

Swimming New Zealand Policy

Title: New Zealand Records



Number: 003

PURPOSE

To outline the policy for conditions when a New Zealand swimming record can be set and what process is to be followed to have the record registered with SNZ.

POLICY

1. SNZ shall maintain a register of all New Zealand long-course, short-course individual and relay records and regional long-course and short-course relay records.
2. To be eligible to hold a New Zealand Record a swimmer must be a New Zealand citizen or hold New Zealand Residency and have lived in New Zealand for a period longer than 6 months.
3. New Zealand records will only be accepted when times are recorded by automatic timing or manual timing in the event of an automatic timing system malfunction and shall be recognised to one hundredth of a second. Swimmers will be recognised as joint holders of the record when more than one has the same time.
4. Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Individual Medley records cannot be set in Freestyle events.
5. The distances for New Zealand individual and relay records and age-group records are shown in the table below:

Long Course Open & Age Group Records	50m – FR, BK, BR, FLY 100m – FR, BK, BR, FLY 200m – FR, BK, BR, FLY, IM 400m – FR, IM 800m – FR 1500m – FR
Short Course Open Relay Records Only	4 x 50m FR 4 x 50m MED
Long Course & Short Course Open Relay Records only	4 x 100m MED 4 x 100m FR 4 x 200m FR

Short Course	50m – FR, BK, BR, FLY
Open & Age Group Records	100m – FR, BK, BR, FLY, IM
	200m – FR, BK, BR, FLY, IM
	400m – FR, IM
	800m – FR
	1500m – FR

6. New Zealand age group records will be recognised for males and females in yearly ages as follows: 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, and 18 years. Age will be determined as at the date of the swim.
7. A swimmer may establish a record for an intermediate distance within an individual record distance. The swimmer must successfully complete the entire distance for the record to be accepted.
8. New Zealand records cannot be set in mixed gender events except for mixed gender relay records.
9. New Zealand records cannot be set with manual timing.
10. The NZ relay record shall be the fastest time recorded by 4 New Zealanders.
11. For regional relay records all swimmers for whom the record is claimed must be current members of the one region.
12. The first swimmer in a relay event may establish a record for an individual record distance. The individual performance shall not be nullified by any team disqualifications for violations after the record is achieved.
13. SNZ will issue record certificates for all ratified records.

The Minimum Standard of Officiating for a NZ Open or Age Group Record to be broken/set is:

- Technical director (1)
- Referee – A minimum of 1 (one) regionally qualified referee is required. (SNZ registered voting technical officials)
- Judge of stroke – There must be at least 2 x JOSs (i.e., one on each side of the pool – can include referees acting as JOS if there is more than one referee listed). Minimum qualification is National IOT or Regional JOS or Referee (SNZ registered voting technical officials)
- Starter (1)
- Inspector of turns – minimum of 1 regionally qualified IOT for every 3 (three) lanes at both ends of pool (8 for a 10-lane pool, 6 for an 8-lane pool, 4 for a 6-lane pool)
- Timekeeper (1 per lane when electronic timing is used (this can be the back-up button))

Application & processing of New Zealand records

At the following swimming competitions SNZ will automatically process all Open & Age Group records which are set or broken, as long the competition meets the criteria in policy 7.

- New Zealand Championships
- New Zealand National Age Group Championships
- New Zealand Short Course Championships
- New Zealand Secondary School Championships
- New Zealand Division Two Championships

New Zealand Teams

At the Olympic Games, World Championships (50m/25m), Pan Pacific Championships, Commonwealth Games, Junior World Championships, Junior Pan Pacific Championships, Oceania Championships, or any other international meet where an official New Zealand Team is in competition the New Zealand Team Manager is to submit the appropriate information to SNZ.

All Other Meets

To have a record ratified by SNZ from any other swimming meet the following must occur:

- Official Result file – MM supplied.
- If within NZ, the competition must meet the approval time policy (SNZ 7)
- SNZ New Zealand Record application completed (available on the SNZ Website)