



Nationals

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Nationals

22-26 September 2023

Bulletin 1

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Auckland Mermaids (with support from Artistic Swimming New Zealand) is looking forward to welcoming everyone to Auckland for the 2023 New Zealand Artistic Swimming Championships.

This bulletin provides an outline of:

- * Competition details
- * Accommodation options
- * Indicative Nationals fee schedule.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact:

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Event Information

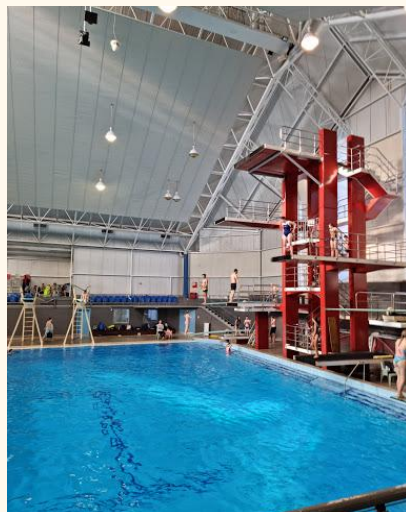
Dates:

- **Friday 22 September** - Music Practise
 - **Saturday 23 September** - Music Practise and start of Figures Competition
 - **Sunday 24 September to Tuesday 26 September 2023** - Competition
 - **Wednesday 27 September** - Trials for New Zealand Squads
 - **27 September - 5 October** - Proposed Squad Camps (Pikopiko, Koru and Fern)
- Please note** - *Dates may change and it's also possible that one of the Squads may move to Tauranga if we can't get sufficient pool space in Auckland. Please ensure you retain flexibility in flight bookings for these athletes.*

Venue:

West Wave Pool and Leisure Centre - 20 Alderman Drive,
Henderson, Auckland 0612 Phone 09 -835 0767

<https://aucklandleisure.co.nz/locations/west-wave-pool-and-leisure-centre/>
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Nationals 2023 Theme

Teamwork - Resilience - Respect - Passion

This year with the introduction of the World Aquatics new Elements, Figures, Coaches' Cards and Scoring system, we felt that the Artistic Swimming NZ values set the pathway forward for this year's Nationals. We know from speaking to other countries that rolling out this new system has had its challenges.

So, as we journey together we will build on the strengths of:

- * **Teamwork** - in working together and supporting each other as we learn the new systems, and athletes demonstrating great team spirit in and out of the water
- * **Resilience** - learning new aspects in any field has trials and tribulations and as we progress we will continue to improve and develop our wonderful sport
- * **Respect** - being inclusive, building on friendships and respecting all
- * **Passion** - celebrating our sport and all the successes big and small!

The 2023 Nationals logo designed by Natasha Cuisel (previously involved with synchro in Queenstown), models the strength of our values, and is inspired by the colours of our Host Club Auckland Mermaids. Special thanks to Natasha (and her daughter Paige) who shared in the design of this one.



Draft Programme Schedule

Outlined below is a tentative Nationals schedule. The final schedule will be communicated after we have received preliminary entries - hopefully by the end of June.

Programme Considerations will include:

- Teams will need to arrive in Auckland on the Friday for music practise - preferably arriving before lunchtime to give us maximum flexibility
- Music practice will be held over Friday and Saturday morning
- Timings of competition events will need to allow additional time for scoring to be completed including Technical Controllers review of videos if required; Artistic and Execution judges to both manually record entries (there are more in the new system than previously). Typically we allow just over 2 minutes between routines for this to happen when we announce scores. Based on international feedback we will be allowing just over 4 minutes for this to happen - and scores will not be read out (there are simply too many of them!).
- As we did at last year's Nationals, Intermediate and Secondary School competitions will not be run separately. Routine only scores from competition events will be used to manage this. NB: Athletes wanting to be entered for Intermediate and Secondary School events will need to note this on the entry forms, and there will be an additional charge for these entries.
- Prizegiving - will be held at the pool daily - assuming there are no dramas with the Scoring System. This is where we may need some flexibility!
- Teams should arrange to fly out as late as possible. International experience indicates that the first time competitions are run under the new rules, they are often run over time.

