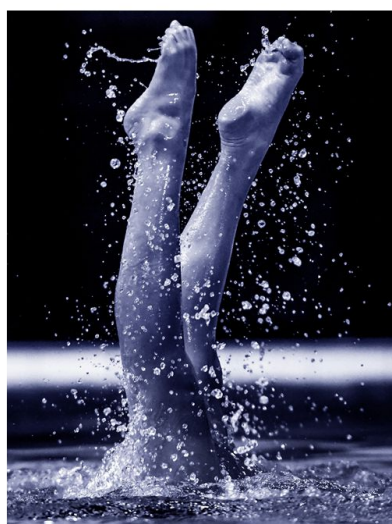


2020 New Zealand Artistic Swimming National Championships



You are officially invited to the...

2020 NZ ARTISTIC SWIMMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

VENUE:
Waterworld, Hamilton (Dive Pool)

DATES:
Saturday 26 September
Sunday 27 September
Monday 28 September
Tuesday 29 September

ACCOMMODATION:
Diocesan School for Girls
All linen is supplied
Breakfast, lunch & dinner are provided

Hosted by



Enquiries to markandrose@xtra.co.nz

26th - 29th September 2020 1st Bulletin



*The aim of this first newsletter is to get you thinking about the
2020 New Zealand Artistic Swimming National Championships
and to let you know where we are with accommodation and pre-planning.*

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EVENT INFORMATION

Dates: Saturday 26th September - Tuesday 29th September 2020

Wednesday 30th September - Trials for New Zealand Squads

October 1st-6th - Camp for the Pikopiko Squad/NZ Development Team

Please note that by this camp, there will only be the athletes selected for the NZ Development Team i.e. not the whole Squad. We will not know who has been selected until after the April Camp - so when working out your flights it is important to take this into account. We are also still finalising if the camp will be in Hamilton or Tauranga due to pool availability and costs. This will be confirmed in the New Year.

Venue: Waterworld Hamilton
Garnett Avenue, Forest Lake, Hamilton 3200
Phone: 07 958 5860

Draft Schedule: Once the Survey Monkey results are compiled from Nationals 2019 we will be able to give a better indication of the order of competition.

<i>Saturday 26 September</i>
Music Practice Judges' Forum - 11am-4pm - compulsory for all Nationals' Judges Manager's Meeting AGM/Club Forum/Coach Forum
<i>Sunday 27 September</i>
Figures Opening Ceremony Dolphin Combos Prizegiving for Dolphins (so they can go home this evening if you wish)
<i>Monday 28 September</i>
Competition Social evening for Judges
<i>Tuesday 29 September</i>
Competition National Team Displays Club Relay Prizegiving - may not finish until 7 ugh pm - to be held at Diocesn School for Girls

KEY DATES TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING

<p>15 February 2020</p>	<p>INDICATIVE ACCOMMODATION FORM TO BE SENT CLUBS TO CONFIRM TEAM MANAGERS' names and contact details (mobile phone and email address) Send to Rosemary Pettit - markandrose@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p>April 2020</p>	<p>Call for Preliminary Entries will be sent out - including requests for Judges names and contact details, volunteers to assist with the Meet and your arrival time into Hamilton (with flight details if relevant). Remember you need to send 1 judge for every 6 swimmers. If you don't have enough judges in your club, please let me know. I may be able to help you find some. (Note: International teams - if you wish to bring a judge/s that would be great, but it is not compulsory.)</p>
<p>1 May 2020</p>	<p>PRELIMINARY ENTRIES TO BE CONFIRMED ALONG WITH JUDGES' NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS AND CONFIRMED ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS</p>
<p>June 2020</p>	<p>Request for Final Entries will be sent out this month. We will provide indicative entry fees then, but our goal is to keep these the same as previous years</p>
<p>25 July 2020</p>	<p>FINAL ENTRIES TO BE CONFIRMED Managers - For competitors competing for their school, start work on getting the school forms signed.</p>
<p>August 2020</p>	<p>ENTRY FEES TO BE CONFIRMED Each club will receive an email in August confirming entry fees based on their final entries. These must be paid by 9 September 2020. Accommodation is also to be paid by the 9 September 2020.</p>
<p>September 2020</p>	<p>FINAL DATE FOR MUSIC TO REACH MUSIC MANAGER 1 SEPTEMBER 2020.</p> <p>ENTRY FEES AND ACCOMMODATION INVOICES TO BE PAID 9 September 2020. Payments should be made to the Tauranga Synchronised Swimming Club account number: 03-0374-0242602-002</p>

