

GENERAL INFORMATION

Swimming New Zealand rules and regulations govern this competition. The events will be run under FINA rules.

This meet is open to financial, registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand Competitive Swimmers and foreign swimmers registered with foreign FINA affiliated swimming federations.

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The 2018 NZ Open Water Championships will be swum by male and female competitors and will consist of an Open 10km timed-final on Saturday 13 January and an Open 5km timed-final on Sunday 14 January.

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

Venue Address

Lake Taupo Yacht Club
9 Ferry Road
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Entry Information

Entry Deadline

Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 11.59pm. Late entries will not be accepted.
NO REFUNDS for any withdrawals (including medical) will be given once entries have closed.

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted via the SNZ National Database. Individuals will be able to access and complete their entries online via their [My Page](#).

Foreign Entries

Visitors will be able to submit entries using either a TM File or spreadsheet available on the event website. These need to be emailed to events@swimming.org.nz by the entry deadline date specified above.

Foreign entries also need to be accompanied with a signed Travel Authorisation Form/Letter from the national federation.

There is no limit on international visitor entries for this competition.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are \$30.00NZD per individual event

Entry fees must be paid prior to the start of the meet. If they have not been paid it will result in the withdrawal of swimmers.

Clubs and regions that have not paid the required entry fees at the closing date of entries will be invoiced by Swimming New Zealand.

Qualification Criteria

Age as at 13 January 2018.

There are no qualifying times for the 2018 NZ Open Water Championships.

Psych Sheets

Preliminary Psych Sheets will be posted on the Swimming New Zealand website on **WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2017.**

Corrections and changes to psych sheets are to be sent to events@swimming.org.nz by **11.59pm THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER 2017.**

Final Psych Sheets will be posted on the Swimming New Zealand website on **FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2017.**

Medals

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in both distances for male and female competitors in the age categories 13-15 years, 16-17 years and Open.

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Medal presentations will take place as soon as practicable after the finish of both the 10km and 5km races. Swimmers who are not present will not receive their medal.

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.

Caps

Swimmers will be provided with a championship cap which **MUST** be worn during the event so they are visible from the shore and to the officials.

Swimmers wanting to wear a second swimming cap under the championship one must ensure that it is a white cap. These will be available for purchase at the race venue.

Anti-Doping

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

Protest Fee

The protest fee is set at \$100.00NZD. This is payable on submission of correctly completed protest form.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Start Times

Saturday 13 January

10km	Men	10.00am
	Women	10.03am

Sunday 14 January

5km	Men	10.00am
	Women	10.03am

Race Course

The race course is a 2.5km rectangular set-up and can be found below. Swimmers must swim anti-clockwise 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.

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

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



Timing

SNZ will have electronic timing for the NZ Open Water Championships. Timing chips will be worn on both wrists; these will be given out at registration. **Swimmers will be required to pay \$50.00 per chip if it is lost/not returned.**

Rack Pack Collection and Numbering

Registrations for the 2018 NZ Open Water Championships are as follows:

10km	8.30am-9.30am	Saturday 13 January
5km	8.30am-9.30am	Sunday 14 January

Swimmers must present for each event and will be allocated their swim cap and number for the swim at this point.

Note: Swimmers must not put on Vaseline until they have been numbered.

Swimmers MUST also be dry.
No Jewellery is permitted.
Fingernail length will be checked.

Briefing

A briefing for swimmers will be held as follows:

10km	9.30am	Saturday 13 January
5km	9.30am	Sunday 14 January

This will be in one of the marquees on the lake front. The briefing must be attended and will include details of race format, start, race course, finish and race rules.

Withdrawals

Swimmers withdrawing from the event must inform Swimming New Zealand prior to 5pm Friday 12 January.

Please contact the SNZ Events Manager at events@swimming.org.nz or 021569436.

Any swimmers withdrawing from the race after numbering are required to inform the Clerk of the Course of their withdrawal.

Swim Feeders

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. Throwing of containers is not 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.

At registration swimmers will be given two passes. One for them and one for their feeder. The personal name tags are to be given to the Clerk of the Course prior to starting the race and will be returned upon completion. The feeder tag is required by the feeder to gain access to the feeding boat.

***Note: Feeders will be required to access the feeding boat from the docking ramp behind the event site. Feeders will not be ferried to the feeding boat if they miss their departure from the dock.**

Changing Rooms

A male and female changing tent and toilets will be located on the beach in front of the Yacht Club. There will be no access to the downstairs of the yacht club for changing.

Parking

There is plenty of parking in the carpark adjacent to the yacht club and in surrounding streets.

Results

Results for the 2018 NZ Open Water Championships will be posted on the SNZ website as soon as practicable after the event.

Abandonment

If a race is 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.

Wetsuits

FINA have introduced new rules regarding the use of wetsuits in Open Water competitions that come into effect on the 1st of January 2017:

- The lowest possible temperature of the water should remain at 16°C
- Between 16°C and 18°C, wetsuits + bathing cap mandatory.
- Between 18°C and 20°C, wetsuits are optional.
- Over 20°C, wetsuits are not allowed.