Thursday 21 September	Setting up the Pool		
Friday 22 September Teams allocated a time in the divewell + 4 Pool lanes will also be available for teams to use	Setting Up the Pool All Teams travel in Friday Music Practice for some teams late morning until early evening		
Saturday 23 September Teams allocated a time in the divewell + 4 Pool lanes will also be available for teams to use	Morning	Afternoon	Late Afternoon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Practice - 8am • Judges' Forum • Managers' Meeting Pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Practice • Judges' Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figures - Dolphin • Aqua • Judges' Dinner • Coaches' Forum
Sunday 24 September	Judges' Meeting Figures - Aquanauts, Aquarinas, 10 & U, 12 & U, Youth (13-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Solo • Dolphin Combo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Teams • Prizegiving
Monday 25 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges' Meeting • Solos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Duet • Prizegiving
Tuesday 26 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges' Meeting • Duets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combos/ Acrobatics • Prizegiving 	Teams Fly Out
Wednesday 5 October	New Zealand National Squad Trials - with athletes from this year's Squads staying on for training camps for the week after.		

We highly recommended that clubs video their routines in late August early September just in case circumstances change with settings under Covid. Or swimmers are impacted with Covid.

Key Dates to Assist With Event Planning

May

<p>Call for Entries</p>	<p>Entry Forms via Google sheets will be sent out to all Clubs by Yvonne Petri at ASNZ at the beginning of May</p> <p>Deadline for Preliminary Entries will be at the end of June. Final entries will be confirmed by Clubs, including Schools entries by end of July</p> <p>Entry information - We strongly recommend Clubs view the 2023 ASNZ competition rule requirements before forming final entries. Especially around the number of entries per category. 2023 ASNZ Competition Rules</p> <p>Nationals will be conducted under the rules of World Aquatics and Artistic Swimming NZ - World Aquatics Rules</p>
<p>Possible Accommodation Options</p>	<p>As with previous Auckland Nationals, we leave Clubs to secure their own accommodation.</p> <p>Accommodation options are as follows:</p> <p>AirBnB in the West Auckland or North Shore areas.</p> <p>Please reach out to Sarah sarahcclark@xtra.co.nz to confirm that the area you select is suitable. Some areas of West Auckland would not be recommended.</p> <p>St Cuthberts College has boarding accommodation available at this time and is close to the motorway to access West Wave.</p> <p>Accommodation and Catering Quote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bed - \$72.00 per person per night, this includes mattress protector and bottom sheet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ *Please bring own towels, pillows and sleeping bag ○ Cleaning Fee: \$250.00 (shared amongst the clubs) ● Meal Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Breakfast - \$15.00 Per person per day ○ Lunch - \$18.00 Per person per day ○ Dinner - \$24.00 Per person per day <p>Please Note - all prices above are GST Exclusive</p> <p>If your club is interested please contact Sarah sarahcclark@xtra.co.nz.</p>
<p>Any questions please contact..</p>	<p>Tamara Pavlova or Sarah Clark - Meet Managers nationalsnz@gmail.com or</p> <p>Yvonne Petri - ASNZ Administrator admin@artisticswimmingnz.org.nz</p> <p>Please read through the 2023 ASNZ Competition Rules</p>

June 2023

Call for Judges

Clubs will be asked to provide the names and contact details of the Judges they will be bringing to Nationals.

Judges' Requirements:

- Each NZ Club entering swimmers at the National Championships must send one judge for each 6 swimmers entered in the competition.
- Technical Controllers and Referees who are appointed to the Meet, will be included in the 1:6 ratio for the Club from which they are affiliated, unless ASNZ or the Meet funds all their costs for the competition.
If you have 7 swimmers, you would be required to provide 2 judges and so on.
- Judges must be fully available to judge at the whole event, including all judges education forums, judges feedback sessions etc. Or a club can provide two judges if they wish to share their allocations across the event (but this will be counted for 1 judge in total for the Club's judge commitment).
- Coaches cannot be one of the allocated judges unless prior approval has been granted by ASNZ (for example, we understand that newly established clubs may have difficulty in growing sufficient judges).
 - However, coaches may be included in Figures judging panels if they are not judging their own club athletes. Judges must be 18 years of age at the commencement of the competition.
- Clubs are expected to train and develop their own judges to meet this requirement. ASNZ runs judge education programmes to help with this.
- Please note, if a club is unable to meet this requirement, they should contact Simon Hardy at judging@artisticswimmingnz.org.nz **and he can connect you.** ASNZ has a pool of judges/Technical Controllers affiliated to Te Pangu who can be tapped into. Clubs will need to meet those judges' costs to attend.
- NB: Clubs participating for the first time are exempt from this requirement in their first year of competition.
- 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 club judging ratio commitment. In addition,
- International teams 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 Simon Hardy judging@artisticswimmingnz.org.nz (ASNZ Judging Coordinator/ Board Member).

