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**To:** Clubs, Club Chairs, Sports Staff

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**Subject:** New Zealand Representative Challenge Changes for 2019 Events

This memo is to outline the key changes for the 2019 Representative Events.

Key event memos and strategies will be available on line shortly.

### **NZ Representative Surf Boat Challenge**

1. The venue for the Representative Surf Boat Challenge has been confirmed as Waihi Beach in conjunction with the North Island Surf Boats, Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test and Champion of Champions Event.
2. There has been no changes to the format of the event or teams make up from previous season.

The full weekends programme is as follows:

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- 10.00am - North Island Surf Boat Championships and Trans-Tasman Test series (NZ vs Australia)

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- 8.00am – NZ Representative Surf Boat Challenge
- 12.30pm – Champion of Champions

### **NZ Representative Challenge (NZRC)**

The NSC have reviewed the NZRC with the view of bring back the prestige of the event and make it an attractive event to strive to be selected for. Outcomes from the discussion was the establishment of two year objectives for the event so we can start delivering a consistent model to the membership.

#### **Key changes for 2019 NZRC**

- Canoe races have been changed from separate male and female events to a combined mixed gender event. Crews must have 2 males and 2 females. There are three races in the programme for Canoe.
- Beach Relays have been changed from separate male and female events to a combined mixed gender event. Teams must have 4 males and 4 females.

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- IRB Races will be run as separate male and female events but following each round (Assembly, Single and IRB Teams) the male and female race points will be added together to give a final position and points allocated. Tube Rescue has been removed and the Teams Race is a combined mixed 5 person Team Rescue Event as per 9.4 in the Surf Sport Competition Manual.
- Beach Sprints and Beach Flags will be run as separate male and female events but following each event (Beach Flags and Sprints) the male and female race points will be added together to give a final position and points allocated.
- Youth Teams Removed (No U19 Team) although some areas can field both a youth and open team this was a struggle from most areas to fill both teams. It was decided to remove the Youth Teams but change the Open Team make up (as stated below) than to cater for our U19 membership also recognising they have greater numbers competing that open age in normal competition. This is to provide area's the ability to select the best athletes they have in a more manageable sized team and aim to raise the level of competitiveness and prestige to be selected and represent their area.
- Open Teams

The size is 10 males and 10 females max which will cover all of the events in the programme.

- Team must include 3 males and 3 females who are Under 19.
- IRB patient(s) must be competent patients and you can have up to a maximum of 2 and minimum of 1.
- IRB Driver and Crewperson must hold the appropriate refreshed qualifications.
- Total Max Size = 20 in the team.
- Courses
  - Shorter race distances to make it short and sharp racing. The rest of the course details to be in line with our Surf Sport Competition Rule Book.
  - Two Arenas (Water Arena and Beach Arena).
  - Run three light system for each arena so to maintain fast timings between races. (IRB three light system).
- Points

Due to the imbalance of points against disciplines last year but also allowing enough events especially for large crafts to warrant bringing the craft the point's allocation for the event has been developed as per below.

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Points</b>					<b>total</b>
Swim (m/f) / Tube (m/f)	4	8	8	8	8		32
Board (m/f) / B Rescue (m/f) / Mix Relay	5	8	8	8	8	8	40
Ski (m/f) / Mix Relay	3	8	8	8			24
Sprint & Flags (m/f combined score) / Mix Relay	3	8	8	8			24
Iron person (m/f) / Ocean Relay (m/f)	4	8	8	8	8		32
IRB (m/f combined score)	3	8	8	8			24
Mixed Canoe	3	8	8	8			24
						<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

- Power Play each team can nominate one event prior to racing starting to double their points in that selected event per day of competition.

## 2020 Draft Plan

- Develop the events as a stand along aspirational event.
- Two day competition on a weekend in early January.
- Programme would start later on Saturday and early on Sunday to allow for travel.
- Location would be Mount Maunganui to allow for maximum ability to provide the best staging area for the event.

Yours sincerely



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