

## SURF CANOE RELAY

1. All rules as outlined in the SLSNZ Competition Manual, Event Entry Circulars and [Surf Canoe section of the SLSNZ Competition Manual](#) apply, unless stated below.
2. Format:
  - a) The race will consist of two long course legs
  - b) The relay will consist of one male and one female crew
  - c) The order of racing will be female crew followed by male crews.
  - d) Paddlers are only permitted to participate in one leg of the relay
  - e) Crews may use the same or different canoes for each leg
3. Course
  - a) If conditions dictate, as there is an increased potential for course interference with others in a Race, The Event Referee may determine that teams need to use alternating buoy positions.
  - b) Each racing position shall have two beach markers e.g. flags corresponding to the colour of the team's turning buoy, positioned approximately 10m from the water's edge and approximately 5m apart.
  - c) The beach markers shall be the start, change-over and finish line.
  - d) The markers for all teams should normally be placed in a straight line across the whole of the arena.
4. The First Leg
  - a) The first crew shall float their canoe in the water as with a wet start for a standard Race, approximately adjacent to the team's allocated beach markers.
  - b) One Member of the crew, 'the runner' is positioned between their respective beach markers with their toes on or behind the start line between the two beach markers.
  - c) The balance of the crew and the runner's paddle remains with the canoe.
  - d) On the starter's signal, the runner runs to the canoe.
  - e) The crew is not permitted to enter the canoe until the runner has touched any part of the canoe (excluding the paddles).
  - f) The crew then paddles the course as per the standard rules for surf canoe Races as described in the Surf Canoe section of the competition manual.
  - g) At any time after rounding their designated turning buoy, any crew Member may leave the canoe and make their way to their teams allocated beach markers. At least two crew Members must remain in control of the properly equipped canoe and continue safely towards the shore.
  - h) A Member of the crew proceeds towards the beach markers and must safely drop their paddle before tagging (Hand visibly touching any part of the body) the Member of the second crew who is waiting with their toes on or behind the change-over line.
5. Change Over & Second Leg
  - a) The second crew's runner's feet cannot cross the line until after the tag has been completed
  - b) The runner from the second crew then runs to the balance of the second crew who are waiting with canoe in the water as per the First Leg.
  - c) The crew proceeds around the course as per the First leg.
  - d) The runner completes the Second Leg by passing through their designated beach markers.
6. Canoe Management
  - a) Unless specifically approved by the Event Referee, only the crews involved in the canoe relay Event may handle the equipment inside the Competition Arena after the commencement of a Race, and until all teams in the Race have completed the Race or withdrawn.
  - b) When handling canoes within the Competition Area during the Event, team Members shall:
    - I. Comply with all instructions of Officials.
    - II. Make every effort to ensure that they and/or the canoe they are handling do not impede another team, otherwise their team may be disqualified and the team the subject of disciplinary action.
    - III. Handlers not in the Race may assist to move canoes and gear to the in-water finish line prior to the commencement of a Race and assist by bringing any other replacement canoes and/or gear to the start/finish line only. These handlers must also comply with all instructions of Officials.