



2021

New Zealand Artistic Swimming National Championships

Bulletin 2

Venue

Splash Palace Invercargill

Dates

Saturday 2 October 2021

Sunday 3 October 2021

Monday 4 October 2021

Tuesday 5 October 2021



Welcome to the second New Zealand Nationals Bulletin. Phoenix Synchro Southland is looking forward to welcoming everyone to Invercargill on 2nd October 2021.

Outlined in this bulletin are confirmed accommodation information and Nationals Fees

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

Event Information

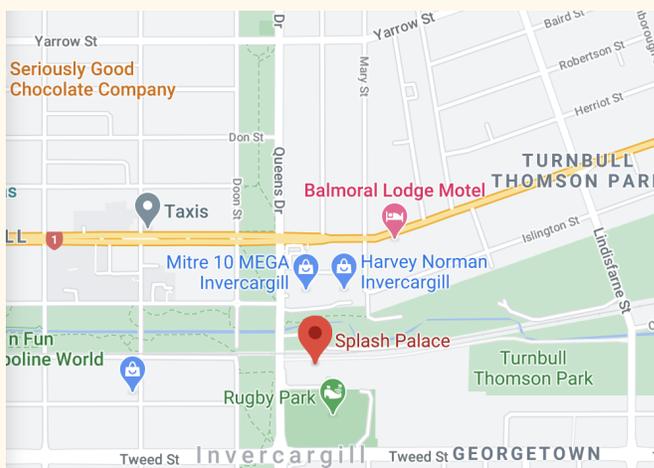
Dates: Saturday 2 October - Tuesday 5 October 2021

Wednesday 6 October - Trials for New Zealand Squads

7-12 October - Camp for the NZ Development Team (Pikopiko Squad).

***Please note** - at this stage please assume that this will be for all athletes in the current Pikopiko Squad. This may change depending on if the team is able to travel, and if so, it will be selected travelling athletes only. Please ensure you retain flexibility in flight bookings for these athletes.*

Venue: Splash Palace
56 Elles Road, Georgetown, Invercargill 9812
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Nationals 2021 Logo and Theme

We are excited to introduce our 2021 Nationals Logo designed by Natasha Cuisel from Alpine Synchro.

Huge thank you to Natasha for her wonderful vision and creativity.

The design reflects the southern region 'Murihiku' meaning the tail end of the land. The whale tail is reflective of local traditions, with nearby Foveaux Strait also known as Te Ara A Kiwa - the pathway created by the great whale Kewa.

Humpback whales pass through the southern waters between June and July during the time of the Southern Lights known as the Aurora. The colours of the Southern Aurora will be woven into the theming of the 2021 Nationals.



Draft Programme Schedule

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

Friday 1 October	Artistic Swimming NZ Board Meeting - Afternoon Setting up the Pool
Saturday 2 October	Music Practice - additional time will be provided for Sunday competitors National Judges' Forum - compulsory for all Judges - Venue TBC Managers' Meeting- afternoon at the Pool
Sunday 3 October	Judges' Morning Meeting Figures - Dolphin figures will be the last session within Figures competition Welcome Tech Solo Tech Teams Music Practice for Monday events Coaches' Forum

Monday 4 October	Judges' Morning Meeting Dolphin Combo Solos Dolphin Combo - Poolside Prizegiving Tech Duets Teams Judges' Social Night Club Forum
Tuesday 5 October	Judge's Morning Meeting Music Practice Duets Combos Club Relay Formal Prizegiving - Venue TBC
Wednesday 6 October	NZ Squad 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 the End of April	
<p>Call for Indication of Accommodation Requirements</p> <p>Team Managers and Coaches Please keep checking your inbox for your Club's Accommodation Preliminary Spreadsheet being sent to you after Easter. If you have not received this by 15 April please email Debbie Dickson dbbedickson@gmail.com or Karen Moffatt-McLeod synchroswimnz@gmail.com</p>	<p>Preliminary Accommodation Requirements form will be sent out after Easter (deadline 31 May for completion) to enable us to understand your accommodation requirements. If Clubs can complete the spreadsheet sooner this would be appreciated.</p> <p>Included on the spreadsheet we ask team managers to complete dietary requirements (by the final Accommodation Confirmation in July), key contact information to give to the hostels and any other information for the Meet Manager. If Team Managers can start collecting dietary information over the next few months this will help the hostels.</p> <p>We have currently block-booked Southland Girls' and Southland Boys' Hostels for Athletes' Accommodation (183 beds) and a Motel complex for Judges and Officials. Detailed information on accommodation options/costings - please refer to page 9</p>
May 2021	
<p>Call for Preliminary Entries</p> <p>Call for Judges</p> <p>Merchandise</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Call for Judges 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>Judges' Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participating clubs are asked to provide judges based on the ratio of one fully available judge for every 6 swimmers. • For example, if your Club has 36 athletes competing you will need to provide 6 Judges. • 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.. • 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 except in exceptional circumstances that will require ASNZ approval. • International teams (dependent on Covid 19 Restrictions) would be required to bring judges based on the New Zealand Club ratio of 1:6. • If you have any questions around judges and judging please contact Brownyn Stockpole (Nationals Referee). <p>We hope to have Information on Merchandise options out to you this month. We have</p>

