

2008 Oceania Swimming Championships



General Information

The **2008 Oceania Swimming Championships** will be held at the following venues:

Open Water Swimming

10km Lake Okataina, Rotorua
5km Lake Rotoma, Rotorua

Sunday 3rd February
Tuesday 5th February

Pool Competition

Synchronised Swimming

QE II Leisure Centre, Christchurch
5-8 June 2008

Oceania Executive Committee Members

President: Bill Matson (NZL)
Hon. Secretary: Neil Martin (AUS)
Hon. Treasurer: Dennis Miller (FIJ)
Members: Bill Sakovich (HAW) and Liz Wells (PNG)

Visa Information

Please see the Visa Information included or refer to the New Zealand Immigration Department website www.immigration.govt.nz/

Open Water Information

Detailed on the next 6 pages is the Information for the 2008 Oceania Open Water Championships.

The Swimming and Synchronised Swimming Information will be added to this Information booklet as soon as this is finalised.



Oceania Swimming Association and Swimming New Zealand would like to thank partner Christchurch City Council for their support.

Open Water



Venue and Dates

10km Lake Okataina
5km Lake Rotoma

Sunday 3rd February 2008
Tuesday 5th February 2008

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The Meet Director was appointed by the Oceania Swimming Association and is responsible for the conduct of all technical aspects of the meet. The Meet Director will ensure the decisions of the controlling body, which do not come within the jurisdiction of the Referee, are carried out and performed.

Competition rules

This competition will be conducted under the rules of FINA as set out in the current 2005 – 2009 FINA Handbook, with the exception of the following:

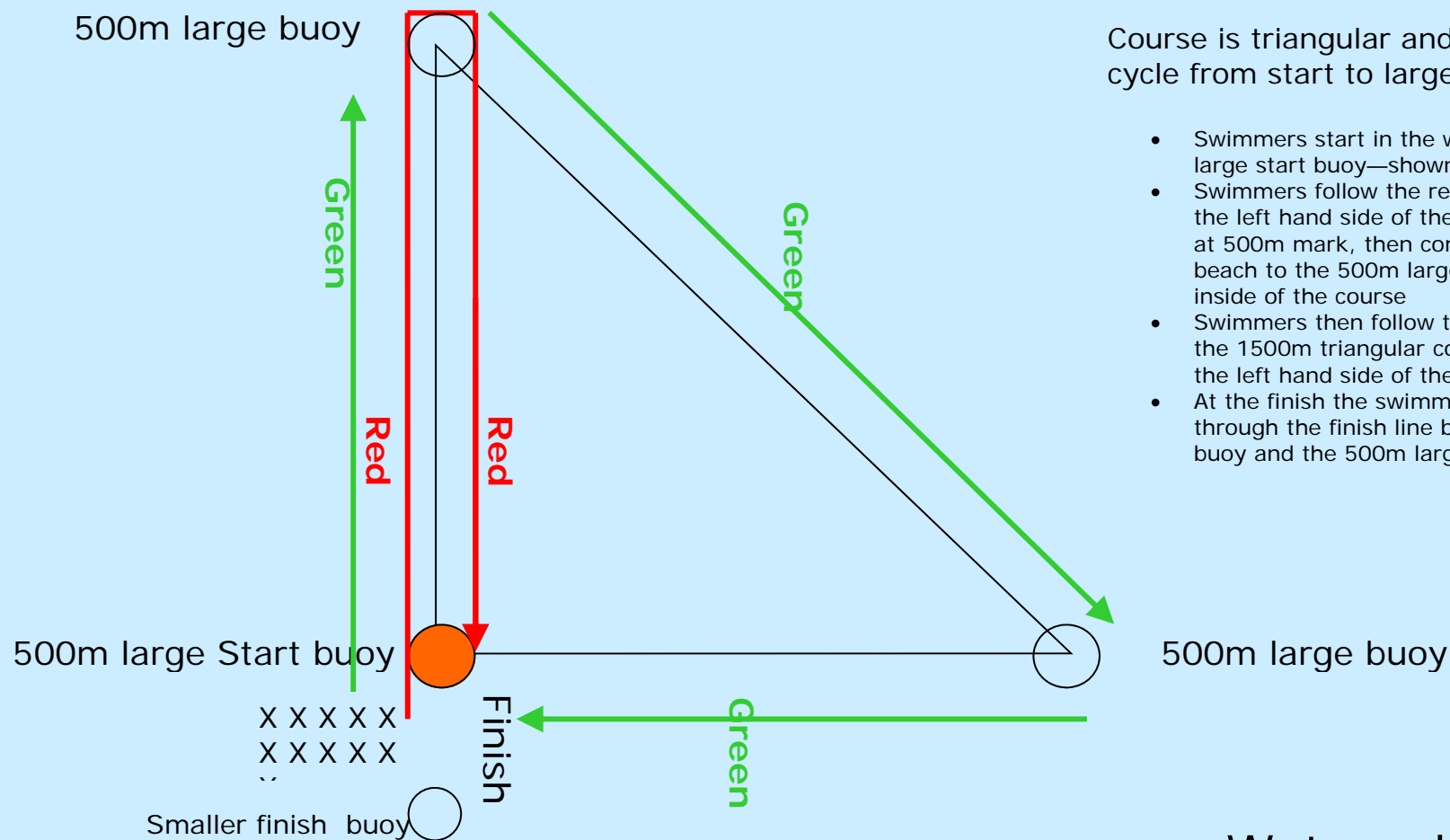
For the 2008 Oceania Open Water Championships the following restrictions apply to all Federations in relation to the number of competitors in each event

