



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND

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To: All SLSNZ Clubs

From: Bradley Simpson, Sport Manager

Subject: High Visibility Vests

Dear clubs,

As you are aware from previous correspondence, safety vests will become mandatory at all competitions from 1 October, 2013 and highly recommended in training. SLSNZ has now negotiated a direct ordering deal that will leverage national buying power to get better prices.

Who is the supplier and distributor and how can we place an order?

Pivot Marketing has agreed to be the supplier to SLSNZ clubs. Orders are made independent of SLSNZ but clubs get to leverage our bulk buying power. To place an order, clubs simply need to complete and return an order form direct to Pivot (the order form is attached to this memo).

What will the vests look like?

To ensure bulk discounts are maximised for members, the vests will all be pink and have the SLSNZ three head logo.

The supplied sizing chart is within the order form for both adults and children.

How much will they cost?

The vests will cost \$12.30 each including GST. Postage and packaging may be an extra \$10.00, depending on the quantity ordered.

Ordering time

There will be two order dates for clubs which are outlined on the order form. The timing of the orders can be discussed directly with Pivot to ensure clubs have vests when required.

Do we have to buy these vests from SLSNZ's supplier?

No. You may source and/or use a vest that matches the brand specification attached to this memo. Clubs are welcome to purchase fluorescent pink, orange, yellow, green and red vests from any supplier to match their requirements.

What vest can I wear at National events?

For National events this season a requirement of entry will be for competitors to wear a specifically branded vest. BP continues its fantastic support as a sponsor of the IRB events and will be branded on the BP Surf Rescue North Island, South Island, and National Championships. Accordingly, BP branded vests will be supplied to these competitors. For other National events (Oceans and NZ Surf Life Saving Championships), vests will be supplied to competitors.



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The Surf Sport Competition Manual (released in October 2012) sets out the requirements for vests in competitions:

“Competitors may be permitted to wear their own vest or event organisers may supply vests. If SLSNZ supplies vests, competitors may wear their own vests only if the colour is the same colour as prescribed by the organisers and the vest meets the requirements of any relevant SLSNZ sponsorship regulations or policy pertaining to that event. Should event organisers prescribe different coloured vests to be worn in particular events (such as a final at a major event as occurs from time to time or to assist with safety matters, identification or judging) these vests will be supplied by SLSNZ for the event.”

For Regional and club-run events, the event organisers are responsible for prescribing and communicating vest branding requirements. These organisers reserve the right to prescribe a specific vest is worn by all competitors. But at a minimum these will meet the SLSNZ technical specs.

As above for National events (Oceans, NZ SLS Championships, BP Surf Rescue events), a condition of entry will require all competitors to wear the supplied vests.

We recognise that a small number of surf boat crews were given exemption from this at the 2012/13 State NZ Surf Life Saving Championships. There are no plans for there to be any permanent or on-going exemptions, but for the 2014 Nationals SLSNZ will give consideration where there is documented evidence that the pre-existing contractual commitments made by these crews still apply in the 2013/14 season.

Attached to this memo

1. Pivot Marketing order form (including contact details, sizing and order dates)
2. SLSNZ guidelines for safety vests

Yours sincerely,

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