

The following document outlines the guidelines and decision-making processes in relation to delivering Swimming New Zealand events at various Alert Levels. At all times Swimming New Zealand will monitor the Ministry of Health and follow their guidelines and advice.

National competitions can only be delivered safely during Alert Level 1. Therefore, these guidelines will be used when:

- Alert Levels are above Level 1 in the lead up to an event
- Different geographic areas are at different Alert Levels
- Alert Levels change within 14 days or during an event

SNZ will consider one or all the following options in relation to event delivery:

1. Postponement
2. Modification or location change
3. Cancellation

Decisions relating to changes to event delivery will be communicated **at least 14 days prior** to the first day of the affected event unless Alert Levels increase after this time then an update of event status will be communicated as soon as possible.

National Events

- National events will only be delivered if the **entire country** is in Alert Level 1
- The first option will be postponement
- If a suitable date or location cannot be found, the competition will be cancelled with the potential to be replaced by modified competition(s)
- Please refer to the table below for each specific SNZ event

Zonal Events

- Zonal and island events will only be delivered if the **attending regions** are in Alert Level 1. Clubs & residents located in areas that are above Alert Level 1 will be excluded from entering
- Please refer to the table below for each specific SNZ event

The table below outlines the contingency plans in place for how Swimming NZ will respond to each respective alert level for each SNZ event listed below.

Event	Level 1	Levels 2 - 4
Open Water & Epic Swim	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	If any region in NZ is at level 2 or above, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be postponed to a new date, if possible, within a 3-month window

Junior Festivals	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	If any region in each respective zone is at level 2 or above, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be postponed to a new date, if possible, within a 3-month window
NZ Champs	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	<p>If any region in NZ is at level 2 or above, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be postponed to a new date, if possible, within a 3-month window</p> <p>Olympic & Paralympic long list athletes will have their opportunity to swim their races at NAGS. These long list athletes will swim alongside NAGS swimmers during the heats, but have their own timed finals in the evenings and not impact age group finals</p>
NAGS	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	<p>If any region in NZ is at level 2 or above, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be postponed to a new date, if possible, within a 3-month window</p> <p>If NZ Champs has also been postponed, we will host a combined age group and open event, ideally within a 3-month window.</p>
Div II	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	If any region in NZ is at level 2 or above, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be combined with NZ Secondary Schools
Island Secondary Schools	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	If any region in the respective island is at level 2, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be cancelled
NZ Secondary Schools	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	If any region in NZ is at level 2 or above, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be postponed to a new date, if possible, within a 3-month window

Short Course	Proceed as normal, exercise good hygiene and scan in with QR scanner	If any region in NZ is at level 2 or above, and given the government guidelines that you take your level with you, the event will be postponed to a new date, if possible, within a 3-month window
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Please note: only events where all participants are permitted to attend will be classed as a national championship event.

If alert levels change during an event, the event will be stopped immediately.