	some very exciting options planned including a swimsuit, towel, rugby jersey, beanie and specially designed jewellery.
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 at the end of May
June 2021	
Call for Final Entries	Call for Final Entries will be sent out this month - with the deadline for completion July 31st. 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.
Call for Final Accommodation Requirements	This will be sent out with the Call for Final Entries - with the deadline for completion of July 31st. 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. Dietary requirements will also need to be confirmed at this point.
Merchandise Order Deadline	Merchandise orders to be completed by June 30th.
July 2021	
Final Entries Confirmed	Deadline for Final entries is July 31st.
Final Accommodation Confirmed including dietary requirements	Deadline for Final Accommodation request is July 31st
Requesting Schools forms	Managers - For competitors competing for their school, start work on getting the school forms signed.
Requesting Volunteers	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. We ask Clubs to send out a call for volunteers. Information we will be collecting for volunteers includes: Volunteer Name/s Mobile Number and Email Time of Arrival into Invercargill (with flight details if relevant) Days and times of availability Information including timings for each day/ types of roles will be emailed May/June.

August 2021	
Invoices for Entry Fees and Accommodation to be issued.	<p>Invoices will be sent in early August for Entry Fees and Accommodation. Payment will be required by September 9th.</p> <p>Get your music ready ,information on how and who to send your music will come out mid August.</p>
September 2021	
Music Requirements Due	<p>FINAL DATE FOR MUSIC TO REACH MUSIC MANAGER 1 SEPTEMBER 2021.</p> <p>ENTRY FEES AND ACCOMMODATION INVOICES TO BE PAID 9 September 2021.</p> <p>Payments should be made to the Phoenix Synchronised Southland account number on the invoice <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 15 September 2021 or sooner</p> <p>Figures draws will be emailed to coaches and judges by the Meet Referee 72 hours before, according to the FINA requirements.</p>
Deadline for Payment of Entry Fees and Accommodation Invoices	
Programme	
Figures Draws	
October 2021	
Nationals	Saturday 2 October to Tuesday 5 October

Key Contacts

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

Final 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://synchroswimnz.org.nz/ssnz-policies>

Entry Fees

Event fee: \$70 per competitor

Photos: \$30 per competitor (compulsory) for swimmers only competing in figures this fee will not be allocated to them.

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.

Accommodation For Teams

We have booked two boarding hostels for teams and athletes to stay in. An outline of the accommodation facilities are below. **We will assign clubs to one of the hostels based on the best balance of numbers.**

<p>Southland Girls' High School Hostel Enwood</p> <p>93 Bed Hostel</p> <p>Enwood is a 6-8 minute flat walk to Splash Palace.</p>		<p>Website: https://www.southlandgirls.school.nz/enwood-house/</p> <p>Costings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accommodation fee \$42 per person ● Breakfast \$12 per person ● Lunches \$15 per person ● Dinner \$22 per person
<p>Check In: Friday 1 October from mid afternoon onwards. A bag drop off area will be provided for teams arriving earlier. Check in is at the administration area of Enwood</p> <p>Accommodation Inclusions: Athletes will be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sheets, duvet cover, duvet inner and pillow. ● Two towels will be provided ● Athletes will be asked to make up their own beds on arrival <p>Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast is a continental between 5:45am and 7:00am. There will be flexibility with these times. ● The hostel will accommodate most food allergies - please include this information on the Final Accommodation request form. If there is dairy free alternative, teams are asked to purchase this ● Packed lunches will consist of yoghurt, salads, filled buns/wraps/bread, baking and fruit ● Dinner will be from 5:50-6:30pm and is a 2 course dinner. If athletes are going to be late a plate can be organised and put aside. Team Managers please inform the kitchen. <p>Other Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No chewing gum is permitted ● Hair Straighteners, Hair Spray and Spray deodorant is only permitted to be used in the ablution blocks as there are very sensitive fire alarms ● There is a small meeting room available for coaches/ managers meetings (Adults only) ● The wellness Centre (Sick Bay) will be available to use for athletes who are unwell ● There will be an additional charge of \$20 per team per day if teams want to use the laundry. (Washing machine and dryers available) ● Heating in the Hostel will be switched on at 5:30am and switched off at 9:00am. They will then be switched back on at 5:00pm and turned off at 10:00pm ● There are plenty of spaces for landrilling including a larger common room. There is also a large outdoor space for landrilling ● Information Booklet ● Check Out - will be between 9-9:30am or earlier. A room will be made for luggage storage so bags don't need to go to the pool. 		

