

# WESTPAC CHOPPER SWIM

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The Westpac Chopper Swim (Swim) is a serious undertaking. Please read the important points below. Once you've read the background information, please sign via our online registration process to indicate you understand and agree to the points noted.

- I confirm that I will read all applicable information sheets and emails provided by the organisers prior to the event.
- I understand and acknowledge that I am ultimately responsible for my own safety. I acknowledge that I am aware that participation in this swim may expose me to the risks of open water swimming including drowning, injury by marine life, being hit by a boat, contact with objects, structures (i.e. bridge pillars) or persons, gastric illness from poor water quality, cardiac arrest, hypothermia or other medical incidents. I accept these risks.
- I undertake to familiarise myself with the event's Safety Documentation and raise any questions with the organisers prior to the swim.
- I hereby declare that I am medically and physically fit and capable and have undertaken all necessary and adequate preparation and training for the Swim so that I am able safely and successfully to complete the Swim. I understand that, if my health and/or fitness changes prior to the Swim, that it is my responsibility to withdraw if I have any doubts as to my ability to complete the Swim.
- Accordingly, I release all persons or organisations associated with the organisation and conduct of the Swim from all claims and demands and proceedings arising from my participation.
- I understand that this is a swim for experienced ocean swimmers and conditions may be challenging. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety and undertake to discontinue the swim if I feel unsafe or unwell and will exit the water as soon as possible.
- I understand that the Swim may go ahead despite beaches adjoining the course being deemed high risk for swimming by Auckland Council (refer [www.safeswim.org.nz](http://www.safeswim.org.nz)). This includes Okahu Bay. By participating in the event I accept the associated risks.
- I consent to receiving any medical treatment deemed necessary by paramedics, lifeguards or other qualified support crew.
- I acknowledge that the Safety Team may determine additional safety measures in response to overall conditions as deemed appropriate. These may include swimming in groups (with or without kayak support), changes in course (e.g. closer to the coast), pick-up and drop-offs by support boats or cancellation.
- I undertake to adhere to the instructions of the Fleet Captain and the Swim co-ordinators. Specifically, if I am a swimmer or kayaker and am instructed to leave the water I will do so. I understand that refusal to do so may put me and others at undue risk.
- I accept that it is my responsibility to contact the Swim co-ordinators should any information on my entry form need to be updated (e.g. emergency contact details) or if aspects of the Information Sheets are unclear.
- I understand that I will participate in the Westpac Chopper Swim in the capacity of a volunteer, as do my support crew.
- I accept that the swim may be cancelled or postponed at any time due to reasons outside of the organiser's control. Any donations received through the website will not be refunded and it is up to me to satisfy my donors.
- I accept that the event will be cancelled should Covid-19 alert levels be any higher than alert level 1.
- I accept that I will not attempt to carry out the swim on my own if the event has been called off by organisers.