

## Meet Information

The State 2012 New Zealand 10km Open Water Championships will take place on Saturday 14 January and the State New Zealand 5km Open Water Champs on Sunday 15 January.

The State 2012 New Zealand Open Water Champs will be held in conjunction with the State Epic Swim recreational swims of varying distances. More information can be found on the State Epic Swim website [here](#).

Only registered members of SNZ can participate in the State New Zealand 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

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January

10km	Men	11.00am
	Women	11.03am

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January

5km	Combined	10.00am
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### Entries and Entry Fees

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

### Final Psych Sheets

Final Psych Sheets will be posted on the SNZ website on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### Race format

The State 2012 New Zealand 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 anticlockwise around the course (refer to 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 Swimming New Zealand website. Any questions regarding the course layout please contact Kent Stead at [kent@swimmingnz.org.nz](mailto:kent@swimmingnz.org.nz)

### Timing

SNZ will have electronic timing for the State New Zealand Open Water Championships. Timing chips, will be worn on both wrists, these will be given out at registration. Swimmers will be required to pay \$30 if they lose the timing chip.

### Registration

Registrations for the State 2012 New Zealand Open Water Championships are as follows:

10km	9.45am-10.30am	Saturday 14 January
5km	8.45am-9.30am	Sunday 15 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 must not put Vaseline on until after they have been numbered. They must also be dry.
- No jewellery is permitted.
- Fingernail length will be checked.

### Briefing

A briefing for swimmers will be held as follows:

10km	10.40am	Saturday 14 January
5km	9.40am	Sunday 15 January

This will be in front of the Lake Taupo Yacht Club. The 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 14 January
5km	8.00am	Sunday 15 January

This will be held in front of the Lake Taupo Yacht Club.

## Meet Information

### Withdrawals

If swimmers are withdrawing from the swim please contact Kent Stead at the above contact details prior to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

If for any reason you are unable to make it on the day, please contact Kent Stead on 021 278 0432.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealanders and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Prize Money

The State 2012 New Zealand Open Water Championships will include \$5000 winner take all prize money for each of the male and female winners of the 10km championship races. Please note that all prize money will be subject to New Zealand IRD obligations.

### Feeding

Feeding is only permitted for the 10km race 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 swim cap that must be worn so they are visible from the shore and to the officials. If a swimmer wishes to wear another cap under the provided race cap, it must be white. White caps will be available for purchase at registration.

### Changing Rooms

Male and female changing tents and toilets will be located on the beach in front of the Yacht

Club. Under no circumstances are swimmers to enter and use the downstairs area 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 State 2012 New Zealand Open Water Championships will be posted on the SNZ website as soon as practicable after the event.

### Abandonment

If a race has to be abandoned the 10km event shall have precedence over the 5km event. The 5km event may be rescheduled to a later start time, and/or date.

### Certificates

Certificates for the State 2012 New Zealand Open Water Championships will be sent to clubs after the completion of the competition.

### Swimming New Zealand Contact

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