	<p>Any late payments will incur a \$200 penalty fee. This will be enforced – no exceptions (sorry and please don't ask for this to be waived).</p> <p>Programme and Order of Appearance - will be finalised and sent to clubs for checking in early September. Will need to be finalised by 15 September 2020.</p> <p>Figures draws will be emailed to coaches and judges – 23 September 2020.</p>
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KEY CONTACTS

Meet Manager:

Rosemary Pettit

027 220 8103

markandrose@xtra.co.nz

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been pre-booked at the boarding facilities of:

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
660 River Road
Hamilton

Waikato Diocesan has 160 beds available. It is a 6 minute drive from the pool. This school offers very nice boarding facilities. All linen is supplied. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided. Rooms have their own heating, laundry washing and drying facilities are available. There is a lot of outdoor space for land drilling and lounge areas for relaxing in.

The cost of 3 nights (Saturday, Sunday, Monday) with meals is \$340 (includes GST).

The \$340 includes a housekeeping charge and laundry hire.

If you need to apply for grants funding and require a quote, please let me know.

Please note, this includes assumptions as follows:

- Saturday - Dinner only
- Sunday - all meals
- Monday - all meals
- Tuesday - breakfast and lunch only

If you need other meals, costs are as follows:

- Breakfast \$13.80 (includes GST)
- Lunch \$16.10 (includes GST)
- Dinner \$27.60 (includes GST)

They can offer accommodation on the Friday night, but you don't have access to the facilities until after 5pm. They can also accommodate teams on the Tuesday night

- One night's accommodation only is \$55.63 (includes GST)

Please note, based on this year's numbers, there may not be enough beds at Diocesan - we have extra space booked at Hamilton Girls High School if required. We will base allocations to the boarding schools on team numbers. Please note that we won't split teams - but if it's easier, we may place all the judges at Hamilton Girls' High and the teams at Dio. (If this is required, we will work out a transport solution for the judges).

Hamilton Girls will cost the same as Diocesan Girls.

The earlier you can confirm your requirements to us the easier - we would ask that you give us initial indications by February 10th by completing the attached form. This will allow us to confirm if the second boarding school is required. We understand there may be minor changes to these numbers as your preliminary/final entries unfold.

International teams - if you wish to stay in boarding facilities, we will do our best to accommodate you as well. Please let me know by email markandrose@xtra.co.nz.

RULES

Competition will be conducted under the rules of FINA 2017-2020 and Synchro Swim New Zealand rules available on the SSNZ website -

<https://synchroswimnz.org.nz/competitions-and-results/nz-competition-rules>

SSNZ protocols for parents, athletes & coaches attending competitions are also available on the SSNZ website. Please distribute this link to athletes and club members.

<https://synchroswimnz.org.nz/ssnz-policies>

ENTRY INFORMATION

The entry process will be conducted in two stages.

Stage 1 – Preliminary Entries by 1 May 2020

Entries via Google sheets. Your club will receive a link by email in April. Please contact us ASAP if you haven't received this.

International entries, please advise the Meet Manager Rosemary Pettit markandrose@xtra.co.nz if you are intending to enter so we can send you the google sheet link. You are welcome to stay at the hostel accommodation as well if you wish - as mentioned earlier, please email Rosemary if this is your intention.

Stage 2 - Final Entries by 25 July 2020

Entries via Google sheets - you will be emailed the link for your Preliminary entries to update them.

Please note - any late entries will incur a \$50 penalty fee per entry. This will be enforced – no exceptions (sorry – and please don't ask for this to be waived).

INDICATIVE ENTRY FEES (based on 2019 costs)

Event fee: \$60 per competitor	Photos: \$20
Figures: \$20 per age group	Routines: \$25 per swimmer per event

Entry fees will be finalised after receipt of preliminary entries.

Entry fees are applicable to all swimmers, including any reserves named for Solo, Duet, Team and Combination events.

