

Meet Information

The 2010 NZ 10km Open Water Championships will take place on Saturday 16 January and the NZ 5km Open Water Champs on Sunday 17 January.

The 2010 NZ Open Water Champs will be held in conjunction with the [2010 Epic Swim Festival](#) – recreational open water swims of varying distances. More information can be found on the Epic Swim Festival website [here](#).

Only registered members of SNZ can participate in the NZ Open Water Championships. The events will be run under FINA rules and no wetsuits are permitted.

Location of swim

Lake Taupo, Taupo

The start and finish will be on the beach in front of the Lake Taupo Yacht Club, 9 Ferry Road, Taupo.

Start-time

10km	11.00am	Saturday 16 January
5km	10.00am	Sunday 17 January

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 7th January 2010.

Race format

The 2010 NZ Open Water Championships will 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 race course is a 2.5km rectangular set-up and can be found on the SNZ website [here](#).

Swimmers must swim clockwise around the course (refer to the course layout diagram). Swimmers must pass the buoys on their right 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 Peckham at libby@swimmingnz.org.nz

Timing

SNZ will have electronic timing for the NZ Open Water Champs. The timing band, which must be worn on the wrist, will be given out at registration. Swimmers will be required to pay \$50 if they lose the timing chip.

Registration

Registrations for the 2010 NZ Open Water Champs are as follows:

10km	9.45am-10.30am	Saturday 16 January
5km	8.45am-9.30am	Sunday 17 January

Registrations will take place on the beach in front of the Lake Taupo Yacht Club, 9 Ferry Road, Taupo.

Swimmers must register for each event and will be allocated their swim cap and number for the swim at registration.

Note:

- Swimmers please do not put Vaseline on until after you have been numbered.
- No jewellery is permitted.
- Fingernail length will be checked.

Briefing

A briefing for swimmers will be held as follows:

10km	10.40am	Saturday 16 January
5km	9.40am	Sunday 17 January

in front of the Lake Taupo Yacht Club. This Briefing must be attended and will include details of the race format, start, race course, finish and race rules.

Officials Meeting

An officials meeting will be held as follows:

10km	9.30am	Saturday 16 January
5km	8.00am	Sunday 17 January

in front of the Lake Taupo Yacht Club.

Withdrawals

If swimmers are withdrawing from the swim please contact Libby Peckham at the above contact details prior to Friday 15th January.

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

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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, will be held as soon as practicable after the finish of both the 10km and 5km competitions.

Swimmers who are not present will not receive their medal.

Feeding

Feeding is only permitted for the 10km and will be done from a boat by the start buoy. 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.

Feeders are only permitted to feed using a feeding pole. As per FINA OWS Rule 6.12 feeding poles are not to exceed 5m in length when extended. No objects, rope or wire may hang off the end of the feeding pole.

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 facilities and toilets will be located on the beach in front of the Yacht Club.

Parking

There is plenty of parking in the car park adjacent to the yacht club and areas surrounding.

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 2010 NZ Open Water Champs will be sent to clubs after the completion of the competition.

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Surf Life Saving New Zealand will be providing the safety for this event.

St John's ambulance will also be in attendance.