

## UPDATE ON BOP CLASSIC

We understand everyone's frustration at the continued cancellation of events and that our athletes are faced with unique challenges of continuing their training with limited or no opportunities to race.

In conjunction with our coaches, with a special mention to Tai Daniella for his wise creative way of looking at how we can do this, we have redesigned the event. We are so grateful for everyone's patience while we consider different scenarios. The event is tailored to the current environment and designed to comply with the restrictions of Alert Level 2. Our priority is promoting a safe competition environment.

The revised Swimming Bay of Plenty Classic 2020 will be broken into 4 sessions.

Session 1: 10 and under athletes, Session 2: 11-12 year olds,

Session 3: 13-14 year olds, Session 4: 15 and over athletes.

Each session will be limited to 70 athletes and there will be no spectators or parents allowed in the complex. Clubs are only permitted to have one coach per session pooldeck. There will be no Team Managers. The coaches will and can get athletes to the starting blocks. There will be minimal officials pooldeck and electronic timing will be used. We are looking at options regarding live streaming and in advance, should we pull this together, please be aware the quality may not be ideal.

We are grateful for the support of the Rotorua Aquatic Centre and without their support we would not be able to host this event for our athletes. We have given them our undertaking that everyone will follow the rules so please we implore you to respect the no parents/supporters etc rule around entering the complex. If this is not honoured, and it will only take one parent, then the meet will immediately be cancelled. This means you must stay outside the complex and not mingle in the foyer or any other area of the complex. The safety of our athletes, the pool staff and our volunteers are our priority. This meet is for Swimming Bay of Plenty athletes only and if numbers allow then we will do our best to give the handful of athletes from outside our region that had previously entered an opportunity to race. Please do not enter until we have confirmed you can. Regretfully the athletes that entered from within the Auckland Region cannot attend under any circumstances. We appreciate this is disappointing. Emails have been sent to all athletes that previously entered and all Swimming BOP financial Club and competitive athletes with more in-depth details. There were several emails that bounced back so this is a good time for everyone to double check their emails are correct in Fastlane. We extensively use the email tool from Fastlane to send updates and important information.

All those that entered the BOP Classic prior to the announcement of the new format please email your bank account details to [swimbopevents@gmail.com](mailto:swimbopevents@gmail.com) so we can issue a refund. Unfortunately, you will need to re-enter the new revised Swimming Bay of Plenty Classic 2020 and make payment. Please do this today. We appreciate this is a wee bit mucky but there is no other way around this.

We are incredibly grateful for your understanding and ongoing support.

If you have any queries please reach out to us and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.