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To: Capital Coast Clubs

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Subject: Capital Coast Junior Surf Sport Memo

Hello Junior Surfers!

Please read on for important information regarding the 2017/2018 Capital Coast Junior Surf Sport Season.

| Competition | Date | Venue | Programme |
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| Junior Surf #1 | 19 November | Worser Bay | Surf Race/RWR Diamond Boogie Board/Board Race Novice Races, Swim & Board (no points) Beach Sprints Beach Flags Cameron relay (no points) U10 Surf race and Board race (no points) |
| Junior Surf #2 | 3 December | Maranui | RSR/RWR Diamond Boogie Board/Board Race Beach Sprints Beach Flags Beach Relays (no points) U10 Surf race and Board race (no points) |
| Central Regional Junior Championships | 20 January | Waimarama | All ages U8 – U14 Full programme TBC |
| Junior Surf #3 | 4 February | Riversdale | Surf Race or RSR/RWR Boogie Board/Board Race Diamond Beach Sprints Beach Flags Board Relay (no points) U10 Surf race and Board race (no points) |
| Capital Coast Junior Championships | 18 February | Foxton | Surf Race/RWR Boogie Board/Board Race Diamond Beach Sprints Beach Relay (no points) Beach Flags Board Relay (no points) Cameron relay (no points) |
| Oceans 18 | 1-4 March | Orewa | TBC |

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Program

This season the program for the 3 rounds of the junior surf series will be Surf Race or RSR/RWR, Diamond, Board Race/Boogie Board, Beach Sprints, Beach Flags, + one team event if time allows (no points). We will also be introducing U10 board and surf races if time and conditions allow (no points).

The Junior Surf Series will start racing at **9:00am** for all 2017/2018 Capital Coast Events.

Junior Surf Series Points

This seasons points will remain the same from last season as listed below:

Points are:

- 1st = 6 Points
- 2nd = 5 Points
- 3rd = 4 Points
- 4th = 2 Points
- 5th = 1 Point

At the end of the season the top three junior surf series competitors will be awarded a medal and certificate. This will be announced at the Awards Function immediately after the Capital Coast Junior Championships.

Event Entries:

For the events this season we will again be using the online event entry system. We have tried to make the entry process as easy as possible, as this process is still new there may be a few issues we will iron out as we go. **Entries will close the Wednesday prior to events, there will be no late entries into water events.**

We apologise that this may seem like an arduous task but being an active member of a club and kids having their 200m badges loaded on the database is a health and safety requirement as part of our safety plan. This also helps us with organising the event and keeping track of entry stats.

1. Active Members
2. 200m Badges
3. Competition Categories
4. Event Entry Website

1. Active Members:

To be entered, the kids must be Active/Rolled Over members of your club for the 2017/2018 season. Please speak to your club admin/database person to get this sorted.

- New members need to have applied on the [Join a Club](#) page of the website
 - The club admin then needs to accept their membership application – info in the [CRM User Manual](#) – page 26 or under the Application Heading on the [PAM page](#) of the website

2. 200m Badges:

All U11 – U14 water events and U10 board race/surf race competitors must have their 200m badges to enter any water events (more info on 200m badge can be found on page 37 of the new [Junior Surf Manual](#)). This must also be loaded on to the database. This can be done in the CRM or the Portal – instructions for the Portal can be [viewed here](#).

3. Competition Categories:

- For each age group there is a "Water" and "Beach" option (i.e U14 Men – Water, U14 Men – Beach)
- Competitors can be entered in either or both.
- This is to help marshals ensure the right competitors are in the right races, with the correct qualifications and to help with planning what safety resources are needed where.
- All U11 – U14 water events require an up to date 200m badge on the database.
- The U10 board race/surf race requires a 200m badge.

- Beach entries and U8 / U9 / U10 do not require a 200m badge.

4. Event Entry Website:

Website: <http://slnz.enternow.co.nz/slnz/>

If your club doesn't currently have access, please contact richard.whinham@surflifesaving.org.nz

Any competitors that come on the day that aren't entered in the event will be unable to compete in any water events. Entry into beach events will be at the discretion of the event referee.

Leashes for Boogie/Body Board Race

In line with the SLSNZ Surf Sport Manual, all competitors must be present on the start line of the Boogie/Body Board race with leashes attached to the boards and to the competitors. Any competitor found not to meet this requirement will be given the opportunity to find a replacement Boogie/Body Board before they commence racing.

Please ensure all your club coaches and Junior Surf competitors are aware of this before they attend events this season.

Wetsuits

Wetsuits are optional (and recommended) for all Junior Surf competitors up until Christmas. After Christmas the decision to allow wetsuits will be made by the Event management committee pending water temperature and weather conditions on the day of the event. The decision will be communicated to the team managers and will then be their responsibility to communicate the decision to their members.

It is recommended that all parents prepare for events by **always** packing a wetsuit for their child/children, regardless of the weather forecast. This way if a ruling is made to allow wetsuits your child will not be hindered in anyway. Again, it is up to Junior Surf Coordinators/Team Managers to circulate this message to your members.

Fluro Safety Vests

It is **compulsory** for all Surf Sport competitors to compete wearing a SLSNZ sanctioned fluro safety vest. Any competitor found not wearing a fluro vest will not be allowed to enter the water. This applies to all age groups and events. No exceptions.

200m Safety Badges

All team managers **must** ensure that all children using foam or fibre-glass paddle-boards, or doing a surf race/RSR have completed the requirements for their 200m safety badge. It is a major health and safety risk if a child does not have the award and enters the water. This must be attached onto the competitor's togs, vest or competition cap.



Novice Races JS1 Swim and Board

For Junior Surf #1 there will be a novice Swim and board race held for all competitors who hold a 200m swim badge. **These races are not for points.** A child must **only** compete in one board or swim race for the day. This means a child cannot compete in the normal board and swim races (for points) as well as the novice race. This event is being introduced to the first carnival to encourage children to try the races with a sole focus on participation and fun. Further details will be advised on the day of competition.

Communication and Code of Conduct

During an event all communication must go through the Team Manager. No parent, coach or competitor should approach the Arena or Event Referee directly.

No matter what role you hold on the day of an event any abuse or interference from any person will not be tolerated, and any competitor/parent/helper/coach or official judged to show behaviour that is obstructive, offensive or dangerous will be asked to leave the beach.

Yours sincerely

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