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**To** SNZ Regions  
**From** Kent Stead – Events Manager  
**Date** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
**Subject** Changes to the Regulations

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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
- Released proposed Regulation Changes for feedback from the membership
- 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 greater majority of this feedback has prompted changes to the proposed changes.

## **Final Proposed Regulation Changes:**

### **Swimming New Zealand Authority Over NZ Competitions:**

1.3 SNZ has the power to sanction any swimmer, coach, team member, **technical official or any other person it has admitted to the venue** for inappropriate behaviour at New Zealand Competitions. The sanction may include suspension from a race or the competition or expulsion from the venue or competition. SNZ shall advise the appropriate region of sanctions imposed.

#### ***Justification.***

This gives us the ability to sanction anyone within a venue that is there for the purpose of one of our events that is displaying inappropriate behaviour. This was established through recommendation from current board members.

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### **New Zealand Competition Conditions & Criteria**

2.7 A competitor at New Zealand Competitions shall be a financial member of SNZ or an invited visitor and must have achieved the qualifying time in each individual event entered ~~except in those competitions where an additional unqualified swim is permitted~~. Only swimmers who have met and entered at least one required individual qualifying standard in the respective competition may be entered in relay events.

2.8 Regions must submit entries for SNZ members. No club entries are permitted. All entries must include swimmer details and **proof of times**. All relay entries must include the swimmers' names whose times were used to produce the entry time. Individual entry times may be verified against the SNZ Results database. Performances from regional and local competitions not held within the Results Database may not be eligible for entry to national competitions.

2.13 The names of swimmers' in each relay team, and their order of swimming, shall be advised to control at least 30 minutes before the start of the session in which the event shall be swum. The composition of the relay team may be changed from **heats to finals and from** that submitted at the time of submission of entries.

#### ***Justification.***

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SNZ no longer stages competitions that include unqualified swim. So 2.7 was no longer relevant. The changes to 2.8 and 2.13 were rewordings, to make the regulation clearer.

## New Zealand Open Championships Criteria

- 2.14.2.1 AWD swimmers must hold a national swimming qualification (or higher) to be eligible to compete and must qualify for at least one event and may enter up to two (2) unqualified events. AWD qualifying times must be swum in a 50m pool.
- 2.14.3.2 AWD events will be determined based on the IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations – Events and Programme of Events. All heats shall be Circle Seeded and swum with the able-bodied heats. Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.
- 2.14.6.1 Medals will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> AWD New Zealanders based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification. AWD Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.

**Justification.**

With the addition of the AWD swimmers to the NZ Open Championships it was necessary to add these regulations.

- 2.14.7 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the ~~top eight New Zealanders~~ **place-getters** in all A finals, including relays.

**Justification.**

This removed the issues created when competitions are held in 10 lane pools and some finalists do not receive certificates.

- 2.14.3 The events which will be swum by males and females are:

Heats with A and B Finals	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 200m – FR, BK, BR, FL, IM 400m – FR, IM 800m FR (Female only) 1500m FR (Male only)
Timed finals	800m FR (Male only) 1500m FR (Female only) 4 x 100m MED ( <del>Regional/Club</del> ) 4 x 100m FR ( <del>Regional/Club</del> ) 4 x 200m FR ( <del>Regional/Club</del> )
<b>AWD Finals</b>	<b>50m – FR, BK, BR, FL 100m – FR, BK, BR, FL 150m – IM 200m – FR, IM 400m – FR</b>

**Justification.**

Regional relay races have been removed from the programme as they have not been well attended in recent years. SNZ needs to develop stronger relay teams and the strategy to do this is through club relays. Regional relays will be held in a different format alongside the schools relays and the skins events that are held the day following the Open Championships.

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The AWD events to be held at the NZ Open Championships have been added to the regulations at the request of SNZ members to create a level of transparency that is equal for both SNZ and Paralympics New Zealand.

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## New Zealand Open Short Course Criteria

2.15.7 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the ~~top eight~~ New Zealanders ~~place-getters~~ in all finals, including relays.

**Justification.**

This removed the issues created when competitions are held in 10 lane pools and some finalists do not receive certificates.