Merchandise

We will send out a separate Merchandise Flyer to Clubs by the end of June.. We have some very exciting options planned

PRE ENTRY FORMS CLOSE END OF JUNE

July 2023

Confirmation of Judges	ASNZ will work with Clubs to confirm the competition Judges and Technical Controllers by 31 July
Merchandise	Order forms closed end of July
Final Entries including school entries	<p>Final Entries to be confirmed by end of July</p> <p>Requesting completed School entry forms as part of the final entry process Once received we will then send out entry fees invoices.</p>

August 2023

Entry Fee Invoices	Once Final Entries are received, invoices will be generated and sent out in early August.																
Coordination of Volunteers	<p>With the new rules and scoring system we are requiring more volunteers. To share the load to support the smooth running of the programme we are trialling a new system for 2023, by asking Clubs to see if they can assist in overseeing one volunteer aspect of the competition and within the club coordinating the volunteers for the assigned area.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Club</th> <th>Area to support a volunteer role</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Phoenix</td> <td>Music - Phoenix to collate the music in programme order</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auckland Mermaids - music practise</td> <td>Music Practise - Auckland Mermaids</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tauranga and North Harbour</td> <td>Tauranga / North Harbour Music Coordinators in playing the music during the event. Suggest this should be 2 people at most .</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Harbour</td> <td>Systems of payment for the competition.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canterbury/ Wellington</td> <td>Video Support we need 2 x videographers recording all routines And 4 x videographers to record figures at each panel station</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Central/ Waitemata/ Auckland Mermaids/ North Harbour</td> <td>Catering for Judges and volunteers throughout the competition- Look at each club covering a day- roster to be formed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auckland Mermaids/ Central</td> <td>Marshalling - 4 Figures marshalls Plus one marshall for each session</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Club	Area to support a volunteer role	Phoenix	Music - Phoenix to collate the music in programme order	Auckland Mermaids - music practise	Music Practise - Auckland Mermaids	Tauranga and North Harbour	Tauranga / North Harbour Music Coordinators in playing the music during the event. Suggest this should be 2 people at most .	North Harbour	Systems of payment for the competition.	Canterbury/ Wellington	Video Support we need 2 x videographers recording all routines And 4 x videographers to record figures at each panel station	Central/ Waitemata/ Auckland Mermaids/ North Harbour	Catering for Judges and volunteers throughout the competition- Look at each club covering a day- roster to be formed	Auckland Mermaids/ Central	Marshalling - 4 Figures marshalls Plus one marshall for each session
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Get Music Ready	All music will be required to be sent in by 1 September. Music Folder Links will come out in the second bulletin.						
<p data-bbox="71 993 334 1182">Calling for Coaches' Cards and Video Recordings of Routines.</p> <p data-bbox="71 1560 347 1717">Recordings of routines to be submitted by 29 August</p>	<ul data-bbox="435 993 1549 1491" style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coaches MUST USE the ISS system to complete their Coach Cards. This system will do a lot of the calculation for you and is quite simple to set up.. ● Coaches will need to use a WINDOWS operating system to run the ISS coaching card programme. <ul data-bbox="532 1182 1019 1213" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Windows 10 or 11 is the norm ● We will be setting up a Nationals Coach Card Dropbox for the completed cards to be transferred into. ● Coach Cards for all routines MUST be submitted by the <u>29th August</u>. More information will be emailed out closer to the time. ● Please note dates may be brought forward but will be confirmed by the end of June. ● RECORDING OF ROUTINES - submitted 29 August <p data-bbox="483 1497 1549 1560">Our Lead Technical Controller has asked for all Coach Cards to be complimented with a recording of the routine.</p> <p data-bbox="483 1570 1549 1717"><i>The recording will not be judged or sent to the judges. The purpose of submitting these videos in advance is to help you and your athletes by allowing the Difficulty Technical Controllers to preview and precheck the Coach Cards against the videos before the competition.</i></p> <p data-bbox="483 1728 1549 1864">The TCs will be looking through the videos to spot inconsistencies linked to the card and video. If any inconsistencies are identified, The Lead Technical Controller will directly make contact with the coach. to help them amend their Coach Card.</p> <p data-bbox="381 1896 1549 2043">World Aquatics' Rules say final Coach Cards need to be submitted 14 days prior to competition. For our first competition using this new system, ASNZ has set 29 August as our deadline (3 ½ weeks prior to competition) to ensure that we can have as much of the scoring system and technical aspects set up, and</p>						

our Technical Controllers prepared.