Refunds

Event Cancellation

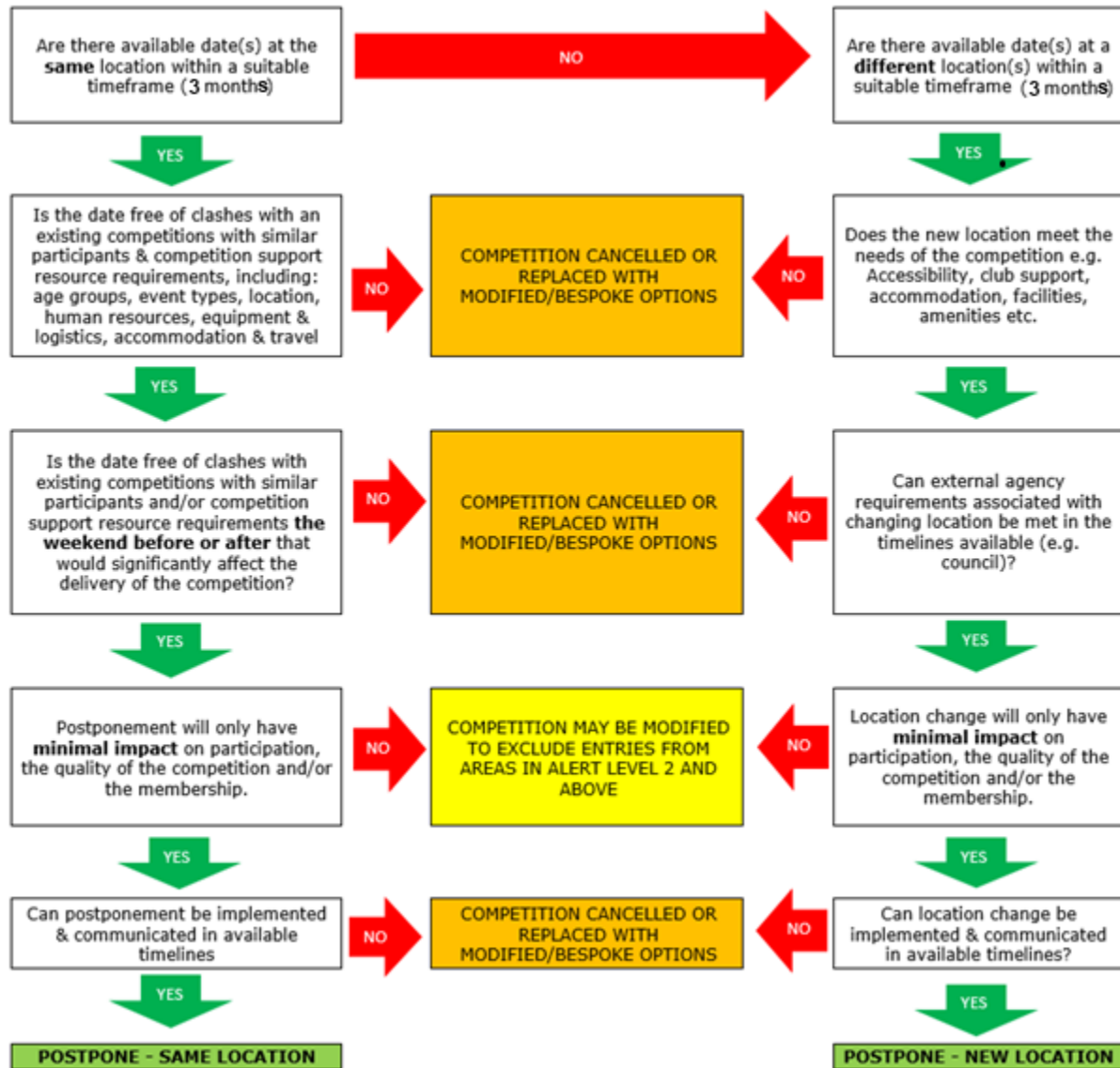
Event cancellation may occur in the event of a circumstance outside of Swimming NZ's control, such as a force majeure event or a government/facility-imposed restriction(s), that impacts our ability to deliver the event. If the event has not commenced and is cancelled more than 14 days prior to starting, the participant will receive a full refund. If the event is cancelled within 14 days of commencing, or has commenced, the participant may receive a partial refund at the sole discretion of Swimming NZ. The level of refund shall be determined by considering the costs already incurred by Swimming NZ which cannot be recouped.

Event Rescheduling

Should an event be rescheduled due to a circumstance outside of our control, such as a force majeure event or a government/facility-imposed restriction(s), that impacts our ability to deliver the event, Swimming NZ will investigate the possibility of re-scheduling the event to another date. Swimming NZ shall be under no obligation to reschedule the event. If the event is rescheduled, Swimming NZ will refund event entries if the swimmer is unable to attend a rescheduled event.

Contingency Decision-Making Flow Chart

The flowchart below outlines the decision-making process for determining the viability of SNZ event delivery. The most significant factor is the timing of current/changing Alert Levels in relation to the date of the competition.



*Please note that some other new information may become available and need to be considered, that may slightly alter this decision-making process for events.