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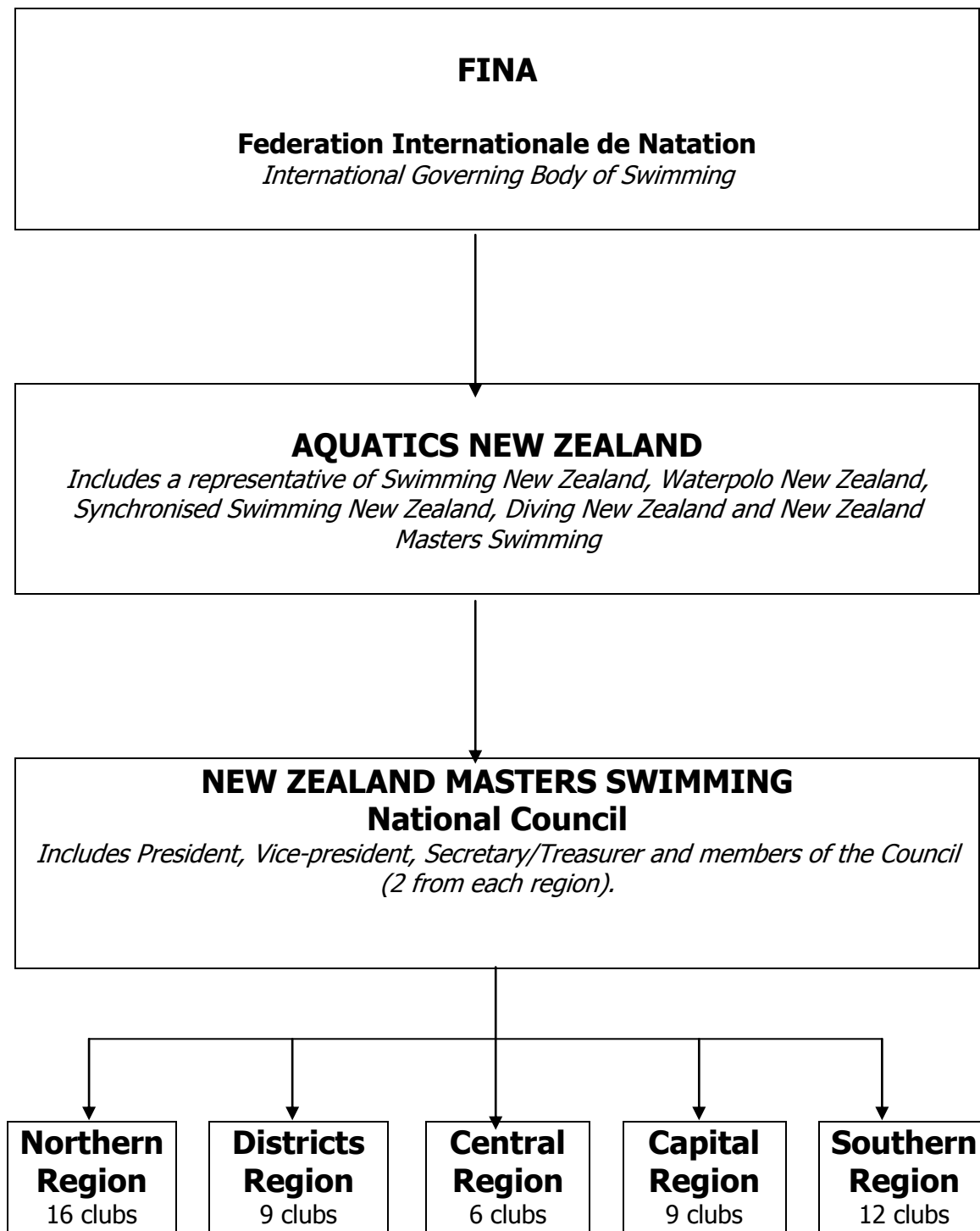
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## HOW IT ALL WORKS AT A NATIONAL LEVEL

1. New Zealand Masters Swimming Inc. (NZMS) operates as an Incorporated Society with defined objects and rules. The rules may be changed by notice at a Special General Meeting or at an Annual General Meeting. The Constitution is found in Section 5 of this manual.
2. There is provision for the calling of a Special General Meeting if called by the Executive or if requested in writing and signed by the Chairman of 2 or more regions.
3. Currently NZMS operates through a small Executive, consisting of the National Secretary/Treasurer, the President and Vice-President. Elections are held every two years.
4. The current annual membership fee for NZMS is \$50.00. Members generally pay an additional fee to their respective clubs (See Section 1.5).
5. For voting purposes at the Annual General Meeting, New Zealand is divided into five regions with each region having two delegates to the AGM and one vote.
6. Because of the relatively small size of the organisation, individual members of NZMS can communicate with the Executive of NZMS without having to route such communication through their own club secretaries. Executive members try to attend the various swim meets run by clubs on a regular basis.
7. NZMS was established in 1973. The structure is as follows -

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL** consisting of –

- i. **President**
- ii. **Vice President**
- iii. **Secretary/Treasurer (Executive Director)**
- iv. **Members of Council** (2 from each of the Five Regions)

The Council meets only once a year so day-to-day management of NZMS, (except the most important decisions which need to be referred to an AGM) is with the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

### 8. **Affiliations**

NZMS is affiliated to and part of Aquatics New Zealand Inc. the amalgamated body made up of representatives from NZMS, Swimming NZ, Diving NZ, Water Polo, and Synchronised Swimming.

NZMS is also affiliated to FINA as one of its member disciplines.

### 9. **Appointments**

**International -**  
FINA Masters Committee

**National –**  
Honorary Accountant  
Aquatics NZ Delegates  
Computer/ IT Officer  
Webmaster  
Editor

Swimming Officer  
Open Water Swimming Officer  
History, Archives and Trophies Officer

10. **Standing Committees**

The NZMS Executive or Council may set up standing committees for specific purposes as they consider necessary, for example Editorial, Pool Swimming, Open Water Swimming.