

# REGIONAL RECORDS POLICY

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**Objective:** To ensure Swimming Canterbury West Coast Regional long and short course records are achieved fairly, and accurately recorded

**Eligibility Criteria:** Swimmer must be a current financial member of a Swimming Canterbury West Coast affiliated Member Club

Long Course Records apply to swims in 50m pools only and Short Course Records apply to swims in 25m pools only

Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Individual Medley records cannot be set in Freestyle events.

A swimmer may establish a record for an intermediate distance within an event of a longer distance, but the swimmer must successfully complete the entire distance for that event in order for the record to be accepted.

The first swimmer in a relay event may establish a record for an individual record distance. The individual performance shall not be nullified by any team disqualifications for violations by subsequent relay members after the record is achieved.

**Open Records** will only be accepted when the competition fulfils Swimming New Zealand (or similar) meet approval requirements as defined in the Swimming New Zealand Rules.

Where automatic electronic or semi-automatic timing is not used, three separate manual times must be recorded. The results for the relevant session must be signed off by the Referee of the session, who shall be a qualified regional or national official. Only electronic watches may be used for manual timing.

**Senior Age Group Records** (13 years and over) will only be accepted when the competition fulfils Swimming New Zealand (or similar) meet approval requirements as defined in the Swimming New Zealand Rules.

Where automatic electronic or semi-automatic timing is not used, three separate manual times must be recorded. The results for the relevant session must be signed off by the Referee of the session, who shall be a qualified regional or national official. Only electronic watches may be used for manual timing.

**Junior Age Group Records** (12 years and under) may in addition to the criteria for Open and Senior Age Group records, be accepted without the competition fulfilling the Swimming New Zealand (or similar) meet approval requirements, on the condition that:

- a qualified Regional or National Referee is running the meet
- only full electronic timing is being used, Where full electronic timing is not used, three separate manual times must be recorded.
- any blatant breach of the FINA swimming rules at the meet would have resulted in disqualification

**Ratification Process:** If a record is obtained within the Region or at a Swimming NZ competition, no notification is required.

If a record is obtained at a competition outside of the Region, the Swimming Canterbury West Coast Operations Manager should be notified within twenty-one (21) days of the performance, or within twenty-one days (21) days of a competitor/team returning from overseas.

Swimming Canterbury West Coast will identify and verify all records using electronic results files, the Swimming New Zealand database and any provided documentation if applicable, including verifying that all criteria for a Swimming Canterbury West Coast record (as stipulated above) have been met. Swimming Canterbury West Coast will maintain a register of long and short course individual and relay records.

All ratified records will be updated monthly, published on our website and certificates issued.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SIMOONE". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' that loops around the first part of the name.

Simon Moore  
SCWC Board Chair  
On Behalf of the SCWC Board

Signed 2 May 2022  
To be reviewed: May 2026