



## Sport Circular

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**Audience:** Club Surf Sport Managers, Club Coaches, Club Directors, Club Secretaries, SLSNZ National Sports personnel, SLSNZ Regional Sport Managers, SLSNZ SOAG, SLSNZ members and competitors.

**Summary:** This document contains information relating to Craft & Equipment Scrutineering for the TSB New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships 2018.

### KEY SCRUTINEERING UPDATES FOR THE SLSNZ NATIONALS - 2018

1. The purpose of scrutineering is to a) ensure that craft and other equipment are not hazardous to competitors and others involved in SLSNZ events, b) ensure that craft and other equipment conform to the specifications in the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual to ensure fair competition between competitors.
2. An Event Scrutineering Officer will be appointed for the SLSNZ National Championships 2018, which also includes the Masters events. The Event Scrutineering Officer has delegated authority over the eligibility, or otherwise of all competition equipment to be used in the SLSNZ 2018 Championships in conjunction with the Event Referee. However, any matters determined may be subject to protest or appeal as outlined in the current edition of SLSNZ Surf Sports Manual, the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual and any subsequent memos, bulletins and/or circulars relating to these documents.
3. There will not be any compulsory scrutineering of Board, Ski, Paddles, Swim Fins or Rescue Tubes, provided that Surf Boards and Surf Skis carry a SLSA or SLSNZ compliance decal / sticker.
4. Surf Boards and Surf Skis **without** a SLSA or SLSNZ compliance decal / sticker **must** be scrutineered for compliance to the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual.
5. Voluntary scrutineering checks of Board, Ski, Paddles will be available prior to competition. All craft found compliant at scrutineering will receive an SLSNZ Scrutineers sticker which will be overlaid with the scrutineer's initials in permanent marker.
6. Surf Boats and Canoes are subject to a minimum of safety scrutineering before being taken onto the beach for competition.



7. In addition to the above, SLSNZ reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout the championships of all or any equipment, including boats and canoes, used in competition including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer to the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual) at any time before, during or immediately after competition.
8. All medal winners should expect to have their craft scrutineered as soon as practicable upon completion of their race.
9. The SLSNZ Nationals 2018 Craft and Equipment Scrutineering location and confirmed timetable will be advised to teams in the competition memos.

## PROPOSED SCRUTINEERING TIMES

### **Board and Ski Scrutineering Times**

Board & Ski scrutineering equipment will be available for competitors to have craft checked before competition. This will be carried out by appointed scrutineers during the following times:

Wednesday 14 March 3pm to 6 pm  
Thursday 15 March 7 am to 6 pm  
Friday 16 March 7 am to 3 pm  
Saturday 17 March 7 to 8 am  
Sunday 18 March 7 to 8 am

### **Boats and Canoe Scrutineering Times**

All boats and canoes must be scrutineered for safety as a minimum before they are taken onto the beach for competition. Scrutineering times are as follows:  
Wednesday 14 March 3pm to 6 pm

Thursday 15 March 7 am to 3 pm  
Friday 16 March 7 am to 3 pm

## Additions to the Equipment Specification Manual – Boards & Skis

In addition to the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual the following terms and conditions will apply for the SLSNZ Championships 2018:

1. Competitors are urged to check their craft for safety and compliance prior to use in competition. Scrutineers will be available to assist in this process. At any time before, during or immediately after competition any boards or skis used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer to the SLSNZ Equipment Specification Manual).
2. Craft being checked and failing scrutineering shall be treated as follows:



- i) If a craft is found to be underweight at scrutineering prior to its first use in competition the competitor may rectify the fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
  - ii) If a craft is underweight after use, the competitor may be disqualified from the race they competed in, further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
  - iii) If craft is deemed unsafe, the competitor may rectify the fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
  - iv) If a ski is found to be over length or under width at scrutineering, prior to its first use in competition, the competitor may rectify the fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
  - v) If a ski is found to be over length or under width during or after competition, the competitor may be disqualified from the race they competed in, further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
  - vi) If a board is found to be over length at scrutineering, prior to its first use in competition, the competitor may rectify the fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
  - vii) If a board is found to be over length during or after competition, the competitor may be disqualified from the race they competed in, further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
3. In addition, if such failure as detailed in 2 above, is deemed to have occurred due to alterations being carried out on the craft after manufacture then the competitor may also be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken. It should be clarified that, in the event of a competitor (and/or team) being excluded from an event, then any other competitor (and/or team) who would otherwise not have qualified in that heat, would then be advanced in the competition.
  4. However, the exclusion of a competitor (and/or team) for non-specification equipment found in a scrutineering check before a round/event, will not be retrospective to earlier heats or competitions and will not advance (other) competitors (and/or teams) who were thus eliminated.
  5. All boats and canoes will be required to be presented in their "Racing Weight" condition i.e. "Bare Structural Condition" including seats, foot blocks, pumps but excluding oars, rowlocks, batteries, rescue tubes and any other additional equipment. Any protective padding etc. placed around the quarterbars and in other places in boats may be left in place for weighing but if a weight problem is noted, this may also be required to be removed from the boat along with other equipment for reweighing to determine the "Bare Structural Condition" weight. All boats and canoes found compliant at scrutineering will receive an SLSNZ scrutineer's sticker which will be overlaid with the scrutineer's initials in permanent marker.

In addition, at any time before during or immediately after competition any equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications i.e. random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the



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championships. Failure to comply with any of the above may render your club disqualified from the Championships.

In addition to the above at marshalling boats/canoes may be further checked for safety that may include a check that any rowlock fixing devices are taped over where necessary with water proof tape to prevent injury.

6. Clubs that have no knowledge of this Circular or the SLSNZ Equipment Specification Manual and associated policies if any, will not be an excuse if the contents and directions contained therein are not followed by competing clubs.
7. If breaches are found after an event, in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) may forfeit titles and awards.