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## New Zealand Summer Championships Criteria

2.16.1.1 Commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December using a 3-day short course (25m) format (or if required as a qualification meet for major competitions the meet will commence on the Tuesday preceding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December using a 5-day long course (50m) format). The selected format shall be approved and advised by SNZ in accordance with rule ~~2-~~2.3 of these Regulations.

**Justification.**

A correction to a typing error.

2.16.3 Relays ~~will be timed finals and~~ shall be swum at the end of the finals sessions.

**Justification.**

A clarification of the wording. There have been no changes to the relay format.

2.16.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the ~~top eight~~ New Zealanders ~~place-getters~~ in all finals, including relays.

**Justification.**

This removed the issues created when competitions are held in 10 lane pools and some finalists do not receive certificates.

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## New Zealand Age Group Championships Criteria

2.17.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the ~~top ten-eight~~ New Zealanders ~~place-getters~~ in all finals, including relays.

**Justification.**

This removed the issues created when competitions are held in 10 lane pools and some finalists do not receive certificates.

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## New Zealand Age Group Short Course Championships Criteria

2.18.2 The New Zealand Age Group Short Course Championships shall be restricted to individual swimmers for the following age groups: 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and 17-18 years combined. **AWD events will be swum as open.** Relay events shall be swum as 15 and under and 16 and over. In any relay event swimmers 15 and under may swim in either their correct age group or 16 and over.

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- 2.18.3.1 AWD swimmers must hold a national swimming qualification (or higher) to be eligible to compete and must qualify for at least one event and may enter up to two (2) unqualified events. AWD qualifying times can be swum in either a 25m or 50m pool (no conversion).
- 2.18.5.2 AWD events will be determined based on the IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations – Events and Programme of Events. All heats shall be Circle Seeded and swum with the able-bodied heats. Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.
- 2.18.7.1 Medals will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> AWD New Zealanders based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification. AWD Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.

**Justification.**

With the addition of AWD events to the Age Group Short Course Championships there is a need to add relevant regulations. The above were developed by Paralympics New Zealand for this very purpose.

- 2.18.8 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top eight New Zealanders place-getters in all finals, including relays.

**Justification.**

This removed the issues created when competitions are held in 10 lane pools and some finalists do not receive certificates.

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## **~~New Zealand Disabled Swimming Championships Criteria~~**

### ~~2.20 – New Zealand Disabled Swimming Championships Criteria~~

- ~~2.20.1 – Shall be conducted as part of the New Zealand Age Group Championships.~~
- ~~2.20.2 – Shall be swum as Open male and Open female.~~
- ~~2.20.3 – Swimmers must qualify for at least one event and may enter up to two (2) unqualified events. Qualifying times must be swum in a 50m pool.~~
- ~~2.20.4 – Swimmers must hold a National Classification to be eligible to compete.~~
- ~~2.20.5 – The events which will be swum include the following subject to an athlete’s individual classification.~~

Heats	50m – FR, BK, BR, FL
Finals	100m – FR, BK, BR, FL
	150m – IM
	200m – FR, IM
	400m – FR

- ~~2.20.6 – All heats shall be Circle Seeded and swum with the New Zealand Age Group heats. Finals shall be mixed class and seeded in accordance with FINA Rule SW3.~~
- ~~2.20.7 – A maximum of two (2) international visitors may progress from heats to finals in any one event.~~
- ~~2.20.8 – Medals will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification. Visitor medals shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places based on a percentage of the World Record time in relation to each classification.~~
- ~~2.20.9 – New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top three New Zealand place-getters in all events.~~

**Justification.**

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With the removal of the NZ Disabled Swimming Championships there is no longer the need for these regulations. The AWD swimmers are being completely integrated into the Open Championships and the Age Group SC Championships.

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## **New Zealand Open Water Championships Criteria**

2.19.4 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top ~~ten~~ **eight** New Zealanders in all age groups ~~place-getters~~ in all events.

### ***Justification.***

This allows the top ten New Zealand swimmers to receive certificates. This will create parity with the other national championships.

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## **New Zealand Junior Championships Criteria**

2.20.1 Commencing on the 3rd Saturday in February using a 2-day long course (50m format) conducted on the same date(s), at ~~2-3~~ different venues (North, Central/South) using the same programme.

