



NATIONALS 2018

SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Midway Beach, Gisborne, 15–18 March

Entry Circular

Dates: Thursday 15 March 2018 - Sunday 18 March 2018
Venue: Midway Beach, Gisborne

Welcome to the 2018 TSB New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships. 'Nationals' represents the pinnacle event of the season with 1500 athletes anticipated to attend the iconic event. From Masters who have lost track of the number of Nationals they have attended to 15 year olds experiencing the event for the first time, Nationals caters to all levels of participation and almost all aspects of Surf Life Saving. You will see New Zealand representatives, canoes, surf boat crews, surf swimmers, beach sprinters, ski and board paddlers all having a crack at being the next National Champion!

Returning to Midway Beach in Gisborne, we invite you to celebrate the very best of Surf Life Savers as our members compete for their friends and against their fellow athletes.

“Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei”

“Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain”

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This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter Nationals. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that a parent and/or guardian must be aware of this in entering their child into this event.



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Entry Information

Entry Fee:	\$110.00 inclusive of GST (Clubs will be invoiced directly)
Masters Entry Fee:	\$75.00 inclusive of GST (Clubs will be invoiced directly)
Substitution Fee:	\$10.00 inclusive of GST (Clubs will be invoiced directly)
Entry Process:	Entries may be made using the new SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries.
Entries Open:	6 December 2017 - 5:00am
Entries Close:	23 February 2017 - 11:00pm

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.

- Refreshed Surf Lifeguards for the current season OR newly qualified Surf Lifeguards in the current season; and
- Current Members (i.e. must not be stored in the 'Last Season Members' or 'Historical Members' folder on the SLSNZ Database; and
- Must have the "Membership Form Received" by SLSNZ. (Indicated by a 'tick box' at the top of the individuals membership tab); and
- Have a DOB recorded on the SLSNZ Database; and
- 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) and;
- Team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the event (see notes below).

All athletes competing in the Masters category must comply with the Eligibility of Competitors criteria (b) – (f) outlined above. In addition, all Masters competitors must:

- hold a Surf Lifeguard Award; and
- be capable of swimming 400m in approximately nine minutes.

SLSNZ expects that both the club and individual will ensure that the competitor has a level of similar proficiency to swim 400m in nine minutes.

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

Team Substitutes:

As stated in criteria (f) 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. Individual entries cannot be substituted for by another competitor and only team entries as outlined in the Surf Sport Competition Manual.

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

Residency Rule:

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 the eligibility criteria outlined above by the close of entries.

Age groups:

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2016. For example, if you were 19 on the 30th September 2016, you are eligible to compete in the Under 19 division.

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 ski), the age of the younger competitor shall determine the age category of the team.

Where a Masters 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 Age Group entered into. **Note:** this does not include the sweep in Surf Boat Events.

Individual Events:

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

Team Events:

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Beach Relay	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Surf Teams	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Ski Relay	U19 and Open	Male and Female
Double Ski	U19, and Open	Male, Female and Mixed Open
Board Relay	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Taplin Relay	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female

Tube Rescue	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Board Rescue	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Canoe Race – Long Course	U19 and Open	Male and Female
Canoe Race – Short Course	U19 and Open	Male and Female
Surf Boat Race – Long Course	U19, U23, and Open	Male and Female
Surf Boat Race – Short Course	U19, U23, and Open	Male and Female
Mixed Surf Boat Relay	Open	Open
Lifesaver Relay	Open	Open

Masters Events:

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Beach Sprint	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, and 100+.	Male and Female
Beach Flags	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, and 100+.	Male and Female
Run Swim Run	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, and 100+.	Male and Female
Ski Race	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, and 100+.	Male and Female
Board Race	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, and 100+.	Male and Female
Surf Race	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, and 100+.	Male and Female
Ironman/Ironwoman	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, and 100+.	Male and Female
Double Ski	30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79,	Male and Female

	80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99, and 100+.	
Beach Relay	120+, 140+, 160+, 180+, 200+	Male and Female
Surf Teams (Three Person)	90+, 110+, 130+, 150+	Male and Female
Ski Relay	90+, 110+, 130+, 150+	Male and Female
Board Relay	90+, 110+, 130+, 150+	Male and Female
Taplin Relay	90+, 110+, 130+, 150+	Male and Female
Canoe Race – Short Course	120+, 140+, 160+, 180+, 200+	Male and Female
Surf Boat Race – Short Course	120+, 140+, 160+, 180+, 200+	Male and Female

Please note:

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

Ironman, Ironwoman and Taplin Draw:

The order of disciplines within the Ironman, Ironwoman and Taplin event will be determined at the respective Team Manager Meeting on Thursday.

Event Rules

The 2018 TSB New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents:

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- [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

Copies of these documents are available from the SLSNZ website.

Event Programming

The Draft Programme can be found in Appendix Two [here](#). Please note that the Draft Programme is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Thursday 15 March 2018

Warm Up Start Time:	7:30am	Off Water Time:	8:10am
Marshalling Start Time:	8:15am	Low Tide:	11:25am
Boat/Canoe Registrations Close:	7:30am	High Tide:	5:14am
Start Time:	8:30am		

Friday 16 March 2018

Warm Up Start Time:	7:00am	Off Water Time:	7:40am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:45am	Low Tide:	12:11pm
Boat/Canoe Registrations Close:	7:30am	High Tide:	6:01am
Start Time:	8:00am		

Saturday 17 March 2017

Warm Up Start Time:	7:00am	Off Water Time:	7:40am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:45am	Low Tide:	12:56pm
Boat/Canoe Registrations Close:	7:30am	High Tide:	6:45am
Start Time:	8:00am		

Sunday 18 March 2017

Warm Up Start Time:	7:00am	Off Water Time:	7:40am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:45am	Low Tide:	1:40pm
Boat/Canoe Registrations Close:	7:30am	High Tide:	7:29am
Start Time:	8:00am		

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 Monday 12 March and any updates communicated at the Team Managers meetings.

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.

Site Plan

The draft Site Plan can be found in Appendix Three [here](#).

Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

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](#).

Event Photography

Applications need to be made to the Event Manager to gain access to the Competition Arenas in order to use cameras or video devices. Applications need to be made prior to the start of the event and must be submitted by the 2 March 2018. The Application Form can be found in Appendix Four [here](#).

Only applications from Surf Life Saving Members and Media Agencies will be accepted for consideration (No public or non-members will be given access to the Competition Arenas to take photos, this includes parents of members who do not hold a membership themselves).

If access is gained then a Lanyard and Vest will be issued and must be worn at all times.

SLSNZ reserves the right to refuse access to the arenas.

By entering this event Athletes and Team Management agree to SLSNZ using images and video taken during the competition for media and marketing purposes. Athletes and Team Management also agree by entering into this event that SLSNZ or second party contractors are allowed to fly drones above Competitors and Team Management throughout the event.

Event Safety

Competition Safety Plan:

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available through the website [here](#) by the 11 March 2018. The document is also available for viewing in the Event Management Area in the Midway Surf Life Saving Club.

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.

Presentations

At various points of each day we will be presenting medals to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters in each event that was contested. The 2018 TSB New Zealand 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.

Dune Protection

As per all our events dune protection is the responsibility of everyone and as Surf Life Saving 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.

Communications

Event Management utilise a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These will officially be launched on the 6th December 2017.

The SLSNZ Website: [Click here](#)

Key Contact

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

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