



BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships

Dates: Saturday 2 April 2016 - Sunday 3 April 2016
Venue: Papamoa Beach

Welcome to the BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships. The event has a proud history of being one filled with hard, fast, and action packed racing. The pinnacle IRB racing event on the Surf Life Saving calendar, crews from throughout the country will line up to challenge their abilities and compete against their pairs for the bragging rights that come with being a national champion!

Making an appearance at Papamoa Beach, a beach renowned for the quality of its IRB racing programme, the BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships is set to be one of the largest and most exciting!

We invite you to celebrate all that is IRB Racing as some of most skilled members compete for their friends and against their fellow athletes.

“Once you’ve raced, you never forget it... and you never get over it”
- Richard Childress

Entry Circular

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter the BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that an athlete, parent and/or guardian must be aware of this in entering into this event.

Entry Information

Entry Fee: \$55.00 per crew/event (GST Inclusive) (Clubs will be invoiced directly)
Entry Process: Entries may be made using the new SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries.
Entries Open: 29 February 2016 - 5:00am
Entries Close: 23 March 2016 - 12:30pm

Eligibility of Competitors:

This competition is open to any SLSNZ member. Without the following details your members will not be eligible to compete nor will they be able to be entered through the online entry system.

- a) Current Members
- b) Have a DOB recorded on the SLSNZ Database.
- c) Have a PRIMARY membership with the club they intend to compete for.

- d) Hold a current/refreshed Surf Lifeguard Award.
- e) All IRB Drivers must hold a current/refreshed Senior Lifeguard IRB Driver Award.
- f) All IRB Crewmen must hold a IRB Crewman Award.
- g) Team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the event (see notes below)

SLSNZ reserve the right to limit the number of competitors per event.

Team Substitutes:

As stated in (e) above all team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the competition. This means that if an athlete is competing in any event for example the surf race they are registered for the event. In some instances clubs have to substitute members for their team events which can be problematic if the person who is the substitute is not competing in any other event.

This is to allow fairness to all by ensuring that all eligibility criteria are met.

Please note there is a \$10.00 cost per athlete for a Team Substitute entry.

Age group:

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2015. For example, if you were 21 on the 30th September 2015, you are not eligible to compete in the U21 division.

Events:

| Event: | Age Group: |
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| Tube Rescue | U21, Senior, Womens, and Premier. |
| Assembly Rescue | U21, Senior, Womens, and Premier. |
| Single Rescue | U21, Senior, Womens, and Premier. |
| Mass Rescue | U21, Senior, Womens, and Premier. |
| Open Teams Race | Open. |

Please note that the events listed are dependent upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Event Rules

The BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships is a sanctioned SLSNZ event and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of the Surf Sports Competition Manual.

The event will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents:

- [SLSNZ Constitution](#)
- [SLSNZ Regulations](#)
- [SLSNZ Code of Conduct](#)
- [SLSNZ Sport Policies](#)
- [SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments.
- [SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual](#)
- Any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management

Event Programming

The Draft Programme can be found in Appendix One [here](#). Please note that the Draft Programme is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Friday 1 April 2016

Scrutineering: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Team Managers Meeting: 7:00pm

Saturday 2 April 2016

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| Fuel Distribution: | 6:30am - 8:00am | | |
| Warm Up Start Time: | 7:00am | Low Tide: | 8:58am |
| Marshalling Start Time: | 8:15am | High Tide: | 3:09pm |
| Start Time: | 8:30am | | |

Sunday 3 April 2016

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| Fuel Distribution: | 6:30am - 8:00am | | |
| Warm Up Start Time: | 7:00am | Low Tide: | 9:57am |
| Marshalling Start Time: | 8:15am | High Tide: | 4:10pm |
| Start Time: | 8:30am | | |

Event Draws:

A full and final event programme will be developed following the close of entries. The final event starter lists will be emailed to Team Managers on Friday 25 March and given out in a booklet form at the Team Managers meeting on Friday 1 April 2016.

