



World University Games 2007 - Swimming

This letter is to provide information to NZ swimmers about the Swimming competition at the 2007 World University Games (also known as the Summer Universiade).

General: The World University Games are the 2nd largest global multi-sports event after the Olympics. The Games offer NZ high performance athletes the opportunity to compete against world class competition and experience a world class multi-sports event.

Dates:

a)	World University Games	-	8 - 18 August 2007
b)	Games Swim competition	-	9 - 14 August 2007
c)	Swimming staging camp *	-	19 July – 4 August 2007

Location: Bangkok, Thailand
(* note pre Games staging camp in Canberra and Singapore)

NZ Organisers: University Sport New Zealand (USNZ) is responsible for the final selection and administration of the New Zealand delegation (including Swimming) for these Games. USNZ works closely with Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) at all stages regarding the Swim team.

NZ Delegation: It is expected that the NZ delegation for the 2007 Games will be the largest ever with around 150 competitors and officials from 10-11 sports including Swimming.

Swimming: Swimming is one of 17 sports that will be part of the 2007 Games. The Swimming competition will take place from 12-17 August; unusually it takes place on the last days of the Games reflecting its major status within the Games programme.

Eligibility: Competitors wishing to represent New Zealand at the 2007 World University Games must adhere to the following eligibility criteria:

- a) You must be a New Zealand citizen and hold a current, full NZ passport;
- b) You must be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on 1st January 2007 (i.e. be born between 2nd January 1979 and 1st January 1990);
- c) If studying in NZ, you must be attending a NZ University as recognised by the Ministry of Education;
- d) If studying overseas you must be studying at a University or similar institution recognised as holding University status by the appropriate academic authority of that country;
- e) You must be studying "towards a full time course"; OR
- f) You must have finished your course (successfully) and graduated less than 12 months before the start of the Games, i.e. finished your course and graduated after 8 August 2006;
- g) You must be a member of Swimming New Zealand.

Selection: Swimming competitors selected to represent New Zealand at the 2007 World University Games will have met the following criteria:

- a) Selection will be merit-based on the competitor's ability to perform with credit at these Games and attainment of the relevant selection criteria;
- b) Selection criteria have been determined by Swimming New Zealand and endorsed by University Sport NZ. SNZ and USNZ have determined criteria to achieve their joint goal of NZ competitors finishing, as a minimum, in the B final of their event (i.e. in the top 16).
- c) Swimmers meeting all eligibility criteria and ranked in the top five from the combined results of the:
 - 2007 World Championships, Melbourne (18 March – 1 April); and the
 - 2007 NZ Youth and Open Championships, Christchurch (4-8 April); will be eligible for selection and for graded funding support from SNZ based on Squad level.
- d) Only 2 competitors may be selected to represent NZ in each event; these places will be awarded to the highest ranked swimmers from c) above
- e) Competitors must have indicated availability for these Games to SNZ prior to the selection events in c) above

Cost: It is expected that the total cost of competing at the World University Games will be approximately \$3,000 with selected competitors eligible for graded funding support from SNZ based on Squad level. In addition subject to c) above there may be an SNZ user pays component relating to staging camp costs. This will be advised by 2007 Absolute Insurance NZ Youth and Open Championships.

Team Manager: Mark Saunders
Head Coach: Jan Cameron

Agreement: All Swimming competitors selected to represent NZ at the Games are required to sign separate agreements with University Sport NZ and SNZ which cover areas of commitment to the swim team, to the overall NZ delegation and to USNZ/SNZ. It covers areas such as the competitor's responsibilities regarding performance focus, doping control and behaviour.

Who to contact: Contact any of these people for further information:

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Websites: For further information on the 2007 World University Games click on the following links:

- a) University Sport New Zealand's website pages on the Games: www.universitysport.org.nz/events/international/world-university-games/
- b) Bangkok Organising Committee's website: www.universiade2007.org/en/main/index.html
- c) International University Sports Federation website: www.fisu.net