



Swimming New England & North West Inc.

## Area Competition Policy

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## **SNE&NW Inc. AREA COMPETITION POLICY**

There are two types of competition run by the Area:

- **AREA CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS** - An Area Long Course Championship meet will be held two weeks prior to NSW LC Country Championships and Short Course Championships will be run before NSW SC Country Championships. The program will be set by Swimming New England & North West Inc. (SNE&NW) and approved by Swimming NSW (SNSW) in accordance with SNSW Area Championship requirements prior to the start of the relevant season.
- **AREA QUALIFYING MEETS** - SNE&NW will schedule Qualifying meets prior to SNSW SC and LC State Championships. The programs will be set by SNE&NW. These meet dates will be advertised to all Area clubs and expressions of interest will be called for prior to the beginning of the relevant season.

## AREA CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

**Organisational Body:** Swimming New England & North West Inc. (SNE&NW)

**Time Standards:** All events will have Qualifying Standards set by SNE&NW

**Rule Considerations:** None

**Swimming NSW Approval Required:** Yes

**Time Limit:** Four (4) Sessions or Two (2) days

**Timing Equipment Required:** Automatic (AOE) or Semi-Automatic (SAT) timing is preferred, if not available stopwatches will be used.

**Program of Events:** The Meet program will include all the events as indicated in the Championships Meet Event Matrix (see below)

**Age Grouping:** The age grouping for Championships are indicated in the Medal Matrix (see next page).

### **Championship Meet Event Matrix**

#### **Long Course**

<i>Stroke</i>	<i>Distance</i>					
	50	100	200	400	800	1500
Freestyle	X	X	X	X	X	X
Backstroke	X	X	X			
Breaststroke	X	X	X			
Butterfly	X	X	X			
Individual Medley			X	X		
Freestyle Relay			Optional	Optional		
Medley Relay			Optional	Optional		

#### **Short Course**

<i>Stroke</i>	<i>Distance</i>					
	50	100	200	400	800	1500
Freestyle	X	X	X	X	X	X
Backstroke	X	X	X			
Breaststroke	X	X	X			
Butterfly	X	X	X			
Individual Medley		X	X	X		

<b>Freestyle Relay</b>			Optiona 	Optiona 		
<b>Medley Relay</b>			Optiona 	Optiona 		

### Age Groups Area Championships

<b>Freestyle</b>	<b>50</b>	8 & Under	9 Years	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>100</b>		9 & Under	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>200</b>	OPEN								
	<b>400</b>	OPEN								
	<b>800</b>	OPEN								
	<b>1500</b>	OPEN								
<b>Backstroke</b>	<b>50</b>	8 & Under	9 Years	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>100</b>		9 & Under	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>200</b>	OPEN								
<b>Breaststroke</b>	<b>50</b>	8 & Under	9 Years	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>100</b>		9 & Under	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>200</b>	OPEN								
<b>Butterfly</b>	<b>50</b>	8 & Under	9 Years	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>100</b>		9 & Under	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>200</b>	OPEN								
<b>Individual Medley</b>	<b>100</b>	OPEN								
	<b>200</b>		9 & Under	10 Years	11 Year s	12 Year s	13 Year s	14 Year s	15 Year s	16 & Over
	<b>400</b>	OPEN								
<b>Freestyle Relay</b>	<b>4 X 50</b>			10 & Under	12 & Under		14 & Under		Open	
<b>Medley Relay</b>	<b>4 X 50</b>			10 & Under	12 & Under		14 & Under		Open	

### **Notes:**

- Championship Meets are designed for swimmers to qualify for Country, State and National Championships and for eligible swimmers to compete for Area Champion awards and possible selection in Area Development programs.
- SNE&NW will run Area Championships over two days (three to four sessions).
- SNE&NW will advise qualifying times when the program is approved. The qualifying times may vary from year to year.
- There is no limit to the number of entries a swimmer can enter.
- SNSW requires that Area run Championship Meet Programs be set prior to the start of the applicable season.
- Clubs will be invited to host the SNE&NW Championship meets on an Area's behalf. Two or more clubs may jointly host SNE&NW Championship meets.
- Entry times must have been swum at a SAL, SNSW or SNE&NW approved meet and must be able to be verified on the National Database. Approved interstate times will be accepted. No entries will be accepted with a NT or if the swimmer has not met the qualifying time or the entry time cannot be verified on the National Database.

### **SNE&NW RESPONSIBILITIES**

SNE&NW will be responsible for the following in relation to Area Championships:

- SNE&NW will provide medals, ribbons and trophies (where applicable)
- SNE&NW will cover the cost of pool hire and printing costs of programs. A copy of the pool charges/costs must be included with the application.
- SNE&NW will organise all Technical Officials except timekeepers and will provide a Meet Director.
- SNE&NW will organise a lane roster for clubs to fill with timekeepers.
- SNE&NW will receive ALL income generated from event entries and program sales.
- SNE&NW may donate up to \$500 to the host club(s) in appreciation for hosting the Area Championships (LC or SC). If more than one club is hosting the event, the money may be distributed to all the host clubs. The amount will be negotiated upon application.
- SNE&NW will set aside \$1 from each entry fee for the Area Development program.

