOD INCLUDED AND DRINK WILL
BE AVAILBLE FOR PURCHASE]**

HOSTED BY AQUAGYM SWIM CLUB

MUSIC BY DJ CO MOTION

SEE YOU THERE.

