



OCEANIA AQUATICS
ARTISTIC SWIMMING
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
WELLINGTON 2025

2025 Oceania Open Championship Rules

1 GENERAL

The Oceania Artistic Swimming Open Championships shall be conducted in accordance with World Aquatics Competition Regulations ([World Aquatics](#), Part 7), except where varied by the Oceania Open Championships Rules as specified in this document.

2 COMPETITION EVENTS

12 and Under

- Figures (Men and Women)
- Women Free Solo
- Men Free Solo
- Women Free Duet
- Mixed Free Duet
- Free Team
- Free Combination

Junior Technical

- Women Solo
- Men Solo
- Women Duet
- Mixed Duet
- Team

Senior Technical

- Women Solo
- Men Solo
- Women Duet
- Mixed Duet
- Team

Youth

- Figures (Men and Women)
- Women Free Solo
- Men Free Solo
- Women Free Duet
- Mixed Free Duet
- Free Team
- Free Combination

Junior Free

- Women Solo
- Men Solo
- Women Duet
- Mixed Duet
- Team
- Acrobatic Team

Senior Free

- Women Solo
- Men Solo
- Women Duet
- Mixed Duet
- Team
- Acrobatic Team

Artistic Swimming New Zealand (ASNZ) is committed to an inclusive and welcoming environment. ASNZ follows World Aquatics regulations for international events. Mixed-gender participation is encouraged in Teams and Duets.

3 ELIGIBILITY

Age applicable is the athlete's age as of the close of day (23:59) on 31st December of the year of The Oceania Open Championships. All athletes must upload their passport to confirm nationality and date of birth.

4 PROGRAMME

The Oceania Open Championships will be run in conjunction with the New Zealand National Championships in 2025. All events will be run as finals.

5 ENTRIES

5.1 Entries may be as National Teams and/or Clubs. However, Clubs must be sanctioned by their National Federations, and the sanctions from the National Federations must comply with the event entries as noted below in 5.2 with respect to limits of entries. Any "extra entries" from Clubs not sanctioned by the National Federation for Oceania entries may enter into the National Championships instead (subject to the National Championship Rules).

5.2 Each Federation shall be entitled to enter into each event (Technical and Free are separate events) as follows:

Three Women's Solo	Four Women's Duets	Four Teams
Three Men's Solo	Four Mixed Duets	Four Free Combination
		Four Acrobatic Team Routines

Please note that the maximum entries apply per Federation (which may include any mix of National Team and/or sanctioned Clubs).

5.3 To promote athlete wellbeing, athletes are restricted in the number of routines permitted:

- Regardless of the age group(s) they are competing in, swimmers aged 12 years or younger are restricted to competing in a maximum of four (4) routines;
- Athletes aged 13 years or older are restricted to competing in a maximum of six (6) routines.

NB: The number of routine restrictions applies across both the Oceania Open and the New Zealand National Championships, not each one individually.

5.4 No changes to the entries will be accepted after the closing date unless on medical grounds, with the requirement that a medical certificate must be sent to the Organising Committee. A penalty, as stated in the competition information bulletin, will apply to any other change after the deadline if approved by the Organising Committee.

5.5 The final entry shall designate the name of the athletes in each entry and include the reserves (Entry fee is payable for reserves.) Reserves permitted are:

▪ Women Solo	Nil
▪ Men Solo	Nil
▪ Women Duet	1 reserve
▪ Mixed Duet	1 male and/or 1 female reserve
▪ Free Team	2 reserves for teams of 8 only
▪ Acrobatic Routine	2 reserves for teams of 8 only
▪ Free Combination	2 reserves for teams of 10 only

Reserves in a medal placing Duet, Team, Free Combination, or Acrobatic Routine are presented with the applicable medal.

5.6 International athletes are encouraged to enter the Oceania Open Championships.

All athletes may enter both the Oceania Championships and the National Championships held in conjunction, **in different events**. Athletes are not permitted (with the exception of the Host Nation’s athletes*) to enter both Championships in the same event. For example, Athlete A may be a member of the National Youth team for the Oceania Championships, but not entered by their Federation for Solo. They may compete for their Club in Solo in the National Championships (if in compliance with the National Championship rules).

* *Host Nation Athletes’ Exception* - New Zealand/Australian athletes entered in the Oceania Championships may also enter their own respective National Championships (when hosting) in accordance with their National Championship rules. They would only swim the routine once, but be entered in both competitions. They are not permitted to swim more than once in the same event.

6 FIGURE SESSIONS

Swimmers will be required to complete 4 figures at the Oceania Open Championships as follows in 2025.

