

2021

# New Zealand Artistic Swimming Nationals Championships



## Venue

Splash Palace Invercargill

## Dates

Saturday 2 October 2021

Sunday 3 October 2021

Monday 4 October 2021

Tuesday 5 October 2021

Bulletin 1

Welcome to the first New Zealand Nationals Bulletin

Preparations are underway for  
2021 New Zealand Artistic Swimming National Championships.  
Phoenix Synchro Southland is looking forward to welcoming everyone to Invercargill on 2 October..

The aim of the first Bulletin is to provide clubs with a brief outline of key information,  
to assist in initial planning.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact  
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Michelle Anderson Assistant Meet Manager

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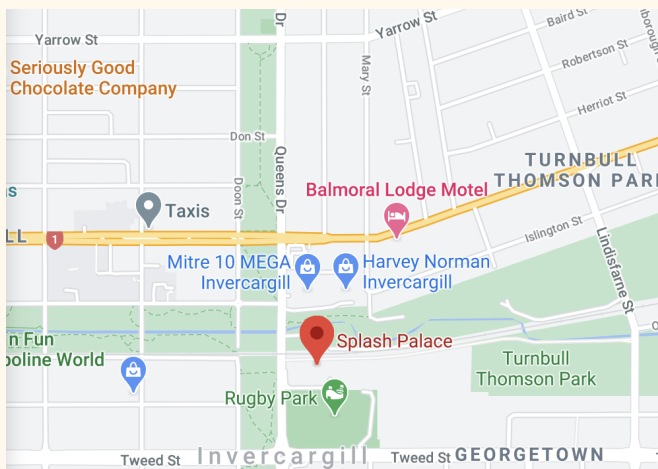
## Event Information

**Dates:** Saturday 2 October - Tuesday 5 October 2021

Wednesday 6 October - Trials for New Zealand Squads

7-12 October - Camp for the NZ Development Team (Pikopiko Squad). *Please note this camp 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.*

**Venue:** Splash Palace  
56 Elles Road, Georgetown, Invercargill 9812  
[03-217 7506](tel:03-217-7506)



## Draft Schedule:

Below is a tentative schedule for 2021 Nationals. The final programme and events for each day will be dependent on the entry numbers.

<b>Friday 1 October</b>	Artistic Swimming NZ Board Meeting - Afternoon Setting up the Pool		
<b>Saturday 2 October</b>	Music Practice - additional time will be provided for teams who have Tech Solo entries  National Judges' Forum - compulsory for all Judges  Managers' Meeting- afternoon	<b>Sunday 3 October</b>	Judges' Morning Meeting  Figures - Dolphin figures will be the last rotation of the figure competition  Welcome  Tech Events  Music Practice for Monday events  Coaches' Forum
<b>Monday 4 October</b>	Judges' Morning Meeting  Dolphin Combo and Prizegiving  Solos  Teams  Judges' Social Night  Club Forum	<b>Tuesday 5 October</b>	Judge's Morning Meeting  Music Practice  Duet  Combos  Club Relay  Prizegiving
<b>Wednesday 6 October</b>	NZ Trials		

## Dolphin Competition

Our initial thinking around the Dolphin Competition, consistent with previous years, is to structure the programme to minimise the time the Dolphins have to spend at Nationals. The proposal (subject to entries) is to hold the Dolphin Figures as the last Figures session on Sunday - so clubs could possibly fly in on Sunday morning (subject to flight schedules). Music practise for Dolphins would be on the Sunday afternoon with the Dolphin Combo event on Monday morning and prize giving held within the Solo scheduling - to enable clubs to fly their Dolphins out that afternoon after lunch.

We know it is difficult to plan flights at this stage as Covid is still impacting flight schedules, but hopefully this will allow greater certainty with planning.

