



# “Eastern Bay Energy Trust” New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships

## Entry Circular

<b>Dates:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	Ohope Beach, Whakatane
<b>Entries Open:</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
<b>Entries Close:</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016
<b>Team Manager Meeting:</b>	<b>(Masters)</b> Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 8.00am <b>(Seniors)</b> Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 6.00pm
<b>Racing Start Time:</b>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.00am
<b>Masters Entry Fees:</b>	\$65.00 flat fee per athlete (GST inclusive, dinner inclusive)
<b>Open Championships Entry Fee:</b>	\$100.00 flat fee per athlete (GST inclusive)
<b>Substitution Fee:</b>	\$10.00 flat fee per athlete (GST inclusive)

Welcome to 2016 Eastern Bay Energy Trust New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championship; the pinnacle event of our season. From the Masters (over 30's) through to New Zealand representatives; surf boat crews to beach sprinters; these Championships will see almost 1400 athletes compete over four days.

This season the New Zealand Nationals is being held at Ohope Beach, Whakatane from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Join with us to celebrate all that is surf lifesaving as our membership competes to be crowned National Champions against their friends and fellow athletes. The NZ Masters Championships will once again take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March paving the way for the Open Championships from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

At all times the latest information for this event will be available on the SLSNZ Events Calendar section of the SLSNZ website at the event page: <http://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/calendar/2016/march/new-zealand-surf-life-saving-championships/>



## Event Entry Process

This season we will be using a new online entry system called EnterNOW for the 2016 Eastern Bay Energy Trust New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the system by watching this online tutorial - [SLSNZ Event Entry System Video Tutorial](#) (YouTube Video) or via our [Event Entry System Manual](#).

To access the EnterNOW system please follow this link and use your club allocated password details as sent to the club administrators. <http://slnz.enternow.co.nz/slnz/index.php>. All entry fees will be calculated via the online entry system following the close of entries and your club will be invoiced directly.

## Team Substitutes

As stated in (e) above, all team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the competition. 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. Therefore any potential substitutes (who are not already competing) must be entered into the Team Substitutes Event. This is to allow fairness to all by ensuring that all eligibility criteria are met.

**Please Note:** The event Substitution Event has a \$10 cost associated with it and will be billed out to clubs along with their team entries. Individual entries cannot be substituted for by another competitor; only team entries as outlined in the Surf Sport Competition Manual.

## Eligibility of Competitors:

This competition is open to any SLSNZ affiliated club. 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.

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

- a) Refreshed Surf Lifeguards for the current season OR newly qualified Surf Lifeguards in the current season.
- b) Current Members (i.e. must not be stored in the 'Last Season Members' or 'Historical Members' folder on the SLSNZ Database.
- c) Must have the "Membership Form Received" by SLSNZ. (Indicated by a 'tick box' at the top of the individuals membership tab)
- d) Have a DOB recorded on the SLSNZ Database.
- e) Have a PRIMARY membership with the club they intend to compete for (membership status displayed in the 'Membership' tab of the individual in the Database)
- f) Team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the event (see notes below)

### **Please note: Reinstated Residency Rule:**

#### NON NEW ZEALAND RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION

Non New Zealand citizens who wish to compete for a New Zealand Club are required to provide proof of New Zealand residency for a period of not less than thirty (30) days immediately prior to the commencement of the competition.

All competitors, including possible substitutes, are to have met all of the eligibility criteria outlined above by the close of entries.

## Eligibility of Masters Competitors

We will deliver a comprehensive day of events solely for veterans of the surf – “The Masters”.

- To enter for the Masters Championships all Masters Competitors need to comply with the eligibility of competitors criteria (b) – (f) outline above.
- All Masters Competitors must hold a Surf Lifeguard Award
- While Masters Competitors are not be required to be ‘refreshed’ surf lifeguards for the current season SLSNZ expects that both the club and the individual ensure that the competitor has a level of similar proficiency i.e. can swim 400m in nine minutes.

## Event Rules

The 2016 Eastern Bay Energy Trust New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents:

- SLSNZ Constitution
- SLSNZ Regulations
- SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual – 8th edition, October 2012
- SLSNZ Equipment Specification Manual
- SLSNZ Sport Policies
- Any additional requirements as communicated by Event Management

Copies of these documents are available from the SLSNZ website

## Age

Age group is determined by the competitor’s age at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. For example, if you were 23 by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2015, you are ineligible to compete in the Under 23 division.

## Team Managers Details

Please ensure that you take the time to complete the “Enter/update Team Manager's contact details” section of the online system.

Once again we will be using our Telecom eTXT system for our Surf Sport events in our efforts to keep you as informed as possible. This will provide timely information to key personnel and confirm that all Team Managers know what decisions have been made at all times. To assist in this process, please make sure you enter your cell phone number, along with your details when you fill in the Team managers details (on line entry system).

