

Meet Information

Swimming New Zealand Contact

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Entries and Entry Fees

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

Final Psych Sheets

Final Psych Sheets will be posted on the SNZ website on Thursday 22nd January 2009.

Location of swim

Oriental Bay, Wellington

Registrations will take place in the marquee on the beach by Freyberg Pool. The start and finish will also be at the beach by Freyberg Pool.

Race format

The 2009 NZ Open Water Championships shall be swum by males and females as an Open 10km timed final and an Open 5km timed final. Medals will be awarded for both distances for male and female in the age categories 13-15 years, 16-17 years and Open.

Race Course

The venue for the race has a triangular race course set-up.

Swimmers must swim anti-clockwise around the course (refer to the arrows on the course layout diagram). Swimmers must pass the buoys on their left shoulder.

For the 10km race, swimmers must swim the course 4 times (2.5km course).

For the 5km race, swimmers must swim the course 2 times (2.5km course).

Swimmers will be required to swim through a finish gate when completing the race.

Please refer to the Course Layout document on the website. Any questions regarding the course layout please contact Libby at libby@swimmingnz.org.nz

Start-time

Start time for the 10km and 5km races is 9.30am for both males and females.

Registration

Registration for the 2009 NZ Open Water Champs is between 8.15am and 9am. Swimmers must register for both events. You will be allocated your swim cap and number for the swim at registration. Please ensure that the swimmers do not put on Vaseline until after they have been numbered.

Briefing

A Briefing for swimmers will be held at 9.10am on the beach by Freyberg pool. This Briefing must be attended and will include details of the race format, start, race course, finish and race rules.

Officials Meeting

The Officials Meeting will be held at 8.00am on Saturday 31st January in the marquee at the beach by Freyberg Pool.

Scratchings

If swimmers are scratching from the swim please contact Libby Peckham at the above contact details prior to Friday 30th January 2009.

If for any reason you are unable to make it on the day, please contact Libby Peckham on 027 694 3598.

Withdrawals, any swimmers withdrawing from the race after numbering by the Clerk of the Course are required to inform the Clerk of the Course of their withdrawal.

Medal presentations

Medal presentations for placings of 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders and 1st, 2nd and 3rd visitors - male and female for the 13-15, 16-17 and Open age groups and will be held as soon as practicable after the finish of both the 10km and 5km competitions.

A musical fanfare will be used to indicate the Victory Ceremony. Swimmers who are not present will not receive their medal.

Feeding

Feeding will be done in the water. As per FINA OWS Rule 6.13, there is to be no contact between the swimmer and the feeder. Absolutely no throwing of containers is permitted.

Swim Caps

SNZ will provide each swimmer with a numbered swim cap that must be worn so they are visible from the shore and to the officials.

Changing Rooms

Changing rooms and toilets are located by the carpark beside Freyberg Pool, close to the registration marquee.

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Parking

There is plenty of parking along Oriental Parade but there is a time limit so will be monitored.

Results

Results for the NZ Open Water Championships will be posted on the SNZ website as soon as practicable after the event.

Certificates

Certificates for the 2009 NZ Open Water Champs will be sent to clubs after the completion of the competition.