



NATIONALS 2018

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

Officials 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”

Officials Circular

This document provides you with all the information you need to know as an Official at Nationals. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that an Official must be aware of in officiating at this event.



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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	Low Tide:	2:26pm
Marshalling Start Time:	8:15am	High Tide:	8:15am
Boat/Canoe Registrations Close:	7:30am		
Start Time:	8:30am		

Friday 16 March 2018

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

Saturday 17 March 2017

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

Sunday 18 March 2017

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

Event Management and Officials also reserve the right to limit the number of competitors per event.

Boat and Canoe Registration:

All Boats and Canoes must register in order to race. All crews must register prior to 7:30am for the respective day of racing. Crews may register at the Team Manager meeting on Thursday evening or by texting Michelle Newton on 027 459 8897.

Officials Meetings

Masters

Thursday 15 March 2018

Referees Meeting

Time: 6:45am
Venue: Management Portacom

Officials Meeting

Time: 7:15am
Venue: Peppers Cafe

Opens

Thursday 15 March 2018

Referees Meeting

Time: 5:30pm
Venue: TBC

Officials Meeting

Time: 7:15pm
Venue: TBC

Friday 16 March 2018

Referees Meeting

Time: End of day
Venue: Management Portacom

Officials Meeting

Time: 7:30am
Venue: Each Respective Arena

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Site Plan

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

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Surf Officials Ratio

The SLSNZ Sport Policy SS002 (Surf Officials Ratio) will not apply at this event. No Officials Ratio will be in force at this event.

Officials Roles

Masters (Thursday 15 March 2018):

The Arena Teams have been established and listed below. However, if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact Glenn Phipps, glenn@northernunion.co.nz.

Event Management / Event Support		
Event Manager	Scott	Bicknell
Event Referee	Glenn	Phipps
Event Safety Officer	Roydon	Woodcock
Event Admin	Johnny	Clough
Event Admin	Joss	Urbahn

Water Arena			Water Arena			Boat/Canoe Arena		
Arena Referee	Teri	Anderson	Arena Referee	Mike	Brown	Arena Referee	Leah	Blincoe
							Bruce	Matheson
Starter	Dennis	Trembath	Starter	Duncan	McKenzie	Starter	Peter	Simmons
Check Starter	Karyn	Philips	Check Starter			Check Starter		
Chief Judge	John	Chapman	Chief Judge	Natasha	Perkins	Chief Judge	Dylan	Turner
Marshall	Michelle	Cossey	Marshall	Malcolm	Heke	Marshall	Donal	Dray-Hogg
Marshall			Marshall			Marshall		
Judge	Mark	Crawley	Judge	Sue	Quilter	Judge	Brenda	Larsen
Judge	John	Murphy	Judge	Katrina	Duncan	Judge	Anne	Snowden
Judge	John	Ward	Judge			Judge		
Judge			Judge			Judge		
Judge								
Video Judge			Video Judge			Video Judge	Debbie	Walker
Recorder			Recorder			Recorder		

Sprint Track			Beach Flags		
Arena Referee	Teri	Anderson	Arena Referee	Mike	Brown
Starter	Dennis	Trembath	Starter	Duncan	McKenzie
Check Starter	Karyn	Philips	Check Starter		
Chief Judge	John	Chapman	Chief Judge	Natasha	Perkins
Marshall	Michelle	Cossey	Marshall	Malcolm	Heke
Marshall			Judge		
Judge	Mark	Crawley	Judge	Sue	Quilter
Judge	John	Murphy	Video Judge	Katrina	Duncan
Judge	John	Ward	Recorder		
Judge					
Judge					
Video Judge					
Recorder					

CAC		
Convener	Brian	Velvin
CAC	Colin	Weatherall
CAC	Dick	Glover

Opens (Friday 16 March 2018 to Sunday 18 March 2018):

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Event Management		
Event Manager	Scott	Bicknell
Event Referee	Debbie	Hutchings
Deputy Event Referee	Simone	Spencer
Event Safety Officer	Roydon	Woodcock
Deputy Event Safety Officer	Mike	Smith
Event Support		
Event Admin	Johnny	Clough
Event Admin	Joss	Urbahn
Announcer	Todd	Velvin
Announcer	Kelvyn	Eglington
Competitor Liaison	Denis	Cooksley
Logistics Officer	Alan	Coates
Logistics Support	Vaughan	Garrett
Logistics Support	Dave	Bourke

Water Arena			Water Arena			Water Arena		
Arena Referee	John	Chapman	Arena Referee	Greg	Rieger	Arena Referee	Glenn	Phipps
Starter	Dennis	Trembath	Starter	Nick	Williams	Starter	Duncan	McKenzie
Check Starter	Mike	Andrew	Check Starter	Harley	McLaughlin	Check Starter	Glen	Jones
Chief Judge	Mike	Brown	Chief Judge	Jo	Millar	Chief Judge	Coirle	Bradding
Marshall	Nicky	Hurring	Marshall	Teri	Anderson	Marshall	Dave	East
Marshall	Alistair	Thorpe	Natasha	Natasha	Perkins	Marshall	Sue	Platt
Judge	Miah	Thorpe	Judge	Trina	Wills	Judge	Craig	Gledhill
Judge	Michelle	Cossey	Judge	Paul	Treanor	Judge	Graeme	Ward
Judge	Sue	Quilter	Judge	Warren	Clow	Judge	Toni	Dunstan
Judge	Denys	Carpenter	Judge	Mike	O'Malley	Judge	Eric	Clearwater
Judge	Murray	Kemp	Judge	Peter	Simmons	Judge	Katrina	Duncan
Judge	TBC	TBC	Judge	TBC	TBC	Judge	Ian	McIntosh
Video Judge	Anne	Snowden	Video Judge	Catriona	Manning	Video Judge	Sarnia	Brewer
Recorder	Anne	Watton	Recorder	Nikky	Parley	Recorder	Marie	Cheeseman