FIGURES DRAW AND DRAW FOR ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Figures draws will be emailed to coaches and judges 72 hours (3 days) prior to Figures as per FINA rules.

Order of appearance draw will be completed after final entries are received and will be notified when the programme is sent out to clubs for checking.

MUSIC PRACTICE AND WARM-UP

Once we understand final entries and arrival times, we will confirm the Music Practice schedule.

In addition to the main music practise time allocation on the 26th September for each club, there will be an additional music practise for each day's routine - either on the morning before the routines are performed or the previous evening. This practice will be in order of appearance and music will just run straight on after each swim so swimmers and coaches must be organised.

Two lanes in the main pool will be made available for training, warm up and cool down for the duration of the event.

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE 1 SEPTEMBER

The Music Manager for this competition is Mark Pettit and his team of helpers.

An email will be sent with instructions and online folder later on after final entries have been received.

- Music for each routine must be dragged to an online folder and be in mp3 format.
- Please name the files following this example: **Age group_Event_Swimmer name_Club**
e.g. Junior_Duet_Jane Doe & Josie Bloggs_Wellington.
- If the music is being used in **both Schools and Nationals** then we will require it twice, labelled for each.

Music given will be used at practice to check sound level etc - please check the quality of your files before sending.

Please also ensure team managers/coaches have with them all music on USB stick and/or ipod in case we need back up.

Mark Pettit
markandrose@xtra.co.nz

COMPETITION POOL SPECIFICATIONS

The competition will take place in the Dive Pool at Waterworld.

The pool dimensions are 23m long by 15m wide with a depth of 4.5m.

Swimmers will enter the water at the 15m wide edge and judges will sit on either side of the 23m long length of the pool.

During competition, a clear deck policy will apply and only those with official accreditation will be allowed on the pool deck. During each routine, the coach(es) of the competing team will have access to the deck for viewing purposes only.

PHOTOS OF THE COMPETITION

2020 official photographer will be Gail Stent - \$20 will be added to the event fee to cover this for every athlete. Following Nationals Gail will take about 1-2 weeks to process the images and then upload them to her website. The link and password to access the photos will be sent to the manager of every team who can forward the information to their swimmers and parents to download digital versions of the images directly.

Gail Stent Photography

www.gailstentphotography.com <https://www.facebook.com/mifotoshows>
<https://www.instagram.com/gailstent/>

Routines will be videoed for judging purposes - but we are looking into whether we can arrange a videographer or live streaming. Further information to be provided on this at a later date.

MERCHANDISE

A range of 2020 merchandise will be available, more details will follow in 2020.

NATIONAL SQUAD TRIALS

A reminder that these will take place on Wednesday 30th September - start time TBC and will be dependent on numbers. Nominations for trialists will be called by SSNZ following North Islands/South Islands.

A reminder all adults travelling with NZ Teams should have had a police vetting check done to comply with the Vulnerable Children's Act.

The link below will help you work through the process - please get onto this sooner rather than later as it does take some time.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/businesses-and-organisations/vetting/register-new-zealand-police-vetting>

HAMILTON (Maori: Kirikiriroa)

Getting to Waterworld:

- Hamilton Airport is a 20 minute car ride to the pool.
- Auckland Airport is a 1 hour and 20 minute car ride to the pool (may well be cheaper to fly in there and then bus down)

What to do in your down-time (if you have any!):

- The Waikato River runs through Hamilton. Along the river there are great walking / running paths.
- Hamilton Gardens - there are several themed areas that you can wander through. A lovely space to catch some fresh air.
- Hamilton Zoo.
- Shopping at The Base - Hamilton's largest shopping mall.
- Escapist - an escape room challenge with a board game cafe attached.

Below is a link to the 2019 Visitor's Guide to the Waikato Region.

https://www.waikatoz.com/media/4108/2019_hwt_visitor_guide_final_all_lr.pdf

Useful contacts:

Medical Care

24-hour medical care is provided at:
Anglesea Clinic Urgent Care
Thackeray Street
07 858 0800

Accident and Emergency Department

Waikato Hospital
Pembroke Street
Hamilton West

Ambulance - Dial 111

Emergency Dentist

Hamilton Dental Emergency Centre
481 Anglesea Street
Hamilton North
Hamilton
07 834-9293