

Taranaki Summer Championships 2026

Entry Terms & Conditions

1. **All swimmers:** Must be a registered (financial) competitive member of Swimming New Zealand.
2. **All events:** Will be conducted under World Aquatic rules, Swimming New Zealand rules, policies and local rules.
 - *All events will be timed finals
 - *All events will be swum in age groups. Individuals are: 9 years & under, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and 16 years & over.
 - *Some events may be combined. This is at the discretion of the Meet Director.
3. **Entry Fee:** \$9.00 per entry payable via Fastlane.
4. **Entries Close:** Entries close at **11:59pm, Sunday the 8th February 2026 -No late entries will be accepted – NO EXCEPTIONS**
5. **Qualifying Period:** : There is no qualifying period.
6. **Entry Times:** To be converted to 25 metre short course times, times **must** be submitted for all events – **No Time (NT) will not be accepted** (there are no qualifying times however a time must be on the SNZ database).
7. Eligible times at club level including club nights and club championships **WILL** be accepted. A time provided by a swim coach is **NOT** eligible.
8. **1500 free:** Fastest 14 swimmers will be eligible for entry.
9. **Technical/Performance Race Suits** are not allowed to be worn for junior swimmers aged 12 years and under.

A technical / performance race suit is a specialized swimsuit designed with bonded/meshed seams or kinetic tape. In simpler terms, tech suits don't appear to have seams. If in doubt, please get your Team Manager to check with the Technical Director before the start of the session.
10. **Swimming Taranaki:** reserves the right to limit entries, should the need arise.
11. **Awards:** Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and ribbons for 4th – 7th places. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 Taranaki place getters in each event as detailed in the meet programme, gender and age group. A maximum of 2 visitor medals will be awarded in each age group, in each event, if placed in the top 3. Only Taranaki affiliated swimmers are eligible for Age Group Trophies.
12. **Taranaki records** - \$30 prize money awarded for the oldest Taranaki record broken by a Taranaki Swimmer
13. **Team Managers:** Each club shall appoint one or two Team Manager (depending on swimmer numbers) who will handle all withdrawals, protests, receipt of disqualification forms and awards and attend any Managers' meetings. The Team Manager/s will also ensure that all club members adhere to the rules of the meet.
14. **Technical Officials:** Swimming Taranaki shall endeavour to obtain the necessary number of officials. We welcome any assistance from visiting officials.
15. **Timekeepers:** Clubs are asked to provide timekeepers. Please supply names to ST Administrator.
16. **Athletes with a Disability:** Athletes who hold an IPC Classification are eligible to participate and will be seeded amongst able-bodied athletes on the basis of entry times. It is the responsibility of the athletes or their team manager to show the Referee before the start of the session their IPC Classification in order that their swim can be judged under the applicable IPC rules.
17. **Taranaki Club Relays:** Following the conclusion of events on Saturday (14th February) and Sunday (15th February) the Regional Club Relays will be held. Please refer to separate flyer for "Club Relay" details.



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13th - 15th February 2026

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre, 53 Portia St, Stratford,
Taranaki

Swimming Taranaki would like to welcome all swimmers, officials, team managers and supporters to The Taranaki Summers 2026. The enclosed information will help your participation and ensure the smooth running of our event.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Meet Organisers:** Swimming Taranaki Board
- Meet Secretary:** Louisa Parker
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- Meet Director:** **Rowan Williams**

Programmes

- Will be available online only

Withdrawals

Withdrawals will be accepted in accordance with SNZ Policy 008, Rule 3.

- Withdrawals must be advised to the Recording Office at least 30 minutes before the start of the Session. Failure to notify withdrawals within the specified times will result in the swimmer being liable to a \$40.00 fine. An official SNZ Withdrawal Form must be used.
- The fine is payable on the day it is presented to you – failure to do so may result in the swimmer being unable to swim in the following session.
- The Meet Director shall determine the acceptability on all matters where medical reasons or hardship are claimed.
Note: A Medical Certificate will be required for refunds on withdrawal and must be handed into the Recording Office before the conclusion of the meet.
- **Meet Director and Referee reserve the right to waive any fines.**

Strapping

- Strapping is not permitted unless it is specifically authorised. Should strapping be required the swimmer should meet with the Meet Referee/Director at the start of the warm-up session to obtain official approval.