Southland Boys' High School Hostel Coldstream

90 Bed Hostel

Coldstream is a 20 minute sheltered flat walk to Splash Palace.



Website:

<https://www.sbhs.school.nz/about-the-hostel/>

Costings

- Accommodation fee \$42 per person
- Breakfast \$12 per person
- Lunches \$15 per person
- Dinner \$22 per person

Check In:

Friday 1 October from 5pm onwards - Queens Drive Entrance

Dinner is able to be provided on Friday night please indicate this on the Accommodation Request Form

Accommodation Inclusions:

Athletes will be provided:

- Fitted sheet, duvet cover and pillow.
- Athletes will be asked to make up their own beds on arrival
- Duvet inners will be supplied for overseas teams
- NZ teams are asked to bring their own sleeping bag.
- No towels will be provided
- Phoenix Synchro Southland Club will put out a call to our club members to see if we can provide duvet inners for clubs that may require assistance
- Wifi will be available and will be switched off at 11:00pm until 7:00am

Meals:

- Breakfast is a continental between 6:00am and 7:00am. There will be flexibility with these times.
- The hostel will accommodate food allergies - please include this information on the Final Accommodation Request Form
- Packed lunches will consist of salads, filled buns/wraps/bread, slice and fruit
- Dinner will be from 6:00pm and is a 2 course dinner. If athletes are going to be late a plate can be organised and put aside. Team Managers please inform the kitchen.

Other Information

- No spray deodorant is permitted in the hostel
- The sick bay will be available to use for athletes who are unwell
- The drying room will be available to the athletes for drying togs and towels. This is located near to the kitchen
- There will be an additional charge if teams require to use the laundry
- Heating in the Hostel is controlled manually and Team Managers can regulate this. It is asked that the heating is turned off during the day when teams are not using the hostel. The Duty Manager of the Hostel will turn the heating back on about half an hour prior to the first team arriving back in the evening. Team Managers to let the Duty Manager know.
- There are two small meeting rooms available for coaches/ managers meetings (Adults only)
- There are two large rooms - (A prep room and a Games Room). Both will be available for land drilling. There is also a large lawn area for land drilling
- **Check Out** - Bags are able to be left in the Prep Room Prior to leaving to the pool.

Accommodation For Judges and Officials

Judges and Key Officials and Artistic NZ Board Members Accommodation:

Due to the limited bed availability at the hostels we have sourced the following Accommodation options for Judges and other officials to stay in groups and have been able to secure pricing due to a large group booking.

If Judges/ Officials are from different clubs the accommodation costs will be split across the clubs

Re meals costs:

- Saturday Lunch will be provided for Judges
- Monday Night Social Evening for Judges
- At present the Nationals planning committee is looking at some dinner options for our Judges and Officials to choose and hope to get some specials for you. More information to come.
- A light lunch and morning tea will be provided each day during the competition for judges and key officials
- Phoenix Synchro can coordinate with Clubs/ Judges to have breakfast items available in rooms for Judges approximate \$25 cost per judge for a breakfast Box (which will last for the whole of Nationals) - we will collect information from Judges closer to the time.



Website: <https://www.295ontay.co.nz/>

Costings

- Accommodation fee \$55 per person
- Rooms are mainly 3-4 bed configuration
- 750 metres from the pool
- We have booked this complex out for 50 people for judges and officials only.
- If wet we will look at assisting judges with transport to the pool.

Additional Accommodation on Standby if required



If we require further accommodation for teams or officials we have pencilled in the Townsman but will need to confirm at the latest by early August.