12 & UNDER FIGURES

Either Group 1, Group 2, or Group 3 will be randomly drawn 72h before competition, and performed along with the compulsory figures

	Figure	Fig. #	DD
Compulsory	Straight Ballet Leg	106	1.6
	Barracuda	301	1.8
Group 1	Front Ariana	359	2.2
	Tower	348	1.9
Group 2	Water Drop	363	1.8
	Swordfish	401	2.1
Group 3	Kip	311	1.6
	Swanita Spinning 180	227d	1.9

YOUTH FIGURES

Section A or Section C will be selected at random 72h before competitions

		Figure	Fig. #	DD
Section A	Group 1	Flying Fish Spinning 360	307e	2.9
		Cyclone, Open 180°	437	2.6
	Group 2	Barracuda Airborne Split Spin Up 180°	308h	2.9
		Swordfish Straight Leg Ariana Rotation	407	2.6
Section C	Group 5	Flamingo Bent Knee Combined Spin 360 + 360	140j	3.1
		Walkover Back Closing 360°	421	2.4
	Group 6	Ipanema Spinning 180°	440d	3.1
		London Continuous Spin 720	154f	2.4

7 Swim Up Rules

- 7.1 Athletes may swim up one year in the World Aquatics year of their Age Group as follows:
- 12-year-old athletes may compete in a Youth Team/Combo or make up one half of a Youth Duet. If competing in multiple age groups in events requiring Figures, they would be required to compete in the applicable multiple age group Figure events.
 - 14-year-old athletes may compete in a Junior/Senior Team or make up one half of a Junior/Senior Duet. The exception is for Junior and Senior Acrobatic Routines, where athletes must be aged 15 years and over.

8 Appeals Process

8.1 Appeals Process and Timeline

To lodge an official appeal, the following processes must be observed:

- Appeals must be lodged within 30 minutes of the official scores being released.
- Appeals must be submitted in writing using the official Appeals Form (form linked [HERE](#)). A copy of this form will be provided at the Team Managers' Meeting.
- Only Team Managers are permitted to submit an appeal.
- Appeals must be accompanied by a protest fee of NZ \$200, which will be reimbursed if the protest is upheld.
- Appeals must be submitted to the designated Meet Manager. This person will be identified at the competition Team Managers' Meeting.

Please note: If conditions causing a potential protest are noted before the event, this must be brought to the attention of the Meet Manager before the respective session begins.

8.2 Grounds for an Appeal

An appeal may be lodged on the following grounds:

- A breach of official competition rules that impacts the final result.
- A scoring error that affects the outcome of the competition.
- A referee's perceived failure to observe the appropriate rules and regulations of the competition.
- Any decision affected by unforeseen or dangerous conditions that are likely to have impacted the competitor

Please note: In accordance with World Aquatics rules (Part 1), Judge and Technical Controller decisions cannot be appealed.

8.3 Appeal Review Process

If an official appeal is lodged, the following review process will take place as soon as convenient.

- The Referee will conduct the initial review of the appeal.
- If the Referee requires additional advice or input, they may consult the Assistant Referee.
- A final decision will be made following the review, and if the appeal is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded to the appealing team.
- The Team Manager may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision shall be final.

8.3 **The Jury of Appeal**

The Jury of Appeal (Jury) shall be appointed by the Artistic Swimming New Zealand Board before the event.

- The Jury is to consist of a representative from New Zealand, Australia, and New Caledonia, and the Evaluator (if attending).
- Jury members may not include the Referee, a Judge or a Technical Controller from the event. Each member shall have one vote, except if a conflict of interest applies (including an athlete from their country or related party, including but not limited to daughter, son, niece, nephew or partner).
- In the case of a conflict of interest, the affected Jury member is allowed to speak, but not to vote.
- The Referee's decision shall be afforded a significant degree of deference. The Jury of Appeal shall not substitute its view of the protest for that of the Referee unless the appellant presents clear evidence that the Referee's decision was made arbitrarily, irrationally, or in abuse of the discretion afforded to the Referee. The test shall be recognised as a high test for an appellant to overcome.
- The Jury of Appeal may ask to call any affected party or expert to assist in the Jury's review. In case of urgency, the Jury may vote on a matter even if it has not been possible to call all the members. The decision of the Jury is final.

9 Awards

Oceania Open Championships Awards will be made as follows:

9.1 **Reserves**

Reserves shall receive the appropriate medals for placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in events where Reserves are permitted.

9.2 **Scratching**

Any athlete scratched from a Team, Free Combination, or Acrobatic Routine in compliance with section 5.4, after the close of entries, will be awarded the applicable medal if the team places in a medal position.

9.3 **International and National Hosting Federation Placings**

International athletes from non-Oceania nations shall receive medals according to their actual 1st, 2nd, or 3rd placing in each event (including figures), based on overall results. Competitors from Oceania Federations (Australia, New Caledonia, and New Zealand) will receive medals according to their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Oceania placing.