- No more than 3 competitors per Federation

Course Layout

Please see the next 2 pages for the course layout for the 10km and 5km events.

2008 Oceania Open Water Championships 10km Course Layout

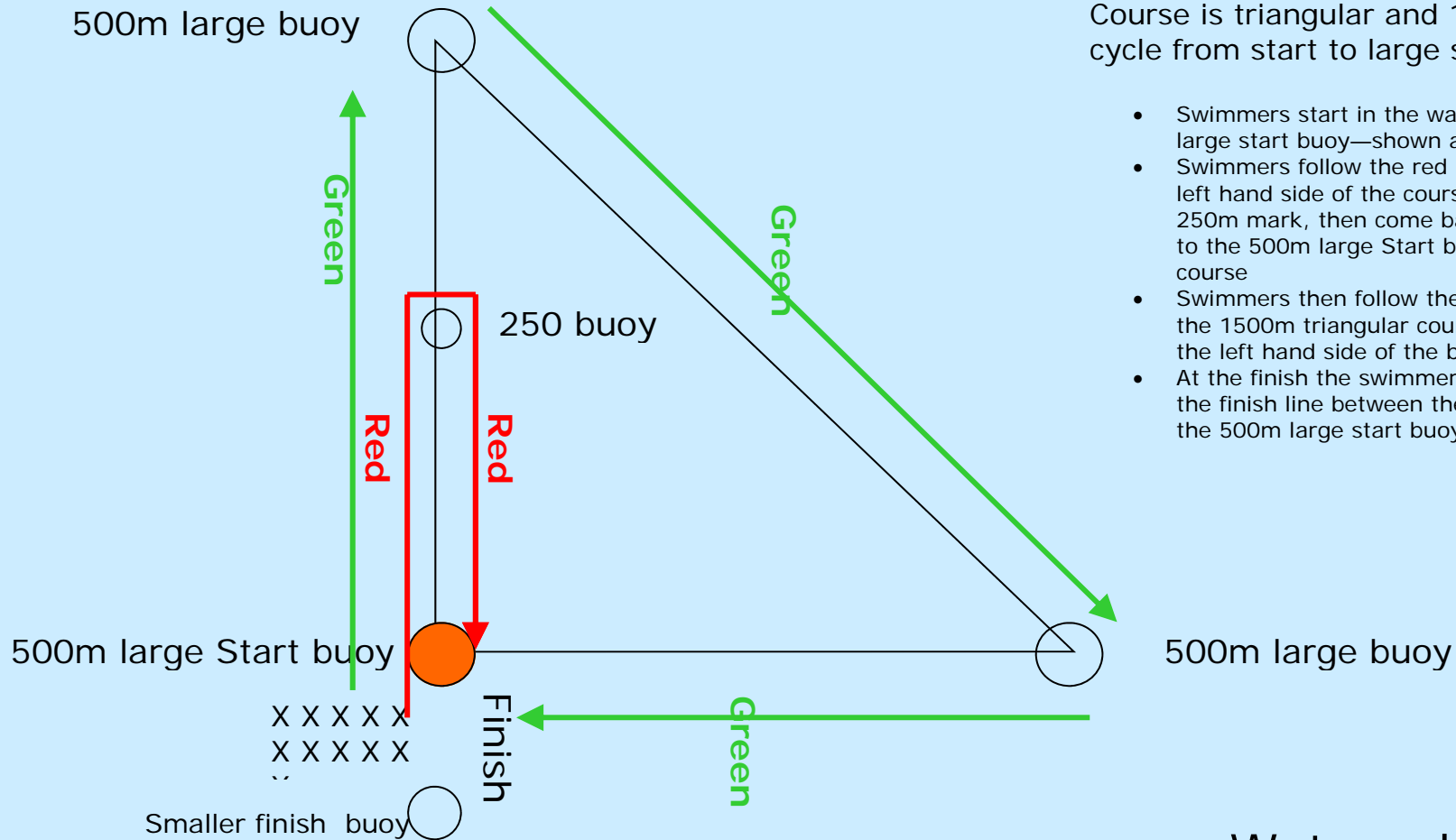


Course is triangular and 1500m for one cycle from start to large start buoy:

- Swimmers start in the water behind the 500m large start buoy—shown as X's
- Swimmers follow the red line and swim down the left hand side of the course to the first buoy at 500m mark, then come back towards the beach to the 500m large Start buoy on the inside of the course
- Swimmers then follow the green lines and swim the 1500m triangular course 6 times round on the left hand side of the buoys at all times
- At the finish the swimmers need to swim through the finish line between the small finish buoy and the 500m large start buoy for 10m.

