



**SURF LIFE SAVING**  
NEW ZEALAND



# Hawke's Bay Surf Life Saving Championships

**Dates:** Saturday 4 February 2017 - Sunday 5 February 2017  
**Venue:** Ocean Beach

Welcome to the 2017 Hawke's Bay Surf Life Saving Championships. The Hawke's Bay Championships has a proud history of being not only the largest local Surf Life Saving Event in Hawke's Bay, but the most competitive, exciting and fun!

The Hawke's Bay Championships draws upon the best of the best, testing both their speed and endurance, to determine the 2017 Hawke's Bay Champions and Top Club. The event will offer almost all of the events available at the 2017 New Zealand Championships, including IRB events.

***“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.”***

*- Tim Notke*

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## Entry Circular

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter the 2017 Hawke's Bay 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 themselves or their child into this event.

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## Entry Information

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$20.00 inclusive of GST (Clubs will be invoiced directly)
<b>Entry Process:</b>	Entries may be made using the new SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries.
<b>Entries Open:</b>	2 December 2016 - 5:00am
<b>Entries Close:</b>	31 January 2017 - 12:00am

### 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.

- Current Members
- Have a DOB recorded on the SLSNZ Database
- Have a PRIMARY membership with the club they intend to compete for
- Be a refreshed Surf Lifeguard for the current season OR a newly qualified Surf Lifeguard in the current season
- 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.

**Therefore any potential substitutes (who are not already competing) must be entered into the event 'Substitute'.**

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

### Age group:

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. For example, if you were 18 on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, you are eligible to compete in the U19 division.

For all **Individual Events** the age groups which athletes will compete in are: U16, U19, and Open. Athletes are allowed to compete in more than one age group. However, no races will be 'held' or delayed for an athlete.

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Sprint	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Flags	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
2km Beach Run	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Run Swim Run	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Surf Race	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Board Race	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Ski Race	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Diamond Race	U16	Female
Ironman	U16, U19 and Open	Male for U16, Male and Female for U19 and Open.

For all **Team Events** the age groups which athletes will compete in are: U16, U19, and Open. Athletes are allowed to compete in more than one age group. However, no races will be 'held' or delayed for an team.

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Beach Relay	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Surf Teams	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Ski Relay	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Board Relay	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Canterbury Trophy	Open	3 Males and 1 Female per team
Double Ski	U19 and Open	Male and Female
Mixed Double Ski	Open	Mixed (1 Male and 1 Female)
Tube Rescue	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Board Rescue	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Taplin Relay (3 Person)	U16, U19 and Open	Male for U16 and U19, Female for U16, U19 and Open
Taplin Relay (6 Person)	Open	Men

Please note:

- The events listed are dependent upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

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## Event Rules

The 2017 Hawke's Bay Surf Life Saving Championships is a sanctioned SLSNZ event and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of the Surf Sports Competition Manual. Therefore, as per **Introduction** (a) the rules have been amended to fit the purposes of the 2017 Hawke's Bay Surf Life Saving Championships.

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
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## 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.

### Saturday 4 February 2017

Marshalling Start Time:	7:45am	Low Tide:	6:01am
Start Time:	8:00am	High Tide:	12:17pm

### Sunday 5 February 2017

Marshalling Start Time:	7:45am	Low Tide:	6:57am
Start Time:	8:00am	High Tide:	1:11pm

### 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 Thursday 2 February and given out in a booklet form at the Team Managers meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017.

Please note that Event Management and Officials reserve the right not to hold events for any competitor. If your competitor 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](#).

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## 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.

### Competition Safety Vests:

The wearing of high visibility vests will be mandatory at this event. Supplying safety vests is a club responsibility and must be in line with the SLSNZ guidelines for safety vests. This information can be found [here...](#)

### Parent, Guardian, 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.

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## Presentations

The 2017 Hawke's Bay Surf Life Saving 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.

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

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## 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.

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## Communications

The Hawke's Bay Championships 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](#)

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## Key Contact

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

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