Please note that Event Management and Officials reserve the right not to hold events for any competitor. If your crew is not on the line ready then they will not start in that heat, semi, or final. While automatic scratching will be implemented, if you do have knowledge of these before the event it will assist the event management considerably.

Event Management and Officials also reserve the right to limit the number of competitors per event.

Site Plan

The draft Site Plan can be found in Appendix Two [here](#).

Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Code of Conduct

The organisers also reserve the right to exclude competitors from further competition for poor or 'un sportsman like' behaviour. This also applies to parents, managers and supporters.

To view the SLSNZ Code of Conduct click [here](#).

Event Safety

Competition Safety Plan:

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available through the website [here](#) prior to the event commencing. The document is also available for viewing in the Event Management Area in the Mount Maunganui LGS club.

IRB Racing Policy Changes :

The following rules are draft changes to the Sport Policy SPS010 due to safety concerns raised prior to the BP Surf Rescue North Island Championships and as communicated prior to that event, These changes are still under review by the NSC and changes may still be made.

- With the one exception below, lifejackets are compulsory for all IRB Drivers, Crew and Patients in competition and competition training from the 1st January 2016. Prior to the 1st January 2016, the wearing of lifejackets is highly recommended.
 - Note for the Tube Rescue Race patients do not need to wear a lifejacket but will be required to wear a High Visibility Vest and continue to be clipped in the rescue tube while in the boat.
- With the one exception below, helmets are compulsory for all IRB Patients in competition and competition training from the 1st January 2016. Prior to the 1st January 2016, the wearing of helmets is highly recommended for patients.
 - Note for the Tube Rescue Race patients do not need to wear a helmet
- The wearing of a high visibility colour on a competitors lifejacket or addition vest ovetop is optional for drivers, crewperson and patients while wearing a lifejacket. Patients are still required to wear a high visibility vest for the tube rescue event if they choose not to wear a lifejacket

Parent, Guardian, Athlete, Coach, Team Manager and Club Obligations:

It is the responsibility of clubs, through their coaches and manager, to ensure that each individual competitor is competent to **safely** compete in the conditions that prevail on any given day.

It is therefore the clubs responsibility to ensure that competitors who are not yet competent to compete in the prevailing conditions are withdrawn from an event rather than expose them to unnecessary risk or potential harm by encouraging or coercing competitors to compete, particularly against their will. Please refer to statement (e) of the **Agreement to be bound by the Manual** section of the **Surf Sports Competition Manual**. The Manual can be found [here...](#)

It is the expectation of the organisers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.

Scrutineering

SLSNZ will be scrutineering between 12:00pm and 5:00pm on Friday 1 April 2016. The location for Scrutineering is on the grassed area beside the Papamoa SLSC.

Competition equipment may also be subject to random scrutineering checks during the event. Team Managers will be required to accompany all equipment requested for scrutineering and to remain throughout the process.

If your team is going to arrive outside of the time specified for Scrutineering please email dave.hickey@surflifesaving.org.nz to organise a suitable time to have your gear Scrutinised.

Presentations

Immediately following each race we will be presenting medals to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters in each event that was contested. The 2016 BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships Top Club Trophy will be awarded to the club that has the most club points at the close of competition.

Points will be allocated to first, second and third place for all individual and team events. Points will be added up to go towards the Top Club trophy which will be presented at the final prize giving on Sunday evening. Papamoa SLSC is currently organising this, we will keep you posted with any further information.

Teams Points: 1st = 5 points 2nd = 3 points 3rd = 1 point.

Dune Protection

As per all our events dune protection is the responsibility of everyone and as SLS members please make sure you look after our beaches and sand dunes. If you see anyone walking through the dunes or placing equipment in areas they shouldn't be please advise them to remove it or inform event management.

Communications

Oceans' 16 utilises a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These include:

The SLSNZ Website: [Click here](#)

Facebook Event Page: [Click here](#)

Instagram: [Click here](#)

Twitter: [Click here](#)

Shutterrock: [Click here](#)

Key Contact

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the Event Manager.

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