

Memo



To SNZ Members
From Libby Peckham – Events Manager
Date Friday 31st July 2009
Subject Regulation Changes and Competition Booklet

Dear SNZ Members,

This memo relates to the 2010 Competition Booklet and the SNZ Regulations effective 1 October 2009.

2010 Competition Booklet

New Zealand Junior Championships Criteria

The criteria for this event are not included in the 2010 Competition Booklet. SNZ has developed a new proposal for the NZ Junior Championships and a memo detailing the proposal will be sent out shortly. Feedback regarding the proposal will be called for and the Flier will be published once feedback has been analysed and the format confirmed.

NZ Open Championships and NZ Short Course Championships

The qualifying times and order of events for these two events could not be confirmed by 31st July. We aim to have the NZ Open Champs information published by start of September. The NZ Short Course Championships information will be published by 27th September 2009.

SNZ Regulations

Thank you for your feedback as part of the regulation review process.

It was important to balance the conflicting demands of the performance environment we are operating in against the feedback received. If we are to have a seamless pathway from our young swimmers through to our elite athletes it is essential that we run our competitions consistently across the full spectrum of competitions.

The following key points are noted:

1) Qualified Swims Only

For all SNZ national competitions swimmers will only be able to swim the events for which they have qualified. Our national competitions are focused on performance pathways and providing consistent, structured competitions to meet our performance pathway objectives. We recognise this may impact on participation, however the drive for performance is our top priority for future national events. In addition, this change will reduce the duration of some of the events where the duration is currently considered too long.

2) Olympic Events Only

There was considerable feedback against having to qualify for an Olympic event in order to swim a non-Olympic event and we have decided not to change this regulation.

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3) Regional and Club Relays

All national competitions will now have both club and regional relays. There is strong support for club relays as a vehicle for growing our relay capability, hence the decision.

4) Spring Competition

This competition will be renamed the NZ Short Course Championships. The championships will be run over six days and include open and age group events. Coaches have recommended the introduction of age groupings into the competition. The new format provides for the need to adapt to the new international calendar and provide a short course meet for age groups.

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 Competition Booklet or the SNZ Regulations effective 1 October 2009, please contact Libby Peckham, Events Manager on 04 560 0349 or libby@swimmingnz.org.nz

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Libby Peckham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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