



2024 Swimming Wellington Evans Bay Open Water Challenge

Saturday 2 March 2024

Location - Haitaitai Beach

The Wellington Harbour Challenge will be held at the picturesque Evans Bay this year. The event will be a beach start from Haitaitai Beach, with 500m, 1.25km, 2.5km and 5km races.

This scenic beach gently grades into sandy Evans Bay, surrounded by boatsheds and a redeveloped park. It is a sheltered and calm beach, with parking, changing facilities and toilets conveniently located along the beach front. A fun morning out for all the family!

Entries Open: 1 December 2023

Entries Close: 2 March 2024

Early Bird Entries: Before 31 December 2023

Events

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
500m	Male, Female	7 -15 (Junior), 16 - 34 (Open), 35+ (Masters)	8.30am
1.25km	Male, Female	12 -15 (Junior), 16 - 34 (Open), 35+ (Masters)	7.49am
2.5km	Male, Female	12 -15 (Junior), 16 - 34 (Open), 35+ (Masters)	7.47am
5km	Male, Female	12 -15 (Junior), 16 - 34 (Open), 35+ (Masters)	7.45am

**1.5km, 2.5km
& 5km**

**Registration: 6.30am - 7.30am
Briefing: 7.30am**

500m

**Registration: 7.00am - 8.00am
Briefing: 8.15am**

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Meet Conditions

1. Entry Pricing

	Earlybird Entry Before 31 December	Entry Before 31 January	Entry Before 26 February 2024	Entry From 26 February or Race Day Entry
500m				
Registered SNZ	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
Recreational	\$20	\$30	\$35	
1.25km				
Registered SNZ	\$20	\$30	\$35	\$60
Recreational	\$30	\$40	\$45	
2.5km				
Registered SNZ	\$30	\$40	\$45	\$65
Recreational	\$40	\$50	\$55	
5km				
Registered SNZ	\$40	\$50	\$55	\$70
Recreational	\$50	\$60	\$65	

2. Entry Process

SNZ Members:

Enter online via the SNZ database, which will include completion and signing of an e-waiver. For all entrants under the age of 18, the waiver must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. See waiver form for more information.

Social:

Enter via the OneTime registration site, as displayed on the event page Scorching Bay Challenge. For all entrants under the age of 18, the waiver must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. See waiver form for more information.

3. Caps & Wetsuits

Caps will be provided at registration. Caps will identify which distance participants will be swimming and must be worn at all times for identification purposes.

5km - Green

2.5km - Orange

1.25km - Yellow

500m - Pink

Wetsuits are optional. It is recommended that participants should use wetsuits for open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 20C.



4. Events

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1.25km	Male, Female	7-15 Juniors	16-34 Open	35 + Masters	7.49am
2.5km	Male, Female	7-15 Juniors	16-34 Open	35 + Masters	7.47am
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5. Racing Rules

The race will start on the beach at Scorching Bay, and will be over a course identified by buoys. The finish line will be located on land back at the starting point. Under extreme weather conditions the Technical Director may amend the course (including shortening the distance of races) on the day. No swimmer may be accompanied in the water by another non-competing swimmer at any stage of the race. If a swimmer leaves the water or makes contact with a boat, he/she shall be disqualified. The Technical Director's decision is final on both any changes to the course and any swimmer disqualifications.

6. Timing

Electronic timing chips are required to be worn on both wrists and will be given out at registration. Swimmers will be required to pay \$50 per chip if it is lost/not returned.

7. Timetable

Competitors must register within the designated registration time and attend the race briefing. Race numbers, caps and timing chips will be given out at the registration station. The registration location will be confirmed nearer the time of the event and will be published on the Swimming Wellington web page for the event.

Distance	Registration	Briefing	Racing start
500m	7.00am - 8.00am	8.15am	8.30am
1.25km	6.30am - 7.30am	7.30am	7.49am
2.5km	6.30am - 7.30am	7.30am	7.47am
5km	6.30am - 7.30am	7.30am	7.45am

8. Alterations / Abandonment

The Technical Director may alter starting times or cancel the event due to bad weather, and may abandon the event after the official start for safety reasons. If the event is cancelled after Monday February 26th, 5.00pm, no refunds of the entry fees will be given. If the event is cancelled prior to Monday February 26th, 5.00pm a full refund will be processed. Swimming Wellington reserves the rights to refuse entry to any person. Swimming Wellington and the Technical Director may remove or prevent someone from starting or completing the event at their discretion, and any decision made is final.

9. Photography

Participants who have entered this event agree to allow images (e.g. photography, video, etc.) to be taken by accredited media approved by Swimming Wellington. Images are only to be used for legitimate purposes by Swimming Wellington in accordance with the SNZ Member Protection Policy. Club photographers should seek prior approval from the Meet organiser prior to the start of the meet, as per the Swimming Wellington Photography Policy.

10. Results

Results will be posted via URL link on the Swimming Wellington website as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.

11. Medals

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for all events. Participation medals will be awarded to all swimmers who participated in the event. Medal ceremonies will take place at the end of the event.

12. Water Safety Guidelines

- Swimmers are responsible for their own physical condition and are urged to train appropriately for the event (be able to swim the full distance and have open water swimming experience) and have a medical check prior to entry if required.
- It is important to note that, while every effort will be made to ensure a safe and fun event, organisers and crew are unable to guarantee swimmer safety
- Water safety personnel will be patrolling the course for the duration of your event
- Medical staff will be on-site with staff and resources
- A swimmer deemed incapable of completing the course in a satisfactory condition will be brought to shore by water safety personnel
- If assistance is required during the swim, swimmers are required to raise one arm so water safety personnel can assist. If this is not possible, the swimmer should roll onto their back to float in a relaxed position and try to alert a lifeguard
- In the event of a withdraw, please alert a clearly marked event official. Timing chips need to be returned to indicate the withdrawal
- All swimmers should be vigilant when swimming around buoys and passing other swimmers
- Swimmers are recommended to wear a wetsuit for assistance with buoyancy and warmth