

# **B 2 – ATHLETES**

## ***April 2016***



**Policy:** Time Trials  
**Objective:** To Clarify the procedure for and use of Time Trials within Swimming Southland

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1. Time trials will be used to seek approved qualifying times for Club, Regional, Zonal and National Meets.
2. Time trials can only be conducted for an individual distance and stroke, and must be advertised on the Swimming Southland website at least three days (preferably five) before the trial is scheduled to take place. This provides the opportunity for all swimmers chasing qualifying times to have the opportunity to take part.
3. The requisite number of officials must be in place, and will depend on the number of swimmers involved. The minimum level will be as specified in Swimming New Zealand's "Meet Approval Process".
4. Any records incidentally broken during the process of a time trial will be eligible for recognition from Swimming Southland. Please refer to the 'Swimming Southland Records' policy for more details.

## MINIMUM MEET REQUIREMENTS – as at April 2016

**Qualified referee** (A minimum of one regionally qualified referee is required)

**Judges of Stroke** (There must be at least 2 x JOS's (i.e. one on each side of the pool – can include referees acting as JOS if there is more than one referee listed). Minimum qualification is National IOT or Regional JOS or Referee)

**Starter** (Regionally Qualified)

**Chief IOT** (Where Applicable)

**Inspectors of Turns** [Minimum of 1 regionally qualified IOT for every 3 (three) lanes at both ends of pool]

6 lanes = 4 qualified IOTs

8 lanes = 6 qualified IOTs 4.

10 lane = 8 qualified IOTs

**AOD Operator**

**Chief Timekeeper**

**Timekeepers** [3 per lane for manual meets and 1 per lane when electronic timing is being used. Note that for New Zealand Records electronic timing must be used.]

For the results to be considered for regional or national event qualification the meet must adhere to the following rules as outlined below:

SNZ BY-LAWS SURROUNDING COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE SWIMMERS.

RIGHT TO COMPETE

3.1 A swimmer will not be eligible to compete in an approved competition unless he/she: (a) Is a current member of SNZ, and (b) Has first paid his/her membership fees due to his/her Club, Regional Association and (c) Has first paid any other fees or costs prescribed by his/her regional association and/or SNZ, including the fee or cost to travel to, be accommodated, and compete in, a past or future representative competition; and (d) Has supplied their contact details to SNZ as required in Rule 6.

3.2 At Club and Inter-Club competitions, financial and registered (at the time of competition) Club Swimmers and Competitive Swimmers may compete in all events.

3.3 At Regional and National competitions, all participants must be financial and registered (at the time of competition) Competitive Swimmers.

3.4 At all School Meets, financial and registered (at the time of the competition) Club Swimmers and Competitive Swimmers may compete in all events.

3.5 Any overseas swimmer from another federation competing at any competition in New Zealand must supply to SNZ an approval letter from their home federation confirming their eligibility to train and compete whilst in New Zealand.

3.6 By definition a "School Meet" is one where swimmers compete for their school rather than their club. The New Zealand Secondary School Championship is by definition a "School Meet" where Competitive and Club Swimmers may compete in all events.

MINIMUM OFFICIALS FOR APPROVED MEETS (effective 1 December 2014)

As per the Swimming New Zealand Regulations there is a minimum number and standard of officials required for a meet to be classed as approved and for those times to be considered for regional or national event qualification. The 'Minimum Officials for Approved Meets' sheet must be completed for each session, signed by the Referee and sent to the region. The region must, within seven (7) days of the completion of the meet forward the meet results and officials sheet/s to SNZ.

1. Officials names are to be printed on the form not signatures
2. The qualified officials listed on the 'Officials for SNZ Approved Meet Results' form (Referee, Starters, Judges of Stroke, Inspector of Turns) must be qualified registered voting technical official members of SNZ.
3. Officials in training need to be indicated with a 'T' beside their name.
4. Starters under training should be either starting with a qualified Starter or Referee (if two are available) i.e. If there are two qualified referees at a meet they can alternate standing with and training the starter as their events dictate.
4. Timekeepers are not required to be qualified or registered voting members of SNZ