Website: <https://townsman.co.nz/>

Costings

- Accommodation fee ranges from \$57-\$60 per person. This is dependent on room configuration and availability.
- 300 metres from the pool

Pool Information

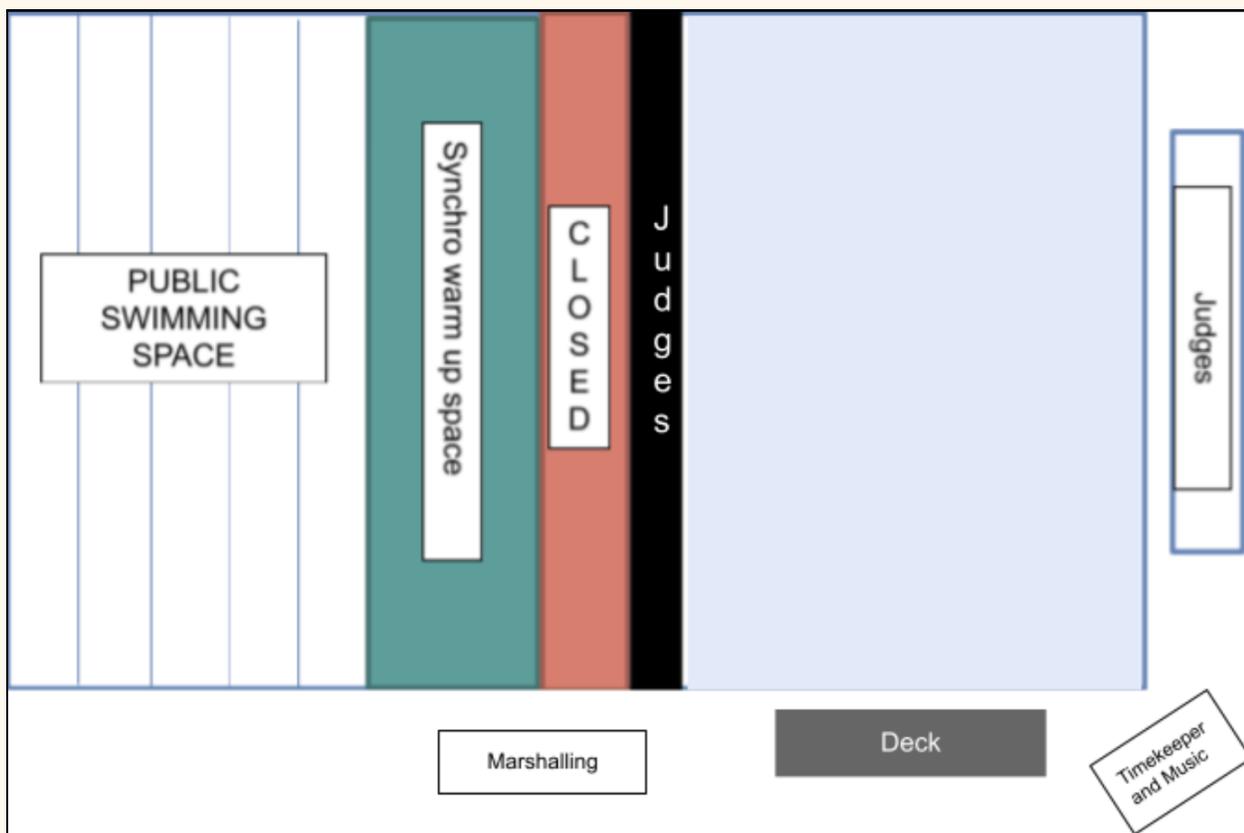
The competition will take place at Splash Palace, Invercargill. Swimmers will enter the water at the 15m wide edge and judges will sit on either side of the 23m long length of the pool.



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.

Spectator Passes - Splash Palace has kindly sponsored a day pass for spectators who will be watching over the 4 days of competition (There will be a total of 4 sessions and they will be charged 3 sessions). More information on passes will come out in August / September.

Draft Pool Set Up



Health and Safety

Police Vetting

Please ensure all your Team Managers and adults who are staying in the Hostel Accommodation are Police Vetted. Click on the following link to access how you can get Police Vetts

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/police-vetting-forms>

Health and Safety Plans, Covid Planning and Code of Conduct

Late August/early September we will be sending out to all Meet Managers and Coaches the following information and forms:

- The Health and Safety Plans for the Team Accommodation
- Splash Palace and The Events Health and Safety Plan Overview
- Covid Medical Event Planning Overview and Process. 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.
- Code of Conduct form for all coaches, judges, officials and volunteers to completed

International Teams

Depending on the NZ and Australian Trans Tasman Bubble opening, teams from Australia and the Pacific and further afield may consider coming to this event.

In the pre-planning 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.miq.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/arriving-in-nz/>

Please note at this stage vaccination requirements, travel insurance information have not been clearly made and overseas teams would need to investigate this information based on NZ requirements and their country of origin requirements. All risks and responsibilities of travel to New Zealand and during the competition if there was a snap lockdown would be the overseas team's responsibility.

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 3-4 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

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

Sponsors

We would like to thank our following sponsors so far who have come on board in assisting in the running of this year's 2021 Artistic Swimming Nationals in Invercargill.

