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#### 1. **Swimming New Zealand Inc.**

Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) provides advice and leadership to the New Zealand community on matters pertaining to swimming. Their activities can be separated into three specific areas:

- Education, from Learn to Swim through to High Performance education programmes
- Recreation, for those who swim for enjoyment, for the personal challenge or for the health benefits
- Competition.

SNZ is the body to which many Masters swimmers formerly belonged. SNZ activities include training programmes for coaches and swimmers throughout New Zealand, swim meets throughout the country, run through its clubs and provincial organisations, and the selection and training of teams to represent New Zealand overseas.

NZMS aims to maintain a close and cordial relationship with SNZ and has in the past had a Memorandum of Understanding for this purpose. Examples of cooperative arrangements between SNZ and NZMS include the following:

- Masters swim clubs hosting sanctioned meets, especially championship events are usually reliant on local SNZ officials.
- The New Zealand Masters Swimmer of the Year is presented with their trophy at the annual SNZ Award evening.
- SNZ has included masters events in their Open Water events, including hosting our National Masters Open Water Swimming Championships.

For more information about SNZ see [www.swimmingnz.org.nz/](http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/)

#### 2. **Aquatics New Zealand Inc.**

Aquatics New Zealand Inc. (Aquatics) was incorporated in December 2005 and consists of five member disciplines, all FINA related, Swimming, Diving, Synchronised Swimming, Water Polo and NZMS. Each discipline has two appointees to the Board of Aquatics, but with one vote between the two delegates.

Aquatics meets several times per annum. It's purpose is to:

- deal with all FINA-related business, including appointing delegates to FINA conferences and meetings
- fulfil a role in the Oceania Swimming Congress
- promote and enhance the interest of its member disciplines.

#### 3. **Drug Free Sport NZ**

NZMS has adopted the Sports Anti-Doping Rules which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code. NZMS strongly recommends that all Masters athletes taking part in National Championships or any other sanctioned meet become familiar with their rights and responsibilities in relation to anti-doping programmes and act according. For more information see NZMS Drug Policy, Section 6 of this manual and [www.drugfreesport.org.nz](http://www.drugfreesport.org.nz)

#### 4. **FINA**

FINA, the Fédération Internationale de Natation, is the world governing body for the five Aquatic Disciplines of SWIMMING, DIVING, WATER POLO, SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING and OPEN WATER SWIMMING, including MASTERS sections of these disciplines.

FINA has five main objectives:

- to promote and encourage the development of swimming in all possible manifestations throughout the world
- to promote and encourage the development of international relations
- to adopt necessary uniform rules and regulations to hold competitions in swimming, open water swimming, diving, water polo, synchronised swimming and masters
- to organise World Championships and FINA events
- to increase the number of facilities for swimming throughout the world.

To fulfil these goals and organise its 202 National Federations membership, FINA has put in place a structure comprising of six main entities: the General Congress, the Technical Congress, the Bureau, the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees and the Commissions.

The GENERAL CONGRESS is FINA's highest authority; it decides upon any matters arising within the international federation. The TECHNICAL CONGRESS rules on technical issues pertaining to FINA's five aquatic disciplines. Each Congress has two duly appointed delegates from each Member federation – each having one vote – plus the 22 members of the Bureau, the Honorary Life President and all Honorary Members, but without vote. Included as well within the Technical Congress are all members from the respective Technical Committees, without vote. The Congresses convene every four years, usually on the occasion of the FINA World Championships. All Congress meetings are chaired by FINA President.

For more information about FINA see [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org).