# Key Dates to Assist With Event Planning

By 15 March 2021	
Clubs to Confirm Team Managers	<p>To make sure all communication goes to the right people we ask that Clubs please email Debbie Dickson your Lead Team Manager for communication for the 2021 Nationals.</p> <p><b>Please include:</b>            Team Manager Name            Mobile Number            Email</p> <p>If you also wish all communication to go to the Club Chair as well as the Team Manager - please specify this. Email this information to Debbie Dickson: <a href="mailto:dbbedickson@gmail.com">dbbedickson@gmail.com</a> <b>by 15th March 2021.</b></p>
By 31 March 2021	
Call for Indication of Accommodation Requirements	<p><b>An Indication of Accommodation Requirements form will be sent mid -March (deadline end March for completion)</b> to enable us to understand your accommodation requirements.</p> <p>We have currently block-booked Southland Girls' Hostel and Southland Boys' Hostels for Athletes' Accommodation (190 beds).</p> <p>We are also working with the Invercargill Licensing Trust on further accommodation options for teams and Judges, and hope to pencil in bookings for Motels and other accommodation options to ensure there is sufficient accommodation reserved while we work through this.</p> <p>Detailed information on accommodation options/costings will be sent in the April bulletin.</p>
April 2021	
Call for Preliminary Entries	<p><b>Call for Preliminary Entries (Google sheets) will be sent out to all clubs by Karen Moffatt-McLeod at ASNZ in early April - deadline for completion May 31st.</b></p>
Call for Judges	<p><b>Call for Judges</b> will be sent at the same time (with the same deadline), where we will be asking Clubs to provide Judges' names, mobile numbers and email addresses for the event - summarised on a separate form that will be sent with the Preliminary Entries.</p> <p><b>Judges' Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All participating clubs are asked to provide judges on the ratio of one fully available judge for every 6 swimmers.</b></li> </ul>

Merchandise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For example, if your Club has 36 athletes competing you will need to provide 6 Judges.</li> <li>• If you have more judges than your ratio who wish to come, please include their names too, as other clubs who don't have enough judges may choose to fund them to meet their commitments..</li> <li>• <b>We request that all Judges are fully available for the whole event and confirmation of this requirement will be required on the forms. Artistic Swimming NZ is moving towards not having coaches/ judges from this year.</b></li> <li>• International teams (dependent on Covid 19 Restrictions) would be required to bring judges based on the New Zealand Club ratio of 1:6.</li> <li>• If you have any questions around judges and judging please contact Brownyn Stockpole (Nationals Referee).</li> </ul> <p>We hope to have Information on Merchandise options out to you this month.</p>
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## May 2021

Confirmation of Preliminary Entries	Deadline for Preliminary Entries is 31st May.
Confirmation of Judges	Deadline for confirmation of Judges is 31st May.
Merchandise	Order forms open
Confirmation of Accommodation Requirements	Clubs will be sent out the final accommodation spreadsheet. This will be required to be completed by the 31st May.

## June 2021

Call for Final Entries	<p><b>Call for Final Entries will be sent out this month - with the deadline for completion July 31st.</b> We will confirm entry fees then, but our goal is to keep event fees the same as previous year - though the Nationals fee for all athletes will increase to \$70 this year.</p>
Merchandise Order Deadline	<b>Merchandise orders to be completed by June 30th.</b>

## July 2021

Final Entries Confirmed	<p><b>Deadline for Final entries is July 31st.</b></p> <p>Managers - For competitors competing for their school, start work on getting the school forms signed.</p>
Dietary Requirements	<p>At this time we will be asking Clubs to submit dietary requirements for athletes, coaches, team managers and judges to assist with catering at the boarding hostels and meals for judges during this event. Once this documentation is completed accommodation will be confirmed.</p>

