

To SNZ Clubs, Regions, Staff, Officials, Board & NZSCTA
From Kent Stead – Events Manager
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Subject 2011 New Zealand Division II Competition

Hi everyone,

As I am sure you are all aware, the Division II event that was due to be staged next week in Christchurch was postponed due to the devastating earthquake that affected the area on 22 February. Since that event, Swimming New Zealand has been working in consultation with the new Events Advisory Committee and a number of regions to find an appropriate time and venue to stage the Division II event.

The situation we faced was very different to that in September when the Age Group SC event was able to be moved to Wellington. Because of the number of events occurring at this time of year it wasn't logistically possible to slot it in.

We have found an alternative solution which we believe will have the least impact on Division II swimmers. The 2011 Division II Competition will now take place at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre from the 20 - 23 July in the term two school holidays. There will be a warm up session at the pool from 3-7pm on 19 July. Thank you to Swimming Bay of Plenty for coming forward and offering to host this event.

Conditions of the event:

- The order of events will remain the same as those from the events that were due to start next Wednesday
- The qualification period will also stay the same as the above mentioned event
- If you qualified for the 2011 Juniors or National Age Groups, you are not eligible to attend this competition
- Swimmers will compete in the age group that they are in on the first day of the event (20 July 2011)
- If a competitor has had a birthday between the original date and the new event date, they will swim with their new age group, but they do not need to achieve the qualification times in that new age group. The times that they achieved in their old age group can be used for qualification

A new flier and TM Events File will be placed on the Swimming New Zealand website within the next week. We appreciate the patience and assistance that we have received in reaching this decision.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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