



2022 South Island Country & Town Competition

26-27th March 2022, Stadium 2000, BLENHEIM



This event is open to financially registered (at the time of competition) Swimming New Zealand Club and Competitive members and foreign athletes registered with a FINA affiliated swimming federation, who have met the competition's criteria. Visitor; a member of an affiliated club outside of the Makos zone.

All participants must agree to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and in entering this event, athletes agree to allow photograph, video, multimedia, or film likeness taken by accredited photographers to be used for any legitimate purpose by Swimming Nelson Marlborough or others that have been approved by the Makos Committee.

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This event will be limited to 200 entrants, split into pods to comply with current Covid-19 protection framework. Pods will be arranged in clubs and notified once entries have closed.

For latest information, please check the Swimming Nelson Marlborough [website](#) to ensure you have the up-to-date version.

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Venue Address: Stadium 2000, Kinross Street, Blenheim



COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK RESTRICTIONS IN RED

- At entry, scan the Covid-19 Tracer App or complete the manual record.
- At entry, present your My Vaccine Pass for verification when you are 12 years & 3 months or older.
- Face coverings are to be worn into and out of the facility, they are not mandatory to be worn once inside, however we recommended they are worn wherever possible.
- Physical distancing is not a requirement, we would encourage it wherever possible.
- Capacity limits will be applicable at the facility.
- No spectators as the capacity is limited to 100 swimmers, team managers & coaches.
- Wash and dry your hands or use hand sanitiser regularly.
- Abide by any other directives from the venue staff.
- At any time that the SNM Region is at a Covid alert level that allows a swimming meet to proceed, any attendee, (e.g., swimmer, technical official, parent or relative etc) who in the days preceding the swim meet has a Covid test, and has not received a negative test result, shall be excluded from the competition (and venue) until such time as they receive a negative result.
- Should the venue for the swim meet have more strict conditions to the SNM policy the venue's policy shall take precedence.
- For more information on our Contingency Plans, please [click here](#).

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDANT ON RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT TIME OF, AND DURING MEET.

You should stay home if you are unwell and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5433 for further advice

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- Qualification times must have been achieved between 1 January 2020 and 18th March 2022.
- Age as at 26th March 2022.
- Para athletes are NOT required to meet the qualifying times BUT must have a valid entry time
- All entries must be submitted via the athletes Fast Lane or Club Administrators using the Swimming NZ Database.
 - No split times will be accepted as an athlete's entry time.
 - No Time (NT) will not be accepted.

ENTRY DETAILS

- Entries close on Friday, 18th March 2022, 11:59pm. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Relay entries close Sunday, 20th March 2022, 11:59am. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Entry fees: \$10.00 per individual event, \$15.00 per club relay team.
- Clubs that have not paid the required entry fees at the entry closing date will be invoiced by Swimming Nelson Marlborough.
- No Refunds for any withdrawals will be given once the final entry lists have been published. Medical withdrawals can be considered if a medical certificate is provided prior to the commencement of the competition.

PARA ATHLETES

- Para athletes do not have to meet qualifying times, **but** a valid entry time is required.
- Para athletes will be judged as per World Para Swimming rules (FINA rules plus the athlete's relevant exceptions) for the entirety of the meet.
- Para athletes will be seeded with able-bodied athletes for all events.
- Para awards will be resulted and distributed for the 50m and 100m backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly and individual medley, as open mixed timed finals, based on percentage of the Para athlete's time compared to the World Record for their classification.

MEET CONDITIONS

The South Island Country & Town Competition will be swum under Swimming New Zealand swimming rules, policies, and regulations with the following exceptions.

- The competition will be swum as short course (25m) using electronic timing.
- Over the top starts maybe used.
- Qualifying criteria is published using short course (25m) times however the Swimming NZ database will automatically convert athletes long course times, if required.
- Individual Events
 - Single gender, timed finals, resulted and scored in the following age groups; 10 years & under, 11-12 years, 13-14 years and 15 years & over. Exception is 200m Butterfly which is resulted as a single gender open event.
 - Para athletes will be seeded, raced and resulted amongst the able-bodied athletes except for 50m and 100m backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly and individual medley where these results will be separated.
- Club Relay Entries
 - Relay teams will be representing their Clubs.
 - Athletes must have entered at least one individual event to be eligible for relay selection.
 - Teams can consist of mixed genders, any combination, or single gender in the following age groups; 10 years & under, 11-12 years, 13-14 years and 15 years & over.
 - Athletes may swim up an age group but must stay in that age group for all relay events.
 - Athletes who have qualified NZ Junior Festival or NZ Division II Competition may be selected for freestyle relays and any stroke within the medley relay.

Technical Performance Race Suit

Makos Technical Performance Race Suit policy is in place at this competition for athletes aged 12 years and under. A technical swimsuit is one that has bonded seams or kinetic tape. [Refer to the policy on our website for more information.](#)

Strapping

Athletes with strapping must provide documentation from a relevant registered health practitioner or physiotherapist and be reviewed by the Technical Director prior to swimming. Any athlete without such documentation will not be permitted to swim with strapping.

