

Sport Circular

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Summary: This circular outlines the updates made to the SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual.

OVERVIEW

The SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual has been updated to be 9th Edition (V1). The updates made to the manual are outlined in the circular and as always the most up to date version of the manual will be on www.surflifesaving.org.nz .

The Surf Life Saving New Zealand Competition Manual is a culmination of International Life Saving Federation (ILSF) rules and Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) rules and events.

Overall the Competition Manual has had few rule changes but more corrections with alignment between sections, figures and notes. Below are the high level changes to formatting with rule changes covered under the specific rule changes heading below.

HIGH LEVEL CHANGES

Below are the high level changes and formatting amendments made to the Competition Manual.

1. All course figures updated to show accurate courses and distances and progression of age group distances.
2. Changed order of Sections.
 - a. The *Introduction* becomes *Section 1* and referenced numbered.
 - b. *Pool Rescue Events* and *Lifesaving Competitions* moved to *Sections 10 and 11* as used least in the Competition Manual.
 - c. *Section 5, Surf Canoe Events* have been added as a separate section from the Surf Boat Events.
3. All *notes* that were previously in the Competition Manual have been assessed and either adopted as a rule and referenced numbered or removed as not required due to already being covered in existing rules.
4. All pages have page numbers for easy referencing.

5. Advertising removed.
6. All bullet points have been changed to be numbers or letters for reference reasons.
7. Updated *Contents Page* to reflect the changes made to sections.

SPECIFIC RULE CHANGES

Below are the key rule changes adopted that are different to the 8th Edition (V1) manual.

Items Changed:

Section 2 - General Competitive Conditions

2.3. Competition Divisions – This section has been re written to better explain the divisions for age groups and disciplines for surf lifesaving events. Examples and Division Tables added to clearly show age groups. IRB age groups changed as announced to the membership in September via email to clubs. [17-SC03 - IRBCompetitionUpdate - Sep 2017](#)

2.6. Dress of Competitors, 2.6.11. In team Events there must be uniformity in terms of competition caps and high visibility vests colour(s) to assist with team identification. (Tog colours uniformity removed)

2.7. Competition Caps, 2.7.1. Competition caps, colours and designs, must be approved and registered with SLSNZ. Only registered colours and caps shall be permitted to be worn. In team Events Competitors from the same team must wear matching caps. A register of club caps can be found on the SLSNZ website and applications for changes are to be made to the Sport Manager directly.

2.15. Marshalling – In the previous Competition Manual (8th Edition) this section was separated into Starting Times, Reporting and Marshalling. These sections have been combined under the title Marshalling.

2.21. Competition Safety – updated to align with the Competition Safety Manual and best practice.

2.22. Competition Management Structure diagram has been updated to align with our Competition Safety Manual.

Section 4 - Surf Boat Events

4.4.2. Equipment (A) Relay teams may use up to three boats unless advised otherwise by the Event Management Committee.

Section 8 – Beach Events

8.3.3 – Competing for Flags/deliberate impedance, (b) Deliberate impedance is defined as “the deliberate use of hands, arms, feet or legs to impede another Competitors progress” and may also include forcing a competitor outside of the designated arena.

Section 9 – IRB Events

9.1.1. – Equipment, (b) and (c) Added rules from policy SPS010 on Helmets and Lifejackets and IRB age groups changed as announced to the membership in September via email to clubs. [17-SC03 - IRBCompetitionUpdate - Sep 2017](#)

9.1.3. – Event Participation, (b) removed rules around senior division to prems as divisions have changed as stated in 2.3. above.

9.1.5. – The Events, (f) When a race is underway the IRB engine must not be started until the IRB is facing out to sea (IRB has moved through the last 90 degrees of its starting turn) and in the water. The turn requirement is not applicable to the assembly rescue.

9.1.5. – The Events, (j) Prior to leaving the IRB, the driver will complete engine close down procedures (switch off the engine and place it in neutral gear). The driver will then exit the IRB and run to and cross the finish line. The driver to exit the IRB from either a seated or standing position. The driver must exit and be grounded (minimum 1 foot on the sand) before passing the front of the IRB. The driver must not step on top of, or launch from, the pontoon during the exit. If electronic finishing is being used the driver must ensure they run between the two gates that mark their finish line.

9.1.5. – The Events, (k) Once the driver has left the IRB and have their feet on the ground, the crew person and patient(s) may exit the IRB and either secure the IRB or move away being sure not to impede the progress of any other crews or impede the finish line judging of the race.

9.4.2. – The Procedure (f) The first driver, on return to shore completes the engine closedown procedures, exits the IRB and runs to the start/ finish line and tags the second driver, who must remain behind the start/finish line until the tag is made. The tag must be made behind the start line.

9.5.2. – The Procedure (c) The engine, completely removed from the transom including the safety strop, is positioned vertically at the rear of the IRB. A handler may support the engine in an upright position by placing two hands on the engine cover The entire fuel bladder is to be positioned behind the line at the commencement of the start.

9.5.2. – The Procedure (g) Crews will be disqualified if at the end of the race (i) one full turn or more is obtained from either clamp screws, (ii) 1 or more fuel bladder clips are not clipped in, (iii) safety strop is not attached to the transom, at the end of the Race.

9.6.3. – The Procedure (g) The rescue tube swimmer and/or the patient secures the rescue tube around the patient's body and under both arms and clipped to an O-ring. The patient and rescue tube swimmer must remain behind the buoy line during the 'clip in' process.

Section 12 – Protests, Disputes, Discipline

12.6. Competition Appeals Process diagram has been updated with Protest Categories.

Items Added:

Section 1 - Introduction

1.4. Defined Terms

“Competitor Liaison” means the official who is responsible for provide guidance for competitors, coaches and team managers on protest and appeal procedures and the best method of approach to the Referee involved.

“Notifiable Events” include: work related deaths; illness or injury sustained by someone, or incidents that exposed someone to serious risk.

“Notifiable Death” when a person has been killed as a result of work.

“Notifiable Incident” when a person’s health and safety is seriously threatened or endangered as a result of a work situation.

“Notifiable Injury” when a person has suffered a serious injury, and the injury requires immediate treatment other than first aid.

“Notifiable Illness” A person has been made unwell as a result of work, i.e. if a person contracts an illness as a result of work and needs to be admitted to hospital for immediate treatment or needs medical treatment within 48 hours of exposure to a substance, then you MUST notify us.

1.5. Competition Safety – New section

Section 2 – General Competitive Conditions

2.2.3. Competitive Transfers – Added a reference to the SLSNZ Regulation.

2.4. National and World Records – New section

2.14.1. Competitor Numbers Per Event – Added in the 2km Beach Relay and Grand Cameron Relay.

Section 3 – Swimming Events

3.6. Tube Rescue Races Variations – Alternative start and finish line

Section 7 – Multi Discipline Events

7.7. Grand Cameron Relay – This event was in the Oceans Competition Manual and has been added.

7.9. Paddle Board Rescue Races Variations - Alternative start and finish line

Section 8 – Beach Events

8.5. 2KM Beach Relay - This event was in the Oceans Competition Manual and has been added.

Section 9 – IRB Events

9.1.4. – The Course (d) For all women’s Events the IRB line at the start of the Event, where possible, shall be in shallow water, with the IRB secured by two handlers.

Items Removed:

- Advertising removed from manual.
- 7.3. All Age Beach Relay – Removed this variation as not needed in the Competition Manual. Clubs can run alternative events as required to the manual.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

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