

Swimming New Zealand By-Laws

1. New Zealand Records

- 1.1. SNZ shall maintain a register of all New Zealand long-course and short-course individual and regional relay records, New Zealand long-course and short-course relay records
- 1.2. To be eligible to hold a New Zealand Record a swimmer must be a New Zealand citizen or hold New Zealand Residency and have lived in New Zealand for a period longer than 6 months.
- 1.3. New Zealand records will only be accepted when times are recorded by automatic timing or semi-automatic timing in the event of an automatic timing system malfunction and shall be recognised to 100th (one hundredth) of a second. Swimmers will be recognised as joint holders of the record when more than one has the same time.
- 1.4. Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Individual Medley records cannot be set in Freestyle events.
- 1.5. The distances for New Zealand individual and relay records and age-group records for males and females shall be:

Long Course & Short Course Open & Age Group Records	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 2. 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 3. 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 4. 400m – FR, IM 5. 800m – FR 6. 1500m – FR
Long Course & Short Course Open Records only	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. 4 x 100m MED 8. 4 x 100m FR 9. 4 x 200m FR
Short Course Open & Age Group Records	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. 50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 11. 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 12. 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 13. 400m – FR, IM 14. 800m – FR 15. 1500m – FR

- 1.6. New Zealand age group records will be recognised for males and females in yearly ages as follows:- 12 years and under, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, and 18 years. Age will be determined as at the date of the swim.



- 1.7. A swimmer may establish a record for an intermediate distance within an individual record distance. The swimmer must successfully complete the entire distance for the record to be accepted.
- 1.8. The NZ relay record shall be the fastest time recorded by 4 New Zealanders.
- 1.9. For regional relay records all swimmers for whom the record is claimed must be current members of the one region.
- 1.10. The first swimmer in a relay event may establish a record for an individual record distance. The individual performance shall not be nullified by any team disqualifications for violations after the record is achieved.
- 1.11. An application must be received by SNZ within 21 days of the date of the performance, or within 21 days of a competitor/team returning from overseas. Record certificates shall be issued for all ratified records.

2. Membership Transfers

- 2.1 Any member of a club desiring to transfer to another club shall forward at the same time, the transfer application to their club and regional association. The regional association shall request the transferor club provide without delay a certificate that she/he is not financially indebted thereto. The regional association receiving the transfer application shall forward the approved application to the regional association and the new club the member is transferring to.
- 2.2 A member under suspension, or awaiting a hearing for an offence capable of having a period of suspension imposed, is ineligible for transfer.
- 2.3 A member may only be a competitive swimmer for one (1) club at any one time.
- 2.4 Notwithstanding Rule 61 and Rule 7.2 of the Swimming New Zealand Constitution a competitive swimmers shall be deemed to be a non financial member of their club until a transfer has been completed in accordance with Rule 2.1 of these By-laws or they have not renewed their annual membership for two (2) consecutive years.



2.5 For transfers of competitive swimmers only, the transfer shall become effective immediately once the transfer has been approved by the regional association(s).

2.6 If a swimmer transfers again within three months there will be a sixty (60) day stand down period before being eligible to represent their new club. During the sixty (60) day period the transferring competitive swimmer may continue to represent the club transferred from or choose to be unattached from any club. The competitive swimmers will remain a member of the regional association of the club they are transferring from during the sixty (60) day period.

3. Right to Compete

3.1 A swimmer will not be eligible to compete in an approved competition unless he/she:

- (a) Is a current member of SNZ, and
- (b) Has first paid his/her membership fees due to his/her Club, Regional Association and SNZ, and
- (c) Has first paid any other fees or costs prescribed by his/her regional association and/or SNZ, including the fee or cost to travel to, be accommodated, and compete in, a past or future representative competition; and
- (d) Has supplied their contact details to SNZ as required in Rule 6.

3.2 At Club and Inter-Club competitions, financial and registered (at the time of competition) Club Swimmers and Competitive Swimmers may compete in all events.

3.3 At Regional and National competitions, all participants must be financial and registered (at the time of competition) Competitive Swimmers.

3.4 At all School Meets, financial and registered (at the time of the competition) Club Swimmers and Competitive Swimmers may compete in all events.

3.5 Any overseas swimmer from another federation competing at any competition in New Zealand must supply to SNZ an approval letter from their home federation confirming their eligibility to train and compete whilst in New Zealand.

3.6 By definition a "School Meet" is one where swimmers compete for their school rather than their club. The New Zealand Secondary School Championship is by definition a "School Meet" where Competitive and Club Swimmers may compete in all events.

