



SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS NEW ZEALAND

BLUE LAKE

2024 New Zealand Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championships

Saturday 16 March 2024

Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua

Event Information Booklet

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Swimming New Zealand and the Banana Boat New Zealand Ocean Swim Series have partnered to host the 2024 NZ Secondary School Open Water Championships within the Legend of the lake swim.

The Championships will take place on Saturday 16 March 2024 at Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua.

Event Safety and Rules will be governed by the Banana Boat New Zealand Ocean Swim Series guidelines.

This meet is open to financial, registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand club swimmers, competitive swimmers and any person who is enrolled at Secondary Schools in New Zealand.

For further information, general updates, and any changes to this document, please check the SNZ event webpage regularly.

Distances, Age Groups and Eligibility

The event offers the following distances:

- 3.5km
- 1000m
- 500m

Swimmers wanting to enter multiple distances can do so at their own responsibility. Please note that swimmers must attend the safety briefing of each

distance entered. Check safety briefings and start times before entering.

Age Groups for the Championships are 12-13yrs, 14-15yrs and 16-19yrs, with a female and male division for each of the above Age Groups.

Eligibility Age as at 16 March 2024

There are no qualification times for the Championships; entries open to all schools in New Zealand with year 9-13 students.

Homeschooled students are eligible to participate but must align to a secondary school for the Championships.

Please find eligibility requirements on the School Sport NZ website.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries open on Thursday 22 June 2023

Entries close on Sunday 10 March 2024 at 11:59pm

Late Entries will not be accepted. No refunds for any withdrawals (including medical) will apply once entries have closed.

Entry Process



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All entries **MUST** be completed online and through the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series registration portal which can be found [here](#).

School Sanctioning Form

All entries must be confirmed/sanctioned by the swimmers' Secondary School.

Following entries closing, schools will be sent a list of their students together with the Sanctioning Jotform, which must be completed no later than **5:00pm on Thursday 14 March 2024**.

Foreign Entries

No international visitor entries will be accepted for this championship.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are as follows per individual event:

Distance	Standard
3.5km	\$95
1km	\$70
500m	\$60

Withdrawals

Swimmers withdrawing from the event must inform Swimming New Zealand prior to 5:00pm Thursday 14 March 2024. Swimmers withdrawing from the race after 5:00pm on Thursday 14 March are required to inform event staff at the registration tent of their withdrawal.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

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Distance	Briefing Time	Start Time
3.5km	8:45am	9:00am
1km	10:15am	10:30am
500m	10:15am	10:50am

Briefings are compulsory and must be attended by swimmers. The briefings take place at the start area and will include important information about safety, start and finish procedures and any other important information.

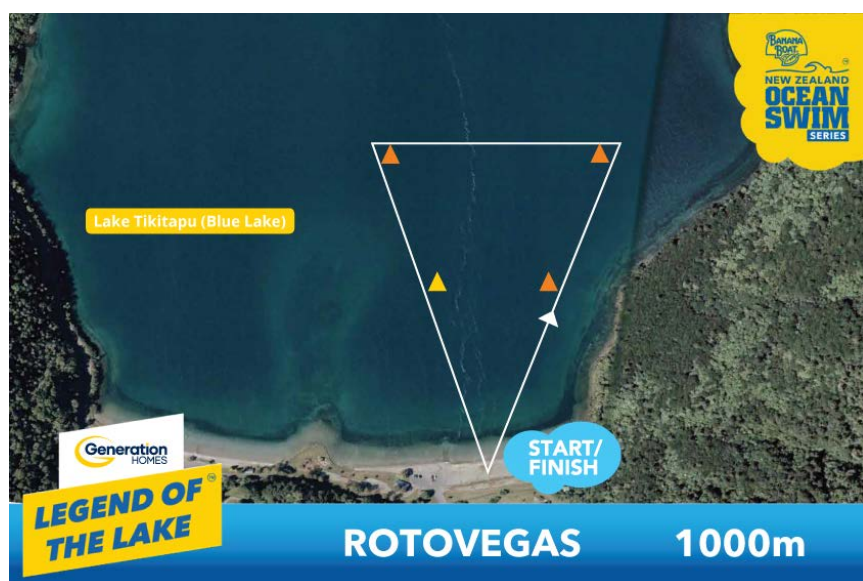
Event Safety

Event safety information can be found [here](#).



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Course Maps





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Timing

Electronic timing straps will be used for these championships. Swimmers will be required to pay \$30.00 per strap if it is lost/not returned.

Wetsuits

Wetsuits are optional for all events.

Swim Caps

Swim caps are provided as part of your entry and must be worn as a Health and Safety measure.

Wave Starts

All events are split into wave starts (start groups) seeding you with swimmers of similar ability/speed. This is calculated by the

estimated swim time selected during your entry process.

Rack Pack Collection

Race Packs can be collected at the Swimming NZ Registration Tent on the day of the event, Saturday 16 March 2024.

The following registration opening times apply:

- 3.5km; 7:00am
- 1km; 9:00am
- 500m; 9:00am

Results

Results for these championships will be posted on the SNZ website and Banana Boat New Zealand Ocean Swim Series as soon as practicable after the event.



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Medals & Trophies

Medals will be awarded to the first three (3) swimmers in each age category per gender as part of the prize giving for each race distance.

A trophy will be awarded to the top overall school with points at the conclusion of the last medal presentation, allocated to swimmers' placing within each distance/event. Points are allocated as stated in the table below.

Please note that all NZ Secondary School Open Water Championship swimmers will still be eligible for medals for the Generation Homes Legend of the Lake swim event in respective divisions, as well as overall series points. Those

swimmers who are from the Aquaknights zone will also be eligible for zonal medals and school points since the event is hosting both championships in one.

Anti-Doping

All participants must agree to and comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	26	21	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	2



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OTHER INFORMATION

Parking

Event Parking will be limited in the event areas, please allow enough time to park further away if required.

We ask for your cooperation to follow any directions or instructions by event staff.

Please drive carefully and slow around the event site as (young) swimmers will be walking around and possibly on roadside.

Meet Photography

Participants who have entered this event agree to allow photograph, video multimedia or film likeness taken by accredited photographers to be used for any legitimate purpose by Swimming New Zealand or others as approved by Swimming New Zealand. If you'd like to opt out of this, please contact events@swimming.org.nz

Bag Storage Area

An area designated to store gear bags will be available for all participants while you swim. This will be situated at the main event site at Lake Tikitapu. You will need to bring your own small bag and label with your name and contact details.

Please remember, this is an 'all care, no responsibility service', so please do not pack valuable items.

More Information or Questions

Please visit the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series website for any further general information or contact Swimming NZ for specific NZ Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championship information.