Beach Arena			Boat Arena			Canoe Arena		
Arena Referee	Ross	Merrett	Arena Referee	Tony	Wiseman	Arena Referee	Leah	Blincoe
Starter			Starter	Bruce	Matheson	Starter	Doug	Henderson
Check Starter			Check Starter	Harold	Pearce	Check Starter	TBC	TBC
Chief Judge	Simone	Spencer	Chief Judge	Nigel	Tizard	Chief Judge	Tom	Burgess
Marshall	Michelle	Cossey	Marshall	Craig	Lacy	Marshall	Malcolm	Heke
Marshall			Marshall	Trevor	Keinzley	Marshall		
Judge			Judge			Judge	Donal	Dray-Hogg
Judge			Judge	Bruce	Whitehead	Judge	Swanee	Taiawa
Judge			Judge	Georgia	Lacy	Judge	Benny	Larsen
Judge			Judge	Yohan	Broekhuizen	Judge	Mark	Crawley
Judge			Judge			Judge	Tania	Aherns
Video Judge			Video Judge	Debbie	Walker	Video Judge		
Recorder			Recorder	Michelle	Newton	Recorder	Brenda	Larsen
Recorder			Recorder	Kay	Morrison			

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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.

Competition Manual Update

Updates to the Surf Sport Competition Manual have now been released. Please refer to the Sport Circular SC05 outlining the changes made to the manual [here](#).

Athlete Attire / Competition Uniform

Clubs are reminded that athletes must wear uniforms for team events and that uniforms must have uniformity in terms of colour(s), with the exception of togs. (Ref 1.5.1 Dress of Competitors, Competition Manual) This rule has been clarified as: For team events there must be uniformity across Vests and Beanies only. This rule does not apply to Beach Relays.

Equipment Specification Manual Update

Please note that the following amendments have been made in the Equipment Specification Manual. This document can be found [here](#).

6.14 Ski Paddles:

- Currently no specification for paddles exists. However, all paddles must be free of sharp or jagged edges (which may cause injury).
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24.0 Scrutineering:

24.1 SLSNZ shall appoint a Chief Scrutineer and such assistant scrutineers as required to ensure compliance with the equipment specifications **for events**.

24.2 Scales and other equipment (**jigs**) necessary to ensure compliance shall be made available on the day preceding **major events** to allow the checking of equipment and the issuing of compliance stickers for those requiring it. **Scrutineering is optional to members to partake in but if requested by a scrutineer then athletes must comply with the request.**

24.3 Random checking of equipment to ensure compliance may take place during and at the conclusion of the event.

24.4 At major events top three finishers in finals should expect their gear to be scrutinized following their event (race). It is recommended that a club representative is also present during the scrutineering process.

24.5 Persons found to be using equipment not complying with the specification shall be disqualified from the event (race) in which that equipment was used.

24.6 Every endeavour should be made to have scrutineering equipment available at major events and a full list of events where SLSNZ will scrutineer equipment will be made available to clubs each year.

Fibre Glass Fins

Fibre Glass Fins may be worn as per the equipment specification manual (ESM) for pool and beach events.

Code of Conduct

We encourage you to ensure that the culture you create within your arena is one that embraces the values espoused by SLSNZ as well as the 2018 New Zealand Representative Challenge principles.

The event management committee also reserve the right to exclude officials from further competition for poor or 'un-sportsman like' behaviour. This also applies to competitors, parents, managers and supporters.

To view the SLSNZ Code of Conduct click [here](#).

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 Midway Surf Life Saving Club.

Missing Competitor at Sea - Emergency Response Plan:

One key section of the Competition Safety Manual is the Missing Competitor at Sea – Emergency Response Plan and the roles and responsibilities of Officials, Team Managers, Competitors, Management and IRB Crews within this procedure.

While this will be outlined at the Team Manager Meeting, please download the [“Missing Person at Sea Procedure”](#) and take the time to understand your role and obligations. This is a hugely important plan to understand and know where you can assist, as time is critical when dealing with a missing person in the sea. We ask that you pass this information on to the relevant parties in your 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...](#)

Equipment Labelling:

All equipment needs to be clearly labelled with the club for which the athlete/s is racing for. It is recommended that this be placed on an easily identifiable area i.e. the front/centre of the board, between the two straps.

Wetsuits:

Wetsuits, or other foam type outer garments, shall be permitted in the case of events only in water of 16 degree Celsius or less. The Referee may authorise the wearing of wetsuits dependent upon weather, water or marine conditions. Wetsuits are subject to random scrutineering. Wetsuits can be used up to a maximum of 5mm with a tolerance of +/-0.5mm.

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.

Accommodation / Travel Subsidy

Accommodation will be provided to Arena Referees and Event Management. Please contact the Event Manager if you have any queries or concerns.

All officials are entitled to a travel subsidy at a rate of 0.70 cents per kilometer, up to a maximum of \$150.00. Please send the kilometres you travelled (one way) to the Event Manager.

Officials Dinner

We invite all officials to attend the dinner on Saturday 17 March. The time and venue is yet to be confirmed. Please RSVP and advise of any special dietary requirements by Monday 9 March 2017 or sooner to the Event Manager.

Communications

Event Management utilise a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news.

The SLSNZ Website: [Click here](#)

E-TXT: Our E-text system may be used to communicate any programme changes However, a team managers meeting will be used in the first instance.

Live Results: All results from this event will be displayed "live" [here](#).

Key Contact

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

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