## Entry Fees

All entry fees will be calculated by the entry system following the close of entries and your club will be invoiced directly. Clubs are highly encouraged to print off their entries by competitor and double check their entries.

**Please note:** No late entries will be accepted for the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships.

## Event Equipment

All clubs are required to supply their own competition equipment which must comply with the SLSNZ equipment specifications as specified in the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual. Random scrutineering will take place to ensure that competition is fair and these standards are being adhered to.

**Please Note:** Fiberglass, Carbon Fiber or rigid fins (as used in the Swim Championships and some International competitions) may not be used in any event at the 2015 National Surf Life Saving Championships. If you require any further information regarding this ruling please do not hesitate to contact SLSNZ.

## Competition Vests

Safety vests have become mandatory at all competitions from 1 October 2013 and the wearing of high visibility vests will be mandatory at this event. It is now the club's responsibility to ensure that the vests they supply their athletes with are 'fit for purpose' (i.e. high visibility to assist with competitor identification when in the water). All information on High Visibly vests can be found at [www.slsnz.org.nz/highvisvests](http://www.slsnz.org.nz/highvisvests)

## Masters Championships Registration

Each Masters competitor is required to attend event registration.

Event registration, along with the opportunity to catch up with your fellow competitors, will occur this year between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Wednesday 16 March at the Whakatane Surf Life Saving Club.

For those of you who cannot attend on Wednesday night, registration will also occur between 7.00-7.45am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. At these registration times you will be given your competitor wrist band, which also gives you access to the prize giving and BBQ.

## Late Entries 2016 National Masters Championships

Late Entries will be accepted for the Masters Championships on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Late entrants need to ensure they are current, primary members of their Surf Life Saving Club so as to avoid disappointment by their entry not being permitted.

Late Entry fee: \$85 flat fee (GST inclusive). No entries will be accepted after this time.

## Masters Prize Giving

The prize giving for the masters championships will occur at the conclusion of events on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016. You are encouraged to stay and celebrate the achievements of the day.

## Masters After Match (Dinner)

The Masters after match will once again be held post prize giving at the Whakatane Surf Life Saving Club House. Dinner is included in the price of your entry fee. Please email [nationals@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:nationals@surflifesaving.org.nz) to confirm the number of masters attending by the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016. You can also request additional tickets when you email in attendees - cost \$25 per head.

## Masters Competition Rule Amendments

Amendments to the SLSNZ Surf Sports Competition Manual have been made to provide clarification of the team's age group categories for Masters Competition. (Section 1.3.11)

1. Masters Age Groups have changed to individual age groups to 5 year age category divisions. Individual Men & Women age groups: 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99, 100+
2. Masters are permitted to compete in only one age category in each team Event conducted at a Competition. Where a team Event with two Competitors is conducted (e.g. double surf ski), the age of the younger Competition shall determine the age category of the team.

Where a team Event with three or more Competitors is conducted, ***the total combined ages of all team members shall be equal to or greater than the Team Age Category entered into.***

In Masters Surf Boat categories, ***the total combined ages of all team members shall be equal to or greater than the Team Age Category entered into.***

3. Changing the Surf Race from a 4 person team to a 3 person team.
4. Award medals for Masters Boat and Canoe events.

## Clashing of Events

We will continue to enforce the no holding of events for any competitor. If your competitor has not registered for an event, or is not on the line ready then they will not start in that heat or another heat.

## Programming

A draft programme is currently available on the SLSNZ website. The final event programme will be confirmed and circulated following the close of entries.

## Event Draws

The event draws for the 2016 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships will be given out at the team managers meeting on Thursday 17 March 2016. Each club will be issued one set of draws. If you require more copies please email [nationals@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:nationals@surflifesaving.org.nz) and state how many copies you require. Each additional copy will attract a \$10 fee.

## Team Managers Meeting

The Team Managers meeting will commence at 6.00pm sharp, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016, at the Whakatane Surf Life Saving Club House.

## Medal Presentations

At the conclusion of racing each day we will be presenting medals to all place getters in each event that was contested that day. At the conclusion of racing on Sunday we will be presenting all remaining medals. You are encouraged to stay behind and recognize those who have achieved during these Championships.

## Club Points and Presentations

Club points will be allocated for all finals as follows:

**Individual Events:** 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 1 point

**Team Events:** 1<sup>st</sup> place – 5 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 3 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 1 point

Gold, Silver and Bronze National medals will also be awarded for all finals.

Medal Presentations will be held at the conclusion of each event (weather conditions permitting). We encourage you to attend this prize giving and acknowledge our champions.

From this point forward information will only be sent to those listed as the Team Manager on the online entry system; however the latest information will also be available on the NZ Events Calendar section of the SLSNZ website <http://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/calendar/2016/march/new-zealand-surf-life-saving-championships/>

As always if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on any of the means below. SLSNZ look forward to seeing you all at the event in March.

Kind Regards,

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