Withdrawal Procedure

- Session 1 withdrawals and relay changes must be notified to the meet recorder not less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the competition via email to snmregistrar@gmail.com.
- For all other session's withdrawals must be received not more than 30 minutes after the end of the previous session.
- Relay Team changes must be received not more than 30 minutes after the end of the previous session.
- A fine of \$50.00 will be incurred for any late withdrawals or 'no shows', except for medical injury or disability as judged by the Technical Director.

Protests

- Protests must be submitted to the referee, in writing, on the protest form by the team manager within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event and 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 club Team Manager may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final. If the protest is rejected, the fee will be forfeited to Swimming Nelson Marlborough, If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned.

AWARDS AND SCORING

Visitors are not eligible for ribbons.

Points will be awarded to individuals and relay teams as follows.

- 1st = 14, 2nd = 12, 3rd = 10, 4th = 8, 5th = 6, 6th = 5, 7th = 4, 8th = 3, 9th = 2, 10th = 1

Ribbons will be awarded to both female and male athletes as follows;

- Individual top three (3) placings per age group, except the 200m Butterfly where it is swum as an open event.
- Relay top three (3) placings per age group

Para athletes will be awarded ribbons for the 50m and 100m backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly and individual medley, as open mixed timed finals, based on percentage of the Para athlete's time compared to the World Record for their classification.

Regional Competition Trophy is based on accumulated points across all events are to be divided by the number of competitors (at the commencement of the meet) each region must find the overall winner who will be presented with a trophy.

Club Competition Trophy is awarded to the club with the highest accumulated individual points across the competition in the following two categories.

- Clubs with 7 or more swimmers at the commencement of the meet.
- Clubs with 6 or less swimmers at the commencement of the meet.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Coaches and Managers Accreditation

- Clubs are required to complete the Coaches and Managers Application online via the Swimming NZ Database on behalf of their coaches and managers who will be attending this competition. Accreditation application must be completed no later than 18th March 2022.
- Only **one** Team Manager and **one** Coach will be allowed to accompany their team into the facility.

Event Documentation

- Draft entry lists will be emailed directly to participants and their affiliated club as soon as possible after close of entries.
- Final entry lists will be published on the SNM Website no later than Thursday 24th March 2022.
- Seeded Program will be published on the event page no later than Thursday 24th March 2022. Clubs will receive their allocated programs within their club packs.
- There will be a limited number of programs available to purchase during this competition.

Warm Up/Down Procedure

- Warmup is to be conducted under the consultation and guidance of all coaches.
- Warmup commences forty (40) minutes prior to the start of each session.
- Two (2) backstroke start devices will be available for use during each warmup period.

Marshalling Process

- Located in the alcove to the left, at the start end of the pool.
- Athletes will need to marshal 6 races prior for 50m events and 4 races prior to their event for all other events and remain in the marshalling area.
- All athletes are required to marshal for relays.

Seating

- **NO athlete, manager or coach is to stand and/or sit on the pool deck during the competition sessions, use the seating available in the grandstand OR the designated coach's area on the pool deck.**
- The seating plan will be published on the Swimming Nelson Marlborough website.
- Team Managers are asked to ensure athletes with allocated seating do not procure additional seats.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

Swimming Nelson Marlborough will endeavor to obtain the necessary number of technical officials, but the number on pool deck may be more or less, than the requirement set out in Swimming NZ approval criteria.

Notice of Availability

- Volunteer Form – please fill out your availability [here](#).

Meeting

- Will be held 30 minutes prior to every session in the corner meeting room.

General Information

- Bring your own water bottle, refills will be available throughout the session.

TEAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Only **one** Team Manager and **one** Coach will be allowed to accompany their team into the facility.

Club Boxes are found at the recorders desk.

Meeting

- Held on Saturday 26th March 2022, corner meeting room, at [time TBA].
- Team Managers will be given a brief run-down of meet activities, expectations of athletes 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 team.

Event Packs

- Available for collection at recorders desk.
- Event/Session programme numbers are based on the number of athletes from each club competing;

2 programs for teams with 1-10 athletes	4 programs for teams with 21-30 athletes
3 programs for teams with 11-20 athletes	5 programs for teams with 31+ athletes
- If you require additional programs these can be purchased from the recorders desk.

Disqualifications

- Disqualifications will be announced (when possible).
- A copy of the disqualification form will be put in the club box.

Results

- Posted as soon as possible, at the turn end of the pool on the windows.
- Swimming Nelson Marlborough will have live results via Meet Mobile.
- Session results will be published on the website at the conclusion of each session.

Event Forms

- Relay and Withdrawal forms are available near Club boxes.

Timelines

- Timelines will be published with the seeded program.
- Times shown are approximate and races may start before or after the times indicated.
- It is the athlete's responsibility to be at marshalling at the appropriate time (i.e. 4 heats before the athletes scheduled race).