### **HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Host Club must provide sufficient shelter for swimmers directly involved in the competition ie in marshalling and behind the blocks and all technical officials

- Host Club may fundraise at the event via raffles, 100 club, and kiosk and BBQ sales (or any other activity approved by the SNE&NW board).
- Host Club must provide a suitable lunch for TO's (not including Timekeepers) – more than a sausage sandwich, which can be invoiced back to the area for an agreed amount. Host Club must also supply water and snacks for volunteers. Water and snacks will be reimbursed back to the host club(s) upon receipts being presented to the area Treasurer within 7 days of the meet completion.
- Host Club must supply a working PA system, stopwatches (1 per lane plus Chief Timekeeper) and boards, pencils for Timekeepers.
- Host Club must supply helpers to set up and pack up the Timing Equipment.
- Host Club must supply tables and chairs for presentation, Recorders, Starters and marshalling.
- Host Club must supply an announcer.
- Smaller clubs are encouraged to work together or with an experienced club to host a Championship Meet, if smaller clubs would like the experience but are lacking helpers and equipment.

## AREA QUALIFYING MEETS

**Organisational Body:** Swimming New England & North West Inc. (SNE&NW) in conjunction with appointed host club/s

**Time Standards:** Qualifying standards will be set by SNE&NW

**Rule Considerations:** None

**Swimming NSW Approval Required:** No

**Time:** Time *recommendation* for a one day meet total duration does not exceed Eight (8) hours, for a two day meet total duration does not exceed Ten (10) hours, with no more than Five (5) hours on either day.

**Timing Equipment:** SNE&NW will source AOE/SAT timing. If this is not available stopwatches may be used.

**Program of Events:** SNE&NW will set Area Qualifying Meet programs including the events indicated in the Qualifying Meet Event Matrix (see below).

**Age Grouping:** SNE&NW will set age groups for Area Qualifying meets as indicated in the Qualifying Meet Age Group Matrix (see below)

### **Qualifying Meet Event Matrix:**

**Long Course:** Events will mirror the LC meet the swimmers are trying to qualify for (State or Country LC)

**Short Course:** Events will mirror the SC meet the swimmers are trying to qualify for (State or Country SC)

	Distance					
	50	100	200	400	800	1500
Freestyle	X	X	X	X	X	X
Backstroke	X	X	X			
Breaststroke	X	X	X			
Butterfly	X	X	X			
Individual Medley		X (SC only)	X	X		

### **Age Groups - Area Qualifying Meet**

Age groups will be similar to the relevant SNSW meet age groups and will be announced when the program is approved



### **Notes:**

- Will be scheduled to allow swimmers the last opportunity to qualify for a higher-level meet e.g. Country or State Championships or, just to get practice racing
- SNE&NW will use qualifying times relevant to the upcoming SNSW meet. The qualifying times may vary from year to year
- Clubs may apply to host the SNE&NW Championship meets on an Area's behalf.
- Entry times must have been swum at a SAL, SNSW or SNE&NW approved meet and must be able to be verified on the National Database. Approved interstate times will be accepted. No entries will be accepted with a NT or if the swimmer has not met the qualifying time or the entry time cannot be verified on the National Database.

### **SNE&NW RESPONSIBILITIES**

SNE&NW will be responsible for the following in relation to Area Championships:

- SNE&NW will set the meet program and qualifying times.
- SNE&NW will organise all Technical Officials except timekeepers and will provide a Meet Director.
- SNE&NW will donate negotiated percentage of the value of the entries to the host club(s) in appreciation for hosting the Area Qualifying Meet. If more than one club is hosting the event, the money will be evenly distributed to all the host clubs.
- SNE&NW will provide prize money, medals, ribbons and trophies (where applicable)
- SNE&NW will cover the cost of pool hire, and printing costs of program. A copy of the pool charges/costs must be included with the application.
- SNE&NW will organise a lane roster for clubs to fill with timekeepers.
- SNE&NW will collate entries and generate meet program
- SNE&NW will upload all entries to National data base.

### **HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Host Club must provide sufficient shelter for marshalling, timekeepers, starter and referee
- Host Club may fundraise at the event via raffles, 100 club, and kiosk and BBQ sales (or any other activity approved by the NENW board).
- Host Club must provide a suitable lunch for TO's (not including Timekeepers) – more than a sausage sandwich, which can be invoiced back to the area for an agreed amount. Host Club must also supply water and snacks for volunteers. Water and snacks will be reimbursed back to the host club(s) upon receipts being presented to the area Treasurer within 7 days of the meet completion.
- Host Club must supply a working PA system, stop watches (1 per lane plus Chief Timekeeper) and boards, pencils for Time Keepers.
- Host Club must supply helpers to set up and pack up the Timing Equipment.

- Host Club must supply tables and chairs for presentation, Recorders, Starters and marshalling.
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Warm up procedures

Warm up will commence one hour before the meet starts.

Please refer to the warm up procedures used at SNSW meets as these will be in place. [Appendix 1.](#)

### Technical Officials

Most technical officials will be performing their duties for the entire meet. As the host club you are responsible for their comfort. Please consider:

- A secure place for all Technical Officials to put their belongings
- A place to serve and prepare refreshments
- A place that is appropriate for lunch – usually in a clubroom
- Ensure that **all** officials are adequately hydrated, even if they are working for less than a session of your meet

SNE&NW will send out nomination forms for all Area Qualifying meets. SNE&NW will appoint all technical officials to these meets except timekeepers. Rosters will be produced for timekeeping duties. Members are encouraged to apply to work at these meets to provide a fair environment for all the swimmers. Refer to the nomination form relating to the relevant meet.

### After the Meet

SNE&NW is responsible for uploading the results of these meets as soon as possible after the meet finishes. Approval will be sought from SNSW on the next work day to allow swimmers to enter the relevant meet online if they have met the set qualifying times.

A PDF results file will be published on the SNE&NW website once the results have been approved.

## APPENDIX 1

### **SNSW Warm Up Procedures**

Please refer to SNSW website

Home » Member Information » Competition » Competition Structure

<https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=130>