Beach

2008 Oceania Open Water Championships 5km Course Layout



Course is triangular and 1500m for one cycle from start to large start buoy:

- Swimmers start in the water behind the 500m large start buoy—shown as X's
- Swimmers follow the red line and swim down the left hand side of the course to the small buoy at 250m mark, then come back towards the beach to the 500m large Start buoy on the inside of the course
- Swimmers then follow the green lines and swim the 1500m triangular course 3 times round on the left hand side of the buoys at all times
- At the finish the swimmers need to swim through the finish line between the small finish buoy and the 500m large start buoy for 10m.

Open Water



Critical dates

Friday 14 December 2007

Friday 18 January 2008

Friday 25 January 2008

Preliminary Entry Form due

Travel Form due/Accommodation Form due

Open Water Entries Close

Entry process

Preliminary Entry Form

The preliminary entry form with the estimated numbers of swimmers, coaches and management traveling to attend the 2008 Oceania Open Water Championships should be sent to Libby Peckham, SNZ Events Coordinator at libby@swimmingnz.org.nz by **Friday 14th December 2008**.

Open Water Entries

All entries should be sent to Libby Peckham, SNZ Events Coordinator at libby@swimmingnz.org.nz by **Friday 25th January 2008** on the appropriate Entry Form attached.

Entries will only be accepted from National Federations or associate members (i.e. New Caledonia and Hawaii) affiliated with FINA & Oceania. National Federations may choose to send either a National Team or Club representative, but not both. Federations must list entries by country code only.

Accommodation

For Federations competing at the 2008 Oceania Open Water Championships a group reservation has been made at the;

Heritage Hotel Rotorua

Cnr Froude and Tryon Streets
Rotorua

All packages include transportation to and from Rotorua Airport to the official hotel, the open water venues for training and competition Friday 1st through to Tuesday 5th Feb

	Single	Twin
Package include room, breakfast, lunch and dinner	\$205	\$139
Package includes room and breakfast ONLY	\$169	\$105

Triple rooms are available on request. There are no kitchen facilities in the rooms at this hotel.

Please note the Packages are available from Friday 1st February up to and including the evening of Tuesday 5th February. Breakfast on Wednesday 6th February will be last meal included in the Official Package. Any meals outside those listed above will be at the individual's costs.

If Federations choose not to stay at the official hotel they will be responsible for their own transport.

Travel Form and Accommodation Form

The Travel form with the details of the Team's arrival and departure times along with the Accommodation Form with final number of rooms and meals required should be sent to Libby Peckham, SNZ Events Coordinator at libby@swimmingnz.org.nz by **Friday 18th January 2008**

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Transport

All teams competing in the Open Water competition are advised to arrange flights into **Auckland International Airport with a domestic flight to Rotorua Airport.**

Alternatively you can drive from Auckland to Rotorua which takes approximately 3 hours. Lake Okataina and Lake Rotoma are approximately 30 minutes drive from Rotorua.

Swimming New Zealand will arrange airport transfers to the official hotel, transportation between the official hotel and venues for the pre-training days and days of competition.

Pre-competition training times

	Training times	Transport leaving times
Friday 1 st February	Morning training time may be available depending on demand	
	3.00pm – 5.00pm	2.30pm
Saturday 2 nd February	9.30am – 11.30am	9.00am
	3.00pm – 5.00pm	2.30pm
Sunday 3 rd February	Afternoon training time may be available depending on demand	
Monday 4 th February	9.30am – 11.30am	9.00am
	Afternoon training time may be available depending on demand	

Training at the venues prior to Friday 1st February is to be arranged through Libby Peckham, SNZ Events Coordinator at libby@swimmingnz.org.nz

Team Managers meeting

A Team Managers Meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd February. The venue and time will be advised at a later date.

Registration and start times

10km

Registration for the 10 km will be on Saturday 2nd February at 6pm at The Heritage Hotel, Fenton St, Rotorua.

For numbering on the day	8.15am
Pre-Race briefing	9.00am
Race start time	9.30am Males start 1 st /Females start 2 nd

5km

Registration for the 5 km will be on Saturday 2nd February at 6pm at The Heritage Hotel, Fenton St, Rotorua.

For numbering on the day	8.15am
Pre-Race briefing	9.00am
Race start time	9.30am Males start 1 st /Females start 2 nd

Further Competition Information

More information will be published as it comes to hand.