

2022 Recreational Services Swim the Distance Challenge Event Rules

Event Overview

The purpose of the Swim the Distance Challenge is to swim the equivalent distance of Gisborne to Mahia 45.5km over the course of an 8 week period. The event is designed to encourage participants to test themselves to swim, jog or walk as far as they can go over the event period. Some will do this on an individual basis and some will join a team to motivate each other along the way. The Gisborne Olympic Pool Complex is the venue for the event. Swims must be recorded at the facility.

Challenge Progress

We encourage workplaces, families/whānau, sports teams, clubs to create a team and join the challenge. Pool lifeguards/staff will record your distance after each swim. A weekly participant update will be displayed to show your progress as an individual and team. We will also display those participants and teams that have recorded the top accumulated distance for the week. The final distances of each participant or team will be made available at the end of event celebration or prizegiving. It is important to note that this event is NOT a competition. We will acknowledge and celebrate achievements of those participants and teams that accumulate significant distances at the prizegiving.

For those participants that complete the challenge distance of 45.5km we will endeavour to celebrate this achievement at the time of completion through social media, weekly updates and poolside bell ring.

Team Composition

Teams must have a minimum number of 6 to be considered a team (Group entry). A team may have more than 6 members but only the top 6 team member distances will be used to calculate the total distance for the weekly leaderboard update. If your team registration does not reach the minimum number then these members will be considered as an individual participant. All team members will be acknowledged throughout the challenge, however only the top 6 distances will be used to calculate that team's distance for the leaderboard.

Spot Prizes

Throughout the challenge, subject to the prize pool, we will have staged minor spot prize draw/s to celebrate and acknowledge reaching various milestones. At the end of the challenge we will endeavour to have a major spot prize. Eligibility will be determined on the total distance logged at the time of each spot prize draw. This will be notified at the commencement of the challenge. Only one entry per participant per stage draw will be permitted.

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