



Swimming
BAY OF PLENTY

Classic Series and Premier Series 2024

Swimming Bay of Plenty, in conjunction with our lead coaches, are excited to present the 2024 Classic Series and BOP Premier Series. Evolving from the success of last year’s Junior Series setup we are excited and delighted to announce the new format now called the Classic Series. This series has been designed for not only new members of our swimming whānau to inter-club racing in an accessible & pressure free manner but also cater for athletes of all ages that are starting on the competitive pathway. We are super stoked to announce the addition of the BOP Premier Series which will provide consistent racing opportunities for our more experienced swimmers and encourage them to expand their event portfolio in the lead up to upcoming events.

The Classic Series and the BOP Premier Series is designed to maximize accessibility for everyone across our swimming community and as such is open to any swimmer who is registered in the Swimming NZ database (Recreational, Club & Competitive membership types are all eligible).

The 2024 Classic Series is set up across two meets and five age groups: 9 and under, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years and 13 and over. Meets 1 & 2 include a selection of races ranging from beginner friendly to technically challenging. The event schedule for each meet is laid out in the table below:

BOP Classic Series 2024 Event Schedules	
Meet 1 @ Whakatāne 22nd September	Meet 2 @ Rotorua 13th October
50 Free	25 Free
100 Breast	100 Back
25 Fly	50 Fly
100 IM	25 Back
25 Breast	100 Free
50 Back	50 Breast
200 Free	200 IM
4 x25 10&U Mixed Free Relay	4 x25 10&U Mixed Free Relay
4 x50 11&12 Mixed Free Relay	4x25 11&12 Mixed Free Relay
4 x50 13&O Mixed Free Relay	4x50 13&O Mixed Free Relay



Swimmers will earn points across the two meets based on their gendered age group placings in the events entered as in the table above. Points will be tallied from the events that a swimmer enters. **Please note that swimmers DO NOT have to partake in the series/points system – everyone is encouraged to get some racing in regardless!**

Upon the completion of Meet 2, the highest points scorers will be calculated and crowned BOP Classic Series Champions at the BOP Classic Meet on Sunday 17th November.

Cash Prize of \$50 for Series Winners will be available for the overall 1st place getter in the age groups listed above.

We are also offering athletes who want to challenge themselves an opportunity to participate in Meet 3 of the below Premier Series. This Meet will have distance events available only. No points will be allocated from this Meet. Events will be finalized and advised over the next week for this Meet.

To be eligible for the Classic Series you must have time's slower than the event's qualifying standard for the BOP Premier Series. The qualifying times are in the table further down in this document. Should you have one qualifying time then that makes you ineligible for the Classic Series but able to participate in the Premier Series.

The BOP Premier Series is set up across three meets and 5 age groups: 12&U, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and 16 and over. You must have posted at least one qualifying standard to participate in this series. A selection of events will be available in a format of no more than 3 hours racing. The racing events have yet to be finalized so will be advised over the next week but meanwhile please mark your calendars:

Meet 1 on Sunday 22nd September @Whakatane (25m Indoor): Warm-up 12pm Racing 1pm.

Meet 2 on Sunday 13th October @Rotorua (25m Indoor): Warm-up 12pm Racing 1pm.

Meet 3 on Saturday 16th November @Rotorua (50m Outdoor); Warm-up 3pm Racing 4pm

Meet 3 will have Distance events only and will also be open to the Classic Series athletes.

Swimmers will earn points across all three meets based on their gendered age groups placings as in the age groups listed above. Points will be tallied from the events that a swimmer enters.

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Upon the completion of Meet 3, the highest points scorers will be calculated and crowned BOP Premier Series Champions at the conclusion of Meet 3.

Cash Prize of \$100 for Series Winners will be available for the overall 1st placegetter in the age groups listed above.



CLASSIC AND PREMIER SERIES RULES

- Age will be as of 22nd September. Athletes will remain in that age group as at September 22nd regardless if they age up during the Series.
- Below is the qualifying standard required to participate in the BOP Premier Series. Please note if you have achieved one of these qualifying standards then congratulations you can only participate in the Premier Series.
- For those participating in AIMS please do not enter the Classic Series until the conclusion of the event in case you post a qualifying standard for the Premier Series.
- Should an athlete post a qualifying standard for the Premier Series during the series you will remain in the Classic series.
- There is a flat fee of \$20.00 with a maximum of 3 individual events.
- Entries will be via Fastlane.
- If you do not have a time for your event, then please ensure your coach sends a time through to swimbopevents@gmail.com
- Classic Series will be Development meets.
- Premier Series will be Designated meets.

EVENTS	FEMALE	MALE
50 Free	32.20	31.60
100 Free	1:10.20	1:09.20
200 Free	2:30.80	2:30.60
400 Free	5:18.00	5:13.20
50 Back	36.30	36.20
100 Back	1:18.80	1:18.60
200 Back	2:50.50	2:50.80
50 Breast	42.60	41.60
100 Breast	1:33.60	1:32.70
200 Breast	3:21.40	3:20.50
50 Fly	35.10	35.00
100 Fly	1:20.10	1:19.40
200 Fly	3:18.90	3:09.90
100 IM	1:19.90	1:20.00
200 IM	2:52.60	2:51.40
400 IM	6:21.50	6:18.80

