



NZ OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2024 Orangetheory NZ Open Water Swimming Championships

Saturday 13 January 2024

Lake Taupo
9 Ferry Road, Taupo 3330

Event Information Booklet

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Purpose

This meet is held in conjunction with the publicly-available Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series at the idyllic Lake Taupo. The 2024 Orangetheory NZ Open Water Swimming Championships will crown the national respective open water championships and is the pinnacle open water event for swimmers to swim on the national stage.

World Junior Open Water Swimming Champs

Qualifier

This meet is also a selection opportunity for the 2024 World Junior Open Water Championships. Please remember to enter the correct distance for your age group if you're aiming to qualify. Athletes born in 2007 – 2008 should race 7.5km, and athletes born 2005 – 2006 should race 10km.

Good Sports

Please note that this is a Good Sports event. Swimming NZ is proud to partner with and join the Good Sports movement. This program aims to help parents provide the best sporting experience to their kids.

Visit our Parents & Whanau webpage to learn more

Entry Information

Swimming New Zealand rules and regulations govern these championships. 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. All participants must agree to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping rules.

Please note that entry into these championships will also gain you entry into the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series event. You will be eligible for medals and series points in your respective event in addition to these championships.

Entry Deadline

Entries	Timeline
Entries Open	Wed 10 May
Individual Entries Close	Sun 7 January at 11.59pm
Relay Entries Close	Sun 7 January at 11.59pm

Entry Process

All entries must be submitted via the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series entry portal. Please remember to tick that you are entering for the Orangetheory NZ Open Water

Swimming Championships on the entry form and provide your club.

There is no limit on the number of individual event entries.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are set by the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series as the event provider.

Distance	Prices
10km	As set by Banana Boat NZ OSS
7.5km	As set by Banana Boat NZ OSS
5km	As set by Banana Boat NZ OSS
2.5km	As set by Banana Boat NZ OSS
4 x 1km Relay	As set by Banana Boat NZ OSS

Entry fees must be paid prior to the start of the meet. If they have not been paid it could result in the withdrawal of swimmers. Clubs that have not paid the required entry fees at the closing date of entries will be invoiced by Swimming NZ.

Please refer to the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series for their refund policy.

Qualification Criteria

Age as at 13 January 2024

Please note there is no qualifying period or qualifying times for this event.

Para Athletes

These championships are open to Para swimmers who have a classification – provisional, national or international. Swimming NZ is wanting to grow Para swimmers involvement at all levels and variations of swimming.

Medals will be awarded based on who finishes first regardless of disability type or extent.

If you have any questions about Para athletes please contact Cameron Leslie, Disability & Para Swimming Participation Manager, cameron@swimming.org.nz.

International Entries

Visitors will be able to submit entries via the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series portal. They will also need to notify Swimming NZ via email with an accompanying signed Travel Authorisation Form/Letter from your national federation to entries@swimming.org.nz by the entry deadline date specified above.





There is no limit on international visitor foreign entries.

Corrections and changes to psych sheets are to be sent to entries@swimming.org.nz by 11.59pm on Tuesday 9 January.

Psych Sheets

An entry list will be posted on the event page of the SNZ website in the days following entries closing.

Event Specifications & Schedule

Distance	Gender	Age Groups	Start Time
10km	Male, Female	15-17, Open	6.30am
7.5km (run with the 10km)	Male, Female	13-14, 15-17	6.30am
5km	Male, Female	13-14, 15-17, Open	10.30am
2.5km	Male, Female	13-14, 15-17, Open, Para	12.30pm
4 x 1km Relay	Male, Female, Mixed (2x2)	16 & Under (13-16), Open	2pm

Please note: As the 7.5km is run in conjunction with the 10km, participants may only enter one of these races.