- **If, after the 29 August and before the 9 September, you wish to make changes to your Coach Card the process you should follow is:**
- Final cut off is 14 days prior to the competition starting - This will be **Saturday 9 September, 2023.**
- Please inform (Lead Technical Controller) via email - Lead Controller is yet to be confirmed that you are needing to make a change/s in your Coach Card/s. In the email explain the change/s and the reasoning. **Please ensure that an update is only done once.** Only one update per routine will be allowed.
- You will need to redo the Coach Card using the ISS programme
- Upload the new card to the Dropbox and make sure you add to the name of the Coach Card the words **UPDATED** ...then event, name of athlete (e.g. UPDATED_Free 12U Solo_Mary Smith)
- Once you have uploaded the new Coach Card please email Lead Technical Controller and our Chief Recorder Vicki Hustler and Assistant Scorer Kate Boyt kate.evan@xtra.co.nz. They will remove the old card from the dropbox and keep the card that has UPDATED on it.

No changes to the Coach Card can be made after the 9 September 2023

unless on medical grounds. If this is the case the following steps will be taken:

1. A request in writing is made to the Meet Referee and Lead Technical Controller up to 24 hours prior to the athlete's event. The request for change to the Coach Card must be accompanied by a medical certificate for the person who is sick / injured and cannot perform the programme set with the coach card.
2. The Meet Referee and Lead Technical Controller will consider the request for a change to the card and will get back to the coach within 12 hours from the swimmers / team event. And will work with the coach on the process to update the Coach Card if approved.

PLEASE NOTE as this will be our second time using the new scoring system. There will be hiccups, as we are all learning this new process together (*just in time learning*) and things may not be right the first few times. Our focus will be doing the best we can for the athletes.

PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING IS THE KEY.

September 2023

Payments to be completed

Payments for entry fees will be required by Friday 8 September 2023

Payments should be made to the North Harbour Synchronised Swimming account number. **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)**

Music	Music Submitted to the Clubs Folder in Google Drive due by Friday 1 September 2023
Programme	Programme and Order of Appearance - will be finalised and sent to clubs for checking on 1 September with any corrections required by 8 September 2023 or sooner.
Figures	Figures draws will be emailed to coaches and judges by the Meet Referee 72 hours before (19 September), according to the World Aquatics requirements.

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Proposed Entry Fees

Below is a proposed fee structure to support Club planning. The final fee structure will be finalised after receipt of Preliminary Entries at the end of June.



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

Event fee: \$80 per competitor

International Competitors' Fee: \$120 NZ

Photos/ Videographer Fee Per Competitor: \$ TBC - this will be compulsory for anyone entered in routines

Figures: \$20 per entry (if an athlete enters Figures in two age groups they will need to pay twice)

Routines: \$25 per swimmer per event

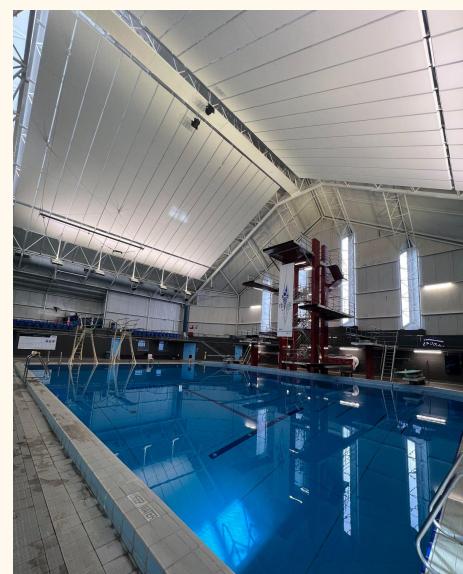
Schools: \$20 for all Soloists/Duets/ School Teams wanting to be considered for School awards

