



## U14 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships

**Dates:** Thursday 1 March 2018 - Sunday 4 March 2018  
**Venue:** Orewa Beach

Welcome to Oceans' 18, the Under 14 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships. Oceans' 18 has a proud history of being not only the largest Junior Surf Life Saving Event in New Zealand, but the most competitive, exciting and fun!

We invite you to celebrate all that is Under 14 in Surf Life Saving as our young members compete for their friends and against their fellow athletes.

***“The expert in anything, was once a beginner.”***  
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### Entry Circular

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter Oceans' 18. 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

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$105.00 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>	9 December 2017 - 5:00am
<b>Entries Close:</b>	15 February 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.
- Hold a 200m Safety Badge to compete in all water events (Section 6, Junior Surf Manual, October 2015).
- 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 events:**

- **Substitute Beach Team Events (Doesn't require a 200m Safety Badge), and/or**
- **Substitute Water Team Events (Require a 200m Safety Badge).**

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 2017. For example, if you were 11 on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, you are eligible to compete in the U12 division.

All athletes must be a minimum of 10 years of age at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to compete in this event. Please note this has been an addition to the rules in the past two years to gain consistency across the board.

For all **Individual Events** the age groups which athletes will compete in are: U11, U12, U13, U14. Athletes are only allowed to compete in one age group the entire event and cannot race up.

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Sprint	U11, U12, U13 or U14 (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female
Flags	U11, U12, U13 or U14 (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female
Run Swim Run	U11, U12, U13 or U14 (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female
Surf Race	U11, U12, U13 or U14 (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female

Diamond Race	U11, U12, U13 or U14 (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female
Board Race	U11, U12, U13 or U14 (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female

For all **Team Events** the age groups which athletes will compete in do vary slightly due to some events encompassing two age groups. However, the underlying principle is that you cannot race up an age group. To provide some clarity, some examples have been listed below:

*E.g. A club has a beach relay team in the U14 race, it may only have U14 athletes in the team of 4.*

*E.g. A club has a board relay team in the U12 race, it may only have a mixture of U11 and U12 athletes in the team of 3.*

*E.g. A club has a tube rescue team in the U14 race, it may only have U13 and U14 athletes in the team of 2.*

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Beach Relay	U11, U12, U13 or U14 (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Mixed (2 Male, 2 Female)
2km Beach Relay	U14 (maximum of one athlete from each U11, U12, U13 and U14)	Mixed (2 Male, 2 Female)
Board Relay	U12 (including U11) or U14 (including U13) (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female
Grand Cameron Relay (6 Person)	U12 (including U11) or U14 (including U13) (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Mixed (1 Male Runner, 1 Female Runner, 1 Male Swimmer, 1 Female Swimmer, 1 Male Board Paddler, 1 Female Board Paddler)
Tube Rescue	U14 (including U13) (An athlete can only compete in one age group)	Male and Female
Board Rescue	U14 (including U13) (An athlete can only compete in one age group).	Male and Female

Please note:

- The events listed are dependent upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.
- This season, we will be limiting clubs to four entries for each age group in the Tube Rescue and Board Rescue events.
- However, once entries have closed we will be reviewing the total entries from each club and reserve the right to offer a club with high levels of participants to enter additional teams in these events.

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## Event Rules

Oceans' 2018 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 Oceans' 2018.

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

### Starting Procedure

The starting procedure for all water events will be a two start call. The first call will be, "You are in the hands of the starter". The second call will be the start command.

The starting procedure for the Beach Flags will be as per the Surf Sport Manual.

### Disqualifications

Any competitor making a break shall be disqualified. If a competitor leaves their position on the starting line mark after the command "Competitors ready" and before the signal to commence, this shall be considered a break and a disqualification incurred, except for Beach Flags where the competitor shall be eliminated at that point.

If one competitor breaks, other competitors are inclined to follow. Any competitor who does follow is not deemed to have false started.

### Protests

There will be no protests accepted at this event. The Event Referee, Deputy Referee and Arena Referees will operate in accordance with the current rules but with an over-arching "fair play" approach.

However, if a Team Manager wishes to raise a concern, they are entitled to raise it with the relevant Arena Referee. The Arena Referee has the ultimate discretion to pursue the query or concern as they deem necessary. Any decision the Arena Referee reaches is not subject to appeal. The Arena Referee is entitled to consult the Event Referee or Deputy Event Referee where necessary.

### Diamond Event

The Diamond events will always begin with the swim leg, followed by the board leg.

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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.

### Thursday 1 March 2018

Warm Up Start Time:	Not Applicable	High Tide:	7:31am
Marshalling Start Time:	9:30am	Low Tide:	1:34pm
Start Time:	10:00am		

### Friday 2 March 2018

Warm Up Start Time:	7:00am	High Tide:	8:25am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:30am	Low Tide:	2:29pm
Start Time:	8:00am		

### **Saturday 3 March 2018**

Warm Up Start Time:	7:00am	High Tide:	9:16am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:30am	Low Tide:	3:20pm
Start Time:	8:00am		

### **Sunday 4 March 2018**

Warm Up Start Time:	7:00am	High Tide:	10:05am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:30am	Low Tide:	4:09pm
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 Friday 23 February 2018.

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 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 **15 February 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.

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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 in the Mount Maunganui LGS 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.

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## Presentations

At various points of each day we will be presenting medals to all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters in each event that was contested. The 2018 U14 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.

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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

Oceans' 18 utilises a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These include:

**The SLSNZ Website:** [Click here](#)

**Instagram:** [Click here](#)

**Twitter:** [Click here](#)

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## Facebook

This year, more than ever, we will be using the Oceans' 18 Facebook page as one of our main communications tools to post a lot of key information about the event.

Please keep a close eye on this page as we post event notices and programme changes and updates prior to and during the event. This information will be vital to team management, club supporters, athletes and family members so please make them aware of this page.

We have also planned an entry giveaway to one lucky club and a very exciting video competition for the athletes to get engaged with. All of this will be advertised through the Facebook page, so please encourage as many people as you can to like the page.

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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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