Event Schedule

Event Number	Event	Age Groups	Gender	Start Time
1	10km	15 – 17, Open	Male	6.30am
2	10km	15 – 17, Open	Female	6.30am
3	7.5km	13 – 14, 15 – 17	Male	6.30am
4	7.5km	13 – 14, 15 – 17	Female	6.30am
5	5km	13 – 14, 15 – 17, Open	Male	10.30am
6	5km	13 – 14, 15 – 17, Open	Female	10.30am
7	2.5km	13 – 14, 15 – 17, Open, Para	Male	12.30pm
8	2.5km	13 – 14, 15 – 17, Open, Para	Female	12.30pm
9	4 x 1km Relay	13 – 16, Open	Male	2pm
10	4 x 1km Relay	13 – 16, Open	Female	2pm
11	4 x 1km Relay	13 – 16, Open	Mixed	2pm

Race Course

The race course is a 2.5km rectangular set-up and can be found below. Swimmers must swim clockwise around the course. Please note this will be an in-water start and finish.

Swimmers must pass the turn buoys on their right shoulder.

For the 10km race, swimmers must swim the course 4 times.

For the 7.5km race, swimmers must swim the course 3 times.

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

For the 2.5km race, swimmers must swim the course once.

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



Athlete Information

Pre-Meet Training

Date	Pre-Meet Training
Friday 12 January	2pm – 5pm

The course will be set up for training on the Friday afternoon. Swimmers are welcome to have a swim on the course but please note there won't be water safety on the water, so you'll need to be responsible for your own safety.

Key Times

Event	Registrations Open	Briefing Time
<i>Saturday 13 January</i>		
10km	5am – 6.10am	6.15am
7.5km	5am – 6.10am	6.15am
5km	9am – 10.10am	10.15am
2.5km	11am – 12.10pm	12.15pm
4 x 1km Relay	12.30pm – 1.40pm	1.45pm

Event	Competition Start Time	
	Male	Female
<i>Saturday 13 January</i>		
10km	6.30am	6.32am
7.5km	6.30am	6.32am
5km	10.30am	10.32am
2.5km	12.30pm	12.32pm
4 x 1km Relay	2pm (mixed, male and female)	

Registration

Swimmers must present at registration for each event and be allocated their timing chip and number for the swim at this point. Swimmers are to race in the numbered swim cap provided at registration. We encourage plain caps to be worn underneath.

All competitors are advised to:

- Ensure that all jewellery items have been completely removed
- Ensure that all acrylic nails have been completely removed
- Ensure that their finger nails and toe nails have been trimmed so that they do not extend passed the tip of the finger/toe
- Ensure that they present themselves to registration either with or in their race suits.

- Leave both shoulders and upper left and right arms free of grease or sunscreen, as their competitor number will be tattooed on these areas. Care should be taken when applying grease to ensure that the competitor numbers remain legible.

At the swimmers first registration they will be given a pass. All swimmers must report with this pass at that start of each of their events and also when they register for subsequent events.

Please note: For the 10km and 7.5km, feeders will be required to report to registration with the swimmer – please refer to feeder information on following page.

Electronic Timing

SNZ will have electronic timing for these championships. Timing chips will be worn on both wrists; these will be given out at registration. Swimmers will be required to return both transponders at the completion of the course. If the transponder is lost/not returned, the swimmer will be required to pay \$50.00 per chip.

Race Briefings

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

Caps

Swimmers are to race in the numbered swim cap provided at registration. We encourage plain caps to be worn underneath.

Wetsuits

World Aquatics and Swimming NZ rules allow the use of wetsuits in Open Water competitions in the following conditions. When the water temperature taking on the day of the competition is:

- From 18.0°C and below, wetsuits are mandatory, and an approved wetsuit must be worn
- From 18.0°C and above, wetsuits are not allowed, and all swimmers must wear an approved swimsuit

For the purpose of these rules, wetsuits are swimsuits made of material providing thermal insulation. Wetsuits for both men and women shall completely cover torso, back, shoulders and knees. They shall not extend beyond the neck, wrists and ankles. Please refer to the Inclusive Swimwear Policy on the SNZ website for more details.



