

Auckland Swimming Meet Structure

Meets are divided into 3 levels depending on the ability of the swimmer. They consist of:

Level 1: Advanced

Level 2: Intermediate

Level 3: Beginner

Level 3 Meets

In the Auckland Swimming Association region the Level 3 meets have been divided into three regions, Waitakere Zone which covers West Auckland, Northern Zone which covers the North Shore and Central Zone which covers Central Auckland. United SC competes in the Central Zone. ASA policy is that Level 3 swimmers may only enter the meets in their Club's allocated zone (in the ASA region). They may enter meets in other Swimming Associations' regions e.g. Counties Manukau and Waikato.

The Level 3 meets are a good learning ground for swimmers to sort out their turns and stroke technique. Typically the swimmers are only warned of any stroke infractions unless they are getting close to Level 2 qualifying times.

Level 2 Meets

To qualify for Level 2 the swimmer will need to swim in 100m events or longer to achieve qualifying times. Provided a swimmer has achieved a Level 2 qualifying time at their current age, in any event, they can attend Level 2 meets. Once qualified for Level 2, they can no longer enter Level 3 meets, unless they age up (have a birthday) before they attain a Level 2 qualifying time for their new age. In that case, they drop back to Level 3 until a qualifying time for the new age is achieved.

Level 2 meets are much bigger meets (two sessions and all zones amalgamated) and the swimmer will be disqualified for any infractions of the rules. The minimum age band for qualifying times for Level 2 swimmers is 11 years and under, so even if a swimmer is a 9 year old he or she will need to achieve the minimum 11 year and under qualifying time for male or female swimmers.

Note that meets are swum in short course (25m) and long course (50m) pools and there are conversion charts on the ASA website with the relevant conversion factors. For example, the 11y/u qualifying times for Level 2 are: 100Backstroke 1:36.70S (short course) and 1:38.40L (long course) for males and females, and 100Freestyle 1:22.30S and 1:24.00L for males and females.

Level 1 Meets

For Level 1, qualifying times can be achieved in 50m events. Provided a swimmer has achieved a Level 1 qualifying time at their current age, in any event, they can attend Level 1 meets. Once qualified for Level 1, they can no longer enter Level 2 meets,

unless they age up before a Level 1 qualifying time at the new age has been achieved. In that case, they drop back to Level 2 until a qualifying time for the new age is achieved.

Results

Results are normally posted on the Auckland Swimming website for local meets or the Swimming New Zealand website (www.swimmingnz.org.nz) for National meets. Results for other regional meets can be obtained from the website of the relevant regional swimming association. The Swim Info website (www.swiminfo.co.nz) is also a useful website for results and meets. You can also subscribe to "Take Your Marks" (www.takeyourmarks.com) to track your swimmer's progress.