



2024 Southern Zonal Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championships

Saturday 2 November 2024

Tahunanui Beach, Nelson

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 Southern Zonal Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championships within The Big Tahuna swim.

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 competition webpage regularly.

Distances, Age Groups and Eligibility

The event offers the following distances:

- 3.2km
- 1.3km

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 2 November 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.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries close on Monday 28 October 11:59pm

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

Entry Process

All entries MUST be completed online and through the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series registration portal.

School Sanctioning Form

Schools are not required to complete a school sanctioning form for these championships.

Foreign Entries

No international visitor entries will be accepted for this championship. Visitors may enter the publicly available event through the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are as set by the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series. These can be found on their webpage.





COMPETITION INFORMATION

Briefings

Briefings are compulsory and must be attended by all swimmers prior to commencing. They include important information about safety, start and finish procedures and any other important information.

Key Times

Distance	Registration	Briefing & Start
3.2km	7.30am	9.45am 10am (race)
1.3km	10.10am	11am

*Please note that Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series may update as required.

Course Maps

These can be viewed on the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series webpage for the Big Tahuna.

Swim Caps

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

Wetsuits

Wetsuits are optional for all events.

Wave Starts

All events are split into wave starts seeding you with swimmers of similar ability/speed. This is calculated by the estimated swim time selected during your entry process.

Timing Chips

Electronic timing straps will be used for these championships. Swimmers will be charged if any straps are lost/not returned.

Race Pack Collection

These can be collected from the registration tent at the times specified on the Big Tahuna webpage on the Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series website.

Results

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

Medals

Medals will be awarded to the top three swimmers in each age group category per gender.

Please note that students will also be eligible for medals in the Big Tahuna event.

Anti-Doping

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



OTHER INFORMATION

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 Drop Off and Storage Area

The Banana Boat NZ Ocean Swim Series team have organised a bag storage area. Please refer to their website for more details.

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 2024 Southern Zonal Secondary School Open Water Swimming Championships information.