Abandonment

If a race must 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.

Results

Results for these championships will be posted on the SNZ website as soon as practicable after the event.

Victory Ceremonies

Medals shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor medals shall be awarded to any international competitor who places in the top three.

Medal ceremonies will take place at the end of the day, with the location to be confirmed closer to the event in the communications sent prior to the event. **T**

Dress Standard for victory ceremonies:

- Club or regional t-shirt, jacket or sweatshirt

- No caps or goggles
- No towels to be wrapped around the waist

Photography & Videography

Photos and videos will be taken throughout the competition. All athletes have agreed to allow photographs, videos and audio recordings to be taken by accredited SNZ or Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series contractors to be used for any legitimate purpose by SNZ or Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series. If you have any concerns, please contact the Event Manager.

Merchandise

Merchandise for this event is provided by SNZ partner Teamline and is available for pre-purchase. Teamline will also be set up and in attendance at the event.



Team Managers Information

Accreditation

Whilst there is no accreditation required to be on the beach at the event, we encourage Team Managers please complete the link provided on the event webpage so communications can be shared.

Event Communication

During the meet, SNZ may use the multi-txt system to communicate to coaches and team managers during the meet. Please ensure your contact details are correct on the Team Manager online form.

Managers Meeting

There will be a team manager's meeting held on **Friday 12 January at 5.30pm, Registration Tent in the event area at the lake.**

Team Managers will be given a brief run-down of meet activities, expectations of swimmers and clubs and general delivery of the event. Each club must have at least one representative at the meeting to ensure all information is delivered back to the swimmers.

Race numbers, timing chips and feeder bands will be given out at the registration prior to each race.

Event Packs

Event packs will be available for collection at registration on race day.

Feeders

A designated feeding area will be provided for the feeding of swimmers during the 7.5km and 10km events. This area will be the only place on the course where a swimmer may be fed. Please note feeding does not occur for the 2.5km and 5km events.

- Each swimmer is allowed one (1) handler, who will be required to check in with the swimmer at the time of registration. Once registered, the handler will be given an event specific wrist band. Failure to display this wrist band will result in the handler being denied access to the feeding area.
- Feeders will feed by wading into the water from the beach at the specified area.
- Feeders are only permitted to feed using a feeding pole. As per WA 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. The feeding pole must be available for inspection when the swimmer is attending registration.

- All entrants are responsible for organising their own handlers.

Withdrawals

Swimmers withdrawing from the event must inform Swimming New Zealand prior to 5pm on Wednesday 10 January, please contact entries@swimming.org.nz.

Any swimmers withdrawing from the race after numbering are required to inform the Clerk of the Course of their withdrawal and may face penalty fees.

Protests

Protests must be submitted to the referee, in writing, on the protest form by the team manager only within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event. This needs to be accompanied in cash by the \$100.00 protest fee.

If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

All protests shall be considered by the referee. If the referee rejects the protest, they must state the reasons for their decision. The Team Manager may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to SNZ. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be returned.

Disqualifications

Failure to complete the race with at least one timing transponder will result in disqualification from that event.



Medical Information

Service	Address	Phone
Taupo Health Centre (A&E)	113 Heuheu St, Taupo	07 378 7060
The Dentists	7 Motutaiko St, Taupo	07 378 8112
Unichem Pharmacy	113 Heuheu St, Taupo	07 376 5246
Life Pharmacy	35-37 Heuheu St, Taupo	07 378 6100
X-Ray, Lakes Radiology	115 Heuheu St, Taupo	07 377 3372
Physio, Fox Physio	6 Motutaiko, Taupo	07 378 2123
Taupo Hospital	Kotare St	07 376 1000
Emergency – Fire, Police, Ambulance		111
AED	Water Safety Team – Lakefront Reserve Taupo District Council – 21 Story Pl, Taupo Taupo Library – 4 Story Pl, Taupo	