Pool Information

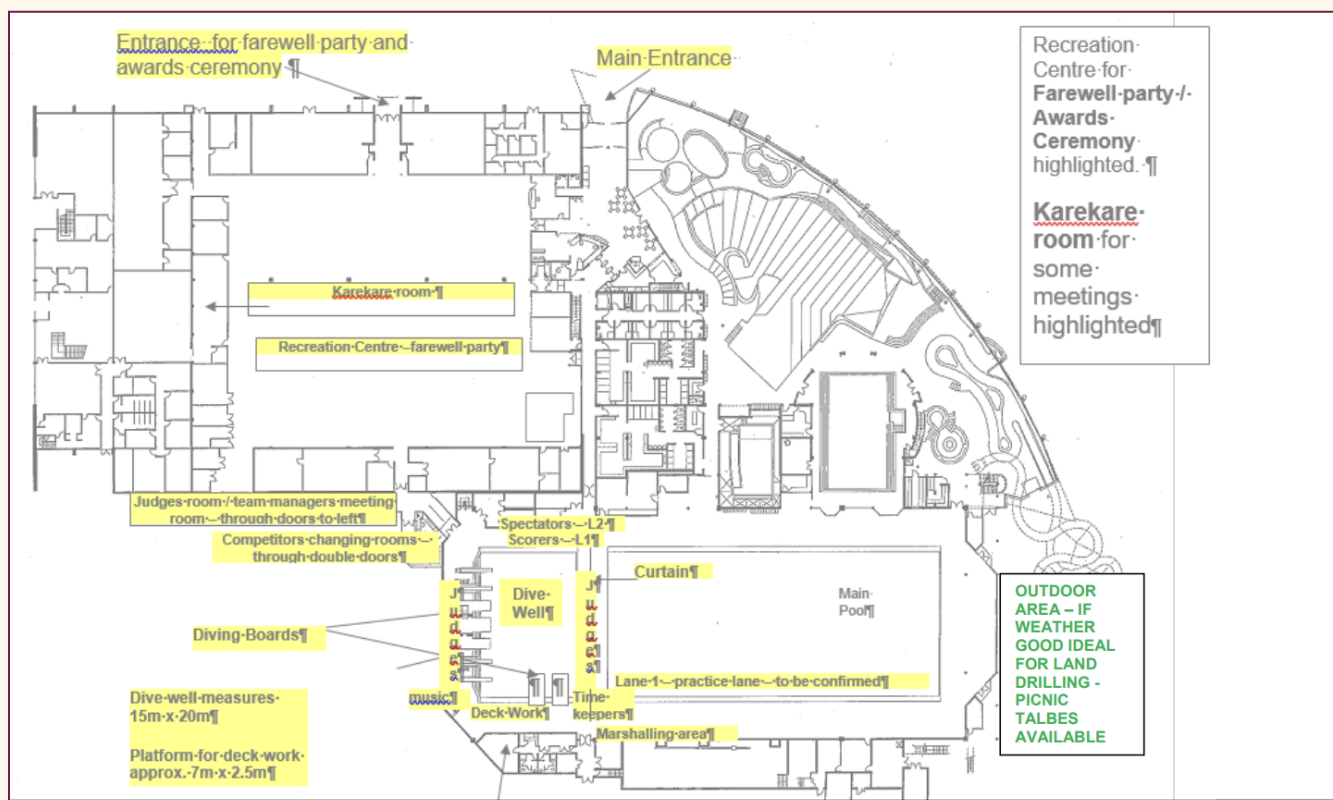
The competition will take place in the divewell at West Wave Pool & Leisure Centre, Henderson. The dive pool measures 15m x 20m

Swimmers will enter the water at the 15m wide edge and judges will sit on either side of the 20m long length of the pool.

Start deck (small step up) offset, not compulsory to use – see map start area. All routines will begin on the start area as per the attached map. At the completion of the routine swimmers will return to the start deck end of the pool after completion of their



routine. During competition, a clear deck policy will apply and only those with official accreditation will be allowed on the pool deck.



Spectator Passes

More information on passes will come out in the last Bulletin at the end of August.

Health and Safety

Police Vetting

Please ensure all your Team Managers and adults who are staying with athletes in Accommodation facilities are Police Vetted. Click on the following link to access how you can get Police Vets <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/police-vetting-forms>.

Health and Safety Plans, Covid Planning and Code of Conduct

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

- The Health and Safety Plans for the pool
- 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 complete. ASNZ 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>

International Teams

Teams from Asia, Australia and the Pacific and further afield may consider coming to this event. In the pre-planning we ask that you please refer to the NZ Ministry of Health website and NZ Immigration for the latest updates and requirements for teams wishing to travel from overseas into NZ.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/>

All risks and responsibilities of travel to New Zealand and during the competition if there was a snap lockdown, covid outbreak would be the overseas team's responsibility.

Photos/ Videos of the Competition

This year we are hoping to provide photographs and video capture of teams and swimmers.. We hope to share more information in the next bulletin.

An additional fee is proposed to be added to the event fee to cover this for every athlete.



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