New Zealand Representative Strategy

Introduction:

The New Zealand Representative Strategy has been developed following the Surf Sport Blue Sky Review held in 2014. The pinnacle event for Surf Life Saving New Zealand is the World Lifesaving Championships and the representative event format has been developed to create a step in the sport pathway that assists Coaches, Manager, Officials, Selectors and Athletes to develop towards national representative honours.

Objectives:

Over-riding objectives

1. To provide a fair and equal opportunity for all discipline area's to compete in a representative team competition.
2. To provide a fun and vibrant event for all surf sport discipline to compete at.

For Athletes

1. To provide a representative team opportunity that athletes are able to aspire to.
2. To provide a logical pathway in athlete development.
3. To provide an aligned competition standard similar to other international events.
4. To build depth of athletes/crews that have the ability to represent New Zealand for future years.

For Coaches

1. To create an opportunity for Coaches to gain/improve the skills required to coach a team.
2. To build depth of Coaches that have the ability to represent New Zealand for future years.

For Managers

1. To create an opportunity for Managers to gain/improve the skills required to manage a team.
2. To build depth of Managers that have the ability to represent New Zealand for future years.

For Surf Officials

1. To create an opportunity for Officials to gain/improve the skills required to officiate an event.
2. Enhancing the depth of talented officials who have the ability to one day officiate at International events.

For Selectors

1. To create an opportunity for Selectors to gain/improve the skills required to select a team.
2. Enhancing the depth of talented selectors who have the ability to one day become a New Zealand Selectors.

Disciplines:

The New Zealand Representative Strategy is designed to create a step in the Sport Pathway for all disciplines to align with the pinnacle events internationally.

The disciplines identified in the pathway are:

- Pool Events
- Surf Boats
- Surf Canoes
- IRB's
- Ski
- Board
- Swim
- Beach Events
- Iron Person

Considerations:

To deliver a representative opportunity to the disciplines listed above we have taken the following into consideration:

- Cost effective for athletes, and SLSNZ.
- Space in the events calendar.
- People to watch and support the event.
- The event must add value to another event if tagged on.
- Team size and logistics.
- Selection and organising of the teams.
- Area allegiance and competitiveness.

From the above considerations it was decided that the most effective way to deliver the New Zealand representative strategy was to tag the event(s) onto existing event structures. The disciplines were viewed separately from each other to identify what is the best pathway for each disciple and the event to combine to too achieve the objectives.

The implementation of the strategy will be done in a staged approach over the next 2-3 years and as each event is held we endeavour to grow and enhance the event(s) for our membership.

Pathways:

The representative layer is an important step in the pathway to reaching a New Zealand squad or team and representing your country. The representative layer being developed will open up our pathway for Coaches, Managers, Selectors, Officials and Athletes and support building a larger base to support our world class High Performance Programme.

Representative Honours Pathway

Ski, Board, Swim, Beach, Ironperson.	Surf Boats	Pool	Surf Canoe	IRB's

New Zealand Representative Band

New Zealand Black Fins • World Lifesaving Champs • Sanyo Cup • ISRC **New Zealand Junior Black Fins** • World Lifesaving Champs • ISRC	**New Zealand Oar Blacks Team** • Trans-Tasman Test **New Zealand Surf Boat Development Team (U23)** • Trans-Tasman Test	**New Zealand Black Fins** • World Lifesaving Champs • German Cup (Pool) **New Zealand Junior Black Fins** • World Lifesaving Champs	Currently there is no New Zealand representative opportunity for Surf Canoes as this is only raced in New Zealand	**New Zealand IRB Team** • World Lifesaving Champs

Domestic Representative Band

Ski, Board, Swim, Beach, Ironperson. Athletes compete in a New Zealand Representative Challenge representing one of the eight areas. *Northern, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Capital Coast, Canterbury, Otago.* This event is to be linked to a Regional Championships or similar to support the event. Areas can form teams in Open and Youth (U19) age groups	**Surf Boats** Athletes compete in a New Zealand Representative Surf Boat Challenge representing one of the four regions. *Northern, Eastern, Central, Southern* Regional Teams are made up of a crew in each of the national age groups for Surf Boats: ○ Open men ○ Open women ○ U23 men ○ U23 women ○ U19 men ○ U19 women	**Pool** These events are to be developed and implemented over the next two seasons. 2018-19	**Surf Canoe** Athletes compete in a New Zealand Representative Challenge representing one of the eight areas. *Northern, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Capital Coast, Canterbury, Otago.* This event is to be linked to a Regional Championships or similar to support the event. Areas can form teams in Open and Youth (U19) age groups	**IRB's** Athletes compete in a New Zealand Representative Challenge representing one of the eight areas. *Northern, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Capital Coast, Canterbury, Otago.* This event is to be linked to a Regional Championships or similar to support the event. Areas can form teams in Open and Youth (U22) age groups

Club Competition

74 Surf Life Saving Clubs from around New Zealand make up our front line of the organisation. Athletes have a pathway to compete from local area events to regional and nationals events representing their club in all disciplines under the Surf Life Saving banner. Athlete's also have the option to compete internationally either at other countries national competition and the World Lifesaving Championships. Surf Canoes are the only discipline that is not raced outside of New Zealand therefore the pathway for National honours is limited.