

SWIMMING WAIKATO

Swimming Waikato Championship Meets Policy

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Version 1 – 13 February 2019
Version 2 – 20 March 2019
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OBJECTIVE –

- To provide a fair, consistent, competitive opportunity for all swimmers at our annual Swimming Waikato Championship Meets.

RATIONALE –

Our Swimming Waikato Championships are target meets for many swimmers in our membership and as such, Swimming Waikato is committed to running these events in formats that celebrate swimming at all levels.

Swimming Waikato has we have a number of summer only clubs with predominantly junior programmes. To encourage the growth of the competitive programmes at these clubs, our Swimming Waikato Junior Championship meet is held annually in March to ensure that these swimmers have a full season of swimming in the lead up to this meet.

Attention is paid to the timing of zonal and national meets (Zonal Juniors, Division II, Open and National Age Groups)

Introducing an 'age as at' date is the best option to address the scenario raised above and is consistent with Swimming New Zealand's Competition Restructure (Dec 2019)

POLICY –

1. The following Swimming Waikato Championship Meets will be held annually -
 - Swimming Waikato Junior Championships – March (short course)
 - Swimming Waikato Championships – December (long course)
 - Swimming Waikato Open Water Championships – results taken from the Blue Lake swim which forms part of the Open Water Swim Series.
2. The age as at date for the Swimming Waikato Championships will be 31st December
3. The age as of date for the Swimming Waikato Junior Championships will be 31st December

4. The Swimming Waikato Championships will include heats in the morning, and open finals in the evening and will be swum in a long course format.
5. For our Swimming Waikato Junior Championships, events will be contested in each age group (9/under, 10, 11 and 12), giving swimmers a rare opportunity to swim in their age group each year. Following the lead from Swimming New Zealand, our Junior Championships will be swum in a short course format.
6. Our Swimming Waikato Relay Championships (trophy events) will be contested as part of our Waikato Winter Short Course
7. Only if all eligible Swimming Waikato member regions (Waikato & Counties Manukau) are permitted to attend will this event be classed as the Swimming Waikato Championships