Protests Policy & SNZ Regulations

- These must be lodged on **Protest Forms**
- Protests can **only** be lodged by the Team Manager on the appropriate form accompanied by the fee of **\$50.00**.
- The form must be delivered directly to the Meet Referee.

Opening Ceremony

- The start of Session One will include the Opening Ceremony at Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Officials

- Where appointed officials become unavailable, the Meet Director is to be notified as soon as possible.
- We welcome any assistance from visiting officials.
- A white shirt is required at all times please. Black or white trousers or skirt if possible.

Timekeepers

- The Technical Committee will coordinate the placement of Timekeepers for the meet. A request that visitors help if possible.

Team Managers

- A Team Managers meeting will be held *prior* to each Session in the Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre Clubrooms.
- It is **strongly** recommended your Club be represented. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that information from this and subsequent meetings is passed to the relevant members/swimmers within the Club.
- Team Folders are located in the clubrooms and entry to this area is **RESTRICTED** to Team Managers *only*.
- All enquiries to the **Meet Director** – **DO NOT** disturb the Recorders.

Marshalling

- Swimmers are to report to the Marshall **FOUR (4)** races prior or when called by the Announcer.
- Any swimmer who fails to report on time will be deemed to have withdrawn.
- Swimmers *must* remain in the Marshalling Area *until* told to move forward to the starting blocks.
- Should a swimmer absent him/herself from the designated Marshalling area *without* permission they will be **liable** to disqualification by the Referee prior to the start of the race. **This is a Meet Rule.**

Events

- Events will be swum as per the programme however the Meet Director reserve the right to the following:
- To restrict the number of any entries for any event
- To combine events where necessary

Timed Finals

- This meet is being run as timed finals for all events.

Results

- Results will be posted on the Swimming Taranaki website.

Medal Presentations

- Medals & Ribbons will be labelled and placed in Team boxes in the clubrooms for collection by Team Managers only.

Prize

- There is a \$30 prize to the Taranaki swimmer who breaks the oldest Swimming Taranaki record during the meet.

Time Trials

- There will be **no** time trials permitted for the duration of the Championships.

Housekeeping Duties

- Please ensure that your Club appoints sufficient, competent people for each duty.
- Ensure they are correctly briefed and are made available for the duration required. Please ensure your Club is a good participant in these duties, none of which are onerous, but each of which is vital to the success of the Championships.

EMERGENCY & SAFETY PROCEDURES

Under the Occupational Health & Safety Act (OSH) it is necessary for Swimming Taranaki to advise you of the hazards that may affect you whilst swimming or attending any of our Swimming Taranaki run Carnivals and Championships.

Notified Hazards

- Swimming pool.
- Floor Surfaces are slippery when wet. No running.
- Seating can become slippery when wet.
- Caution around Starting Equipment cables is required.
- Weather conditions: hot/cold have different effects on body.
- Hazardous substances: chemical in pool area.

In General

- Familiarise yourself with the pool layout, exits and equipment
- Ensure children **do not** run around out of control.
- Advise of dangers or problems that you may observe. Do not leave it up to others.
- Stay away from roped off areas at all times.

In an Emergency

- Tell the nearest Pool Attendant or Swimming Official who will advise the Referee.
- First Aid kits are available at the main Control Centre.
- If you have to contact Emergency Services be accurate with your address.
- Pool life guards are trained in first aid & CPR.

For Evacuation

- Do not panic.
- Three (3) loud blasts on the whistle by the Referee shall clear the pool.
- Leave the pool complex as directed by pool staff.
- Assemble in area designated by pool Staff.
- Assist Team Managers and Officials to evacuate the swimmers safely.
- Conduct a roll call to account for all persons (children and adults) in **your** club.
- Notify the relevant emergency services as required.

During the Meet

- Please take care to ensure the health and safety of yourself and others.
- Take particular care of those under your direct control.