

Memo



To SNZ Regions, SNZ Events Advisory Committee & SNZ Board
From Kent Stead – Events Manager
Date 26th August 2011
Subject Changes to the SNZ Regulations

This paper outlines the changes that have been made to the SNZ regulations. The procedure that has been followed to come to this point is:

- Observation of this years national events by events staff looking for potential areas of change
- Completion of the competition review survey – involving all membership
- Discussion with the SNZ Events Advisory Committee
- Released proposed Regulation Changes for feedback from the SNZ Regions
- Received feedback from SNZ personnel
- All of the feedback and recommendation was then taken into consideration and the final proposed changes were documented

There was minimal feedback submitted in regard to the proposed regulation changes. The feedback received has prompted the following changes.

1.4 (Addition)

Justification.

Swimming New Zealand need to ensure the safety of swimmers and persons on pool deck during events. To ensure this, Swimming New Zealand propose that everyone on pool deck associated with teams is a registered member of SNZ or the New Zealand Swim Coaches and Teachers Association. This will make it possible for SNZ to properly enforce Regulation 1.3.

1.5 (Addition)

Justification.

With the recent earthquakes in Christchurch, there has been the need to make changes to events to ensure that they are still staged. To ensure that in the future SNZ regulations are not breached we propose that changes can be made to events following consultation where time allows.

2.5 (Change)

Justification.

This change will make the qualification period for SNZ events a uniform date. This will make it easier for clubs and regions when compiling and submitting entries and for SNZ to check that entries are from the appropriate qualification period.

2.11 (Addition)

Justification.

This is to ensure that swimmers are not affiliated to more than one federation and to ensure that clubs don't receive an advantage by inviting swimmers to participate in a SNZ event for the purpose of gaining greater club points and winning championship medals.

2.18.2 (Change)

Justification.

This change will allow 12 year old swimmers to participate in the New Zealand Age Group Championships. The purpose of this is not to try to attract all 12 year olds to the age group championships, but rather to allow exceptional 12 year olds to continue their development.

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2.20.2 (Addition)

Justification.

This addition clarifies the procedure if there is a emergency abandonment of the Open Water Championships.

2.22 (Deletion)

Justification.

The cost of staging the New Zealand 5km pool Championships for such a limited number of swimmers, makes this event impractical to continue to hold. SNZ will look at the feasibility of running this event in conjunction with another in the future to better utilise resources.

8.1.1 (Addition)

Justification.

In conjunction with the FINA handbook Swimming New Zealand propose that we seek applications for the announcer position. This is a crucial role at any event and we wish to recognise this and develop further individuals in this role.

9.4 (Addition)

Justification.

Swimming New Zealand propose that we maintain records for both Short Course and Long Course Age Group Relays. This would be excellent for team spirit and give swimmers something further to strive for.

10.1.5 (Change)

Justification.

Swimming New Zealand propose that we score all lanes in finals, regardless of whether the venue has an 8 or 10 lane pool. This will give recognition to all swimmers that have made finals. In addition we propose a new scoring system giving greater recognition to the swimmers that have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

I above outlines the rationale behind the changes to the SNZ regulations. If you have any questions regarding these changes please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Stead".

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