

# Competition Calendar Structure

June 2024



Recommendations 2 and 3 of the Competition Review focused on locating times on the calendar for the Competitive Tier meets.

## Timing of Competitive - Tier 1 Meets

The timing of national championships have been designed to be spread across the calendar year to provide opportunities for swimmers to prepare and race at them.

Please find the summary and explanation of each national championship:

### NZ Open Water

These championships will be held in January during the Summer School Holidays across 2 days. This will host the national open water champs for our 13-14 years, 15-17 years, Open and Open Multi-Class.

### NZ Age Groups (NAGS)

These championships will be held in the first week of Term 1 School Holidays (usually April) across 5 days. This will host the national long course champs for our 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and 16 years.

### NZ Champs

These championships will be held within a window of mid-May to mid-June across 5 days. This will host the national long course champs for our Open, Open Multi-Class and 17-18 years.

### NZ Short Course

These championships will be held in the first week of Term 3 School Holidays across 5 days. This will host the national short course champs for our 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17-18 years, Open and Open Multi-Class.



## **Timing of Competition - Tier 2 Meets**

The timing of this level of competition has been designed to be stepping stones as part of preparation and pathway to the national championships. Therefore, these competitions will be hosted in the lead up to national championships.

## **NZ Secondary Schools (Pool)**

These championships will be held in late July and early in Term 3 of the school year.

## **Open Water Competitions (NZ Sec Schools & Other)**

There are competitions held across the summer that can be accessed by our swimmers, with NZ Sec Schools held later in the summer season.

## **Major Regional Champs (Long Course)**

These championships will be separated on the calendar between December - March in the lead up to NAGS and NZ Champs. These provide clubs the opportunity to race at multiple major regional champs during the months leading into national championships.

## **Major Regional Championships (Short Course)**

These championships will be separated on the calendar between June - September in the lead up to NZ Short Course. These provide clubs the opportunity to race at multiple major regional champs during the months leading into national championships.

## **Regional Championships**

Our smaller regions will host their regional championships at a time that suits their local clubs in the lead up to national championships and major regional championships.

## **Div II**

For 2025 and 2026, this competition will be held in late March. The timing enables swimmers to achieve qualifying times for NAGS as part of the stepping stone toward national championships.

## **Junior Festivals**

These zonal festivals will be held in early March at the end of the summer season. These festivals are the major racing opportunity for our 12 & unders.

## Timing of Club & Foundation Meets

These levels of competition should be delivered regularly across the calendar to provide opportunities for development and racing. Clubs and regions are encouraged to work together to provide variety of meet formats for their local calendars that cater for all participants within the sport, whilst also being mindful of our volunteer requirements to deliver Officiated Meets.

## Off Season

As part of designing the calendar, attempts have been made to provide swimmers, coaches, parents and officials the opportunity to enjoy a break from the sport. A few of the key timeframes within the calendar have been outlined below, but it's incumbent upon clubs, swimmers and families to conduct their own planning for the calendar to ensure they get time to refresh and rejuvenate.

- **Christmas & New Year**

Kiwis love to have a break with whanau and friends in the summer, so the calendar accommodates having a break during this period. We acknowledge that timing of NZ Open Water does not suffice for all swimmers, but note a break could be taken immediately afterwards during the summer school holidays.

- **Second Week of School Holidays**

Most of our major national championships have been positioned in the first week of school holidays so that age group swimmers can enjoy the second week of holidays with their whanau and friends.



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Pathway Level	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Performance						
Competitive - Tier 1	NZ Open Water			NAGS	NZ Champs *	NZ Champs *
Competitive - Tier 2	Major Region LC	Major Region LC	Junior Festivals Major Region LC Div II		Masters *	Masters * Major Region SC
Club & Foundation	Held throughout the calendar and set up by the local event committees by clubs and regions					

\*Please note that NZ Champs and Masters will be held between mid-May to mid-June

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Performance	World Aquatics Pinnacle	World Para Pinnacle				Qld Champs
Competitive - Tier 1				NZ Short Course		
Competitive - Tier 2	Major Region SC NZ Sec Schools	Major Region SC	Major Region SC			Major Region LC
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