



Surf Life Saving New Zealand – Sport Policy Statement

SPS008

Subject: Events Entry Eligibility Policy

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1. Objectives of this Policy

1.1 The objectives of this Policy are:

- a. To clearly document and make available to all Members the entry eligibility rules when competing in SLSNZ events.

2. Application of this Policy

2.1 This Policy applies to all Members of SLSNZ wishing to compete in SLSNZ events.

3. General Eligibility Rules of Competitors for all events

3.1 SLSNZ competition is open to any SLSNZ member but without the following details members will not be eligible to compete nor will they be able to be entered through the online entry system.

- a. **ACTIVE MEMBER** (i.e. must not be stored as an “inactive membership” on the SLSNZ Database (PAM); and
- b. Have a **DATE OF BIRTH** (DOB) recorded on the SLSNZ Database; and
- c. 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);
- d. Hold all General and Specific Eligibility qualifications and requirements for the duration of the event as detailed in the Event Entry Circular. Cut off to acquire all General and Specific Eligibility qualifications and requirements is **by the advertised close of entry date detailed in the Event Entry Circular**.
- e. All team **SUBSTITUTES** must either be registered in other events within the competition, or be registered as a substitute if available in the Event Entry System.
 - i. Please note that if an athlete is already entered in any events within the competition then they should not also enter as a substitute.
 - ii. Substitutes for specific positions like IRB Drivers or Crewperson are required to hold the qualifications applicable for those disciplines.
 - iii. Individual entries cannot be substituted for by another competitor and only team entries as outlined in the Surf Sport Competition Manual.

4. Specific Eligibility Rules of Competitors for Specific Disciplines and Age Groups

4.1 Senior Surf Competition (Senior competition is for athletes that are 14 years and older)

- a. General Eligibility Rules 3 in this policy.
- b. [SURF LIFE GUARD AWARD REFRESHER](#) OR newly qualified [SURF LIFE GUARD AWARD](#) that is current for the duration of the event.

4.2 Junior Surf Competition (Junior competition is for athletes that are Under 14 years)

- a. General Eligibility Rules 3 in this policy.
- b. [200 METRE SAFETY BADGE REFRESHER](#) OR newly qualified [200 METRE SAFETY BADGE](#) for water events beyond competitor's waist depth that is current for the duration of the event.

4.3 Masters Surf Competition (Masters competition is for athletes that are 30 years and older)

- a. General Eligibility Rules 3 in this policy.
- b. [SURF LIFEGUARD AWARD](#) on the SLSNZ database.

4.4 IRB Racing Competition

- a. General Eligibility Rules 3 in this policy.
- b. IRB Drivers must hold a [SENIOR LIFEGUARD AWARD-IRB DRIVER REFRESHER](#) OR newly qualified [SENIOR LIFEGUARD AWARD-IRB DRIVER](#) that is current for the duration of the event.
- c. IRB Crew Person must hold an [IRB CREWPERSON MODULE](#).
- d. All competitors must hold a [SURF LIFE GUARD AWARD REFRESHER](#) OR newly qualified [SURF LIFE GUARD AWARD](#) that is current for the duration of the event.

4.5 Pool Lifesaving Competition

- a. General Eligibility Rules 3 in this policy.
- b. Competitors do not require a Surf Lifeguard Award to compete in this competition.

5. Non-New Zealand Citizen Competing for their own Surf Life Saving Club

5.1 SLSNZ competition is open to any International Surf Life Saving member but without the following details members will not be eligible to compete nor will they be able to be entered through the online entry system.

- a. Have their National Surf Life Saving Organisation or similar (Branch, State, District, Region) send a [CLEARANCE LETTER](#) verifying the following:
 - i. All international competitors/teams must be [MEMBERS of an \(ILSF\) AFFILIATED CLUB](#). (ILSF = International Lifesaving Federation)
 - ii. All international competitors/teams must hold their organizations [QUALIFICATION EQUIVALENT](#) to the specific type of competition they wish to enter. (e.g. IRB Drivers, Crewperson, Surf Life guard Award).
 - iii. International competitors are required to [CONTACT the EVENT MANAGER](#) prior to registering on line to be allocated an Entry System username and password.

6. Non-New Zealand Citizen Competing for a New Zealand Club

- 6.1 A non-New Zealand citizen who wishes to compete for a New Zealand Club is required to:
- a. Show **PROOF of RESIDENCY** in New Zealand for a period not less than thirty days immediately prior to the commencement of the event in which they wish to enter.
 - b. Be the **HOLDER of the APPROPRIATE AWARD** as prescribed in the General and Specific Rules detailed above.
 - c. **COMPLETE all CLEARANCES and TRANSFERS** requirements as detailed in the regulations of SLSNZ and the overseas Life Saving authority that the member has left from.
 - d. SLSNZ recognises that some Nations have comparable standards to SLSNZ and any member who complies with the relative award and/or proficiency requirements of that Nation will have these awards recognised in New Zealand. For a list of comparable Nations recognised please contact SLSNZ.

7. Exceptional Circumstances:

- 7.1 In any decision regarding entry of athletes into a SLSNZ Event, the Sport Manager (Regional or National depending on which event it is) in their sole discretion, take into account any Exceptional Circumstances that may have resulted in the athlete's entry being adversely affected provided that:
- a. The Sport Manager (SM) shall not take into account any Exceptional Circumstance unless the athlete has informed the SM of the circumstances giving rise to the Exceptional Circumstances. The athlete(s) must advise the SM before the close of entry date and with as much advance notice as possible.
 - b. Athletes must have any pending General and Specific Eligibility qualifications and requirements that require processing to the appropriate person at least 10 working days prior to the close of entry date detailed in the Event Entry Circular.