Requesting Volunteers	<p>There are many roles in making each day run smoothly so the athletes can perform their very best. We would love to have a keen group of volunteers to assist and be able to give some of their time during the Nationals event. It is a great way of meeting new people and seeing the action close up.</p> <p>We ask Clubs to send out a call for volunteers.</p> <p><b>Information we will be collecting for volunteers includes:</b>  Volunteer Name/s  Mobile Number  Email  Time of Arrival into Invercargill (with flight details if relevant)  Days and times of availability</p> <p>Further information including timings for each day/ types of roles will be emailed out in May/June.</p>
<b>August 2021</b>	
Invoices for Entry Fees and Accommodation to be issued.	<b>Invoices will be sent in early August for Entry Fees and Accommodation. Payment will be required by September 9th.</b>
<b>September 2021</b>	
<p>Music Requirements Due</p> <p>Deadline for Payment of Entry Fees and Accommodation Invoices</p> <p>Programme</p> <p>Figures Draws</p>	<p>FINAL DATE FOR MUSIC TO REACH MUSIC MANAGER <b>1 SEPTEMBER 2021.</b></p> <p>ENTRY FEES AND ACCOMMODATION INVOICES TO BE PAID <b>9 September 2021.</b>  Payments should be made to the Phoenix Synchronised Southland account number:  <i>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).</i></p> <p>Programme and Order of Appearance - will be finalised and sent to clubs for checking in early September with any corrections required by <b>15 September 2021 or sooner</b></p> <p>Figures draws will be emailed to coaches and judges by the Meet Referee <b>according to the FINA requirements.</b></p>
<b>October 2021</b>	
Nationals	<b>Saturday 2 October to Tuesday 5 October</b>

## Key Contacts

<b>Meet Manager:</b> Debbie Dickson 021 27 27 029 <a href="mailto:dbbedickson@gmail.com">dbbedickson@gmail.com</a>	<b>Assistant Meet Manager</b> Michelle Anderson <a href="mailto:m.m.anderson@outlook.com">m.m.anderson@outlook.com</a>	<b>Referee</b> Bronwyn Stockpole	<b>Assistant Referee</b> Caitlin Anderson
<b>Judge Coordinator</b> Sue Van Os	<b>Head Scorer</b> Vicki Hustler	<b>Assistant Scorer</b> Kate Boyt	

## Draft Rules for Nationals

Competition will be conducted under the rules of FINA [FINA Rules](#) and Artistic Swimming New Zealand rules available on the SSNZ website - [2021 New Zealand 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://synchronswimnz.org.nz/ssnz-policies>

## Indicative Entry Fees

Event fee: \$70 per competitor  
 Photos: \$30 per competitor (compulsory)  
 Figures: \$20 per age group  
 Routines: \$25 per swimmer per event  
 Schools: \$5 for all Soloists/Duets wanting to be considered for School awards

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.

## Pool Information

The competition will take place at Splash Palace, Invercargill. 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.

## Health and Safety – Covid

International Teams – If teams from overseas are considering coming to this event, we ask that you please refer to NZ Ministry of Health website and NZ Immigration for the latest updates and requirements for teams wishing to travel from overseas into NZ.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/border-closures-and-exceptions>

Managed Isolation Information <https://www.mig.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/arriving-in-nz/>

Artistic Swimming NZ will continue to monitor Covid -19 developments monthly and will be following the advice from the NZ Ministry of Health, NZ Sport and other Government Agencies. We will ensure we keep clubs informed.

## Photos of the Competition

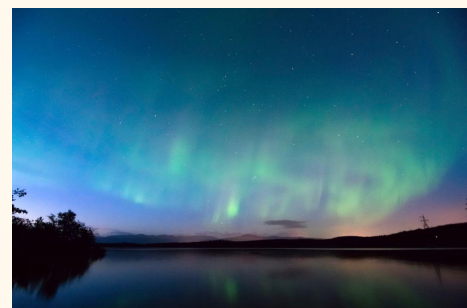
The 2021 official photographer will be Gail Stent – \$30 will be added to the event fee to cover this for every athlete. Following Nationals Gail will take about 1-2 weeks to process the images and then upload them to her website. The link and password to access the photos will be sent to the Manager 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](http://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

An exciting range of 2021 merchandise will be available, more details will follow in the April Newsletter.