### ***Justification.***

Changing from 3 venues to two with the South and Central regions combining. This proposed change is the best option at present with the previous Juniors Proposal being rejected by the membership. There was a mixture of feedback from the small amount that was received from members with regard to this proposed change. People from the central region are worried about the cost of travelling from rural North Island to venues in the South. With next years venue being Wellington, this is something we will need to look at for the following years Juniors Championship (2012).

2.20.11 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top ~~eight~~ **ten** New Zealanders ~~place-getters~~ in all events, including relays.

### ***Justification.***

This removed the issues created when competitions are held in 10 lane pools and some finalists do not receive certificates.

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## **New Zealand Division II Competition Criteria**

2.21 [New Zealand Division II Competition Criteria](#)

### ***Justification.***

This addition reflects that the Division II Competition is a national competition. It does not however, in any way indicate that it is a National Championship. There was some confusion within the membership when the regulation changes proposal was released, with some members thinking that it was being changed to a championship.

2.21.2 The Division II Competition shall be restricted to individual swimmers for the following age groups: 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and ~~16-18 years and over~~. Club relay events shall be swum as 14 and under, and 15 and over. In any relay event swimmers 14 & under may swim in either their correct age group or 15 & over.

### ***Justification.***

The Division II Competition is a development competition and this is why we are changing the oldest age group to 16-18 years.

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2.21.3 A swimmer who has qualified for either the New Zealand Open Championships or the New Zealand Age Group Championships is ineligible to enter the Division II Competition in that year (includes qualifying by converted times).

**Justification.**

This change clarifies that swimmers who have qualified for either the NZ Open Championships or the NZ Age Group Championships on short course times are not eligible to swim at the New Zealand Division II Competition.

2.21.7 ~~Medals~~ Ribbons will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd New Zealanders in all events. Visitor ~~medals~~ ribbons shall be awarded to visitors finishing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. No ~~medals~~ or certificates will be awarded for this competition.

**Justification.**

As this is a national competition medals should be presented. A number of people commented that finally SNZ had listened to their feedback calling for medals. Along with that feedback a number of people commented that they didn't think it was appropriate for medals to be presented. Given the weight of feedback wanting medals in the competition review we feel that it is appropriate to introduce them.

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## New Zealand 5km Pool Championships Criteria

2.22.5 New Zealand national certificates to be presented to the top ten New Zealand place getters in each age group.

**Justification.**

This removed the issues created when competitions are held in 10 lane pools and some finalists do not receive certificates. It creates a common standard across all Championships also, where it is a timed final or held across multiple venues.

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## Trophies

10.4.3 TOP PERFORMANCE CLUB TROPHY

The Top Performance Club trophy is awarded at each of the NZ ~~Age Groups~~; NZ Open Water, NZ Age Group Short Course; NZ Summer, ~~and NZ Open Championships~~ and NZ Open Short Course Championships. A trophy for the top club, a plaque to the second and third placed clubs and certificates to the top ten placed clubs will be provided by Swimming New Zealand. Standard SNZ points (Regulation 10.1.5) will be awarded in all individual events and club relay events. Points will be published in the following format:

$$\boxed{\text{Male}} + \boxed{\text{Female}} + \boxed{\text{AWD}} = \boxed{\text{Total}}$$

**Justification.**

With the addition of the Open and Age Group Short Course Championships it was important to add these to the Top Performance Club Trophy. We also felt it was important that we outlined the format for which point scoring would be released at events.

10.4.5 TOP AWD CLUB TROPHY

The Top AWD Club trophy is awarded ~~for performances at the NZ Age Group Short Course and NZ Open Championships.~~ at the NZ Disabled Championships. A trophy for the top club, a plaque to the second and third placed clubs and certificates to the top ten placed clubs will be provided by

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Swimming New Zealand. Standard SNZ points (Regulation 10.1.5) will be awarded in all individual events.

**Justification.**

With AWD swimmers now swimming at the NZ Open Championships and the NZ Age Group SC Championships it was necessary to change the wording for the Top AWD Club Trophy.

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I hope that the above outlines the rationale behind the changes that have occurred to the SNZ regulations. I am always available for comment if anyone has questions or would like clarification of any points in this document.

Many thanks.

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

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