

CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT ENTRY CIRCULAR

RAISING CHAMPIONS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Surf Life Saving New Zealand

A group of surfers in athletic gear and helmets are running along a sandy beach, carrying their surfboards. The surfboards are white with colorful stripes and logos, including 'SLSNZ' and 'Dolphin SURFCRAFT'. The background shows a beach with other people, trees, and a clear blue sky. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle containing text.

Event Purpose

The 2019 Central Regional Championships (CRC) is set to be another great event on one of New Zealand's best beaches, we will have competitors from around the country coming together to be crowned Central Region Champions. This event will also be host to round 3 of the National Surf Boat Series.

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter this event. 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 before entering their child into this event.

Entry Information

Entries may be made using the SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries. Following the close of entry as detailed below entry fees will be invoiced directly to your club for payment prior to the competition.

Entries Open:	31 May 2018
Entries Close:	8.00am, Monday 7 January 2019
Entry Fee:	\$40.00 per person inclusive of GST
Surf Boat Entry Fee:	\$100.00 per crew
Late Entry Fee:	\$60.00 per person inclusive of GST on top of normal entry fee
Eligibility of Competitors:	Please refer to Policy SPS008 for Event Entry Eligibility. The event entry system will not allow competitors to enter events if they have not meet the requirements before close of entry.

Event Rules

This event will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents: [SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee.

Additionally members entering this event are bound by the following rules.

- [SLSNZ Constitution](#)
- [SLSNZ Regulations](#)
- [SLSNZ Code of Conduct](#) (Note: The Event Management Committee reserve the right to exclude competitors from further competition for poor or 'un-sportsman like' behaviour. This also applies to parents, managers and supporters)
- [SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual](#)
- [Drug Free Sport New Zealand](#)
- [SLSNZ Sport Policies](#)
 - [SPS001 - Junior Surf Officials Ratio](#)
 - [SPS002 - Surf Officials Ratio](#)
 - [SPS003 - Medals and Points Allocation](#)
 - [SPS004 - Camera and Video Devices in Surf Life Saving](#)
 - [SPS005 - Communication and Video Devices on Surf Life Saving Equipment](#)
 - [SPS006 - Gender Equity](#)

- [SPS007 - Competition Safety Requirements](#)
- [SPS008 - Event Entry Eligibility Policy](#)
- [SPS009 - Competition Entry Fee Refunds](#)
- [SPS010 - IRB Racing Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [SPS011 - Surf Boat Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [SPS012 - Process for Reviewing the Surf Sports Competition Manual](#)
- [SPS013 - Silver Fern and Naming of Teams](#)
- [SPS014 - SLSNZ High Performance Teams and Squads Selection Policy](#)
- [SPS015 - Event Management and Officials Appointments Policy](#)

Copies of these documents are available from the SLSNZ website.

Age Groups

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2018. For example, if you were 19 on the 30th September 2018, you are eligible to compete in the Under 19 division.

Event Programming

The format for racing will be decided after the close of entries. The intention will be to give competitors the most racing possible but will need to be time efficient to fit in the programme. The format and programme will be made available to team managers on Wednesday 9 January.

Events

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:	Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Board Race	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female	2km Beach Run	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Ski Race	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female	Board Relay	Open	Male and Female
Surf Race	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female	Ski Relay	Open	Male and Female
Run Swim Run	U16, U19 and Open	Male and Female	Beach Relay	Open	Male and Female
Ironman	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female	Taplin Relay 3 person	Open	Male and Female
Diamond	U16	Female	Short Course Boat/Boat Run Boat	U19, U23, Open and Masters	Male and Female
Sprint	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female	Long Course Canoe	U19 and Open	Male and Female
Flags	U16, U19, and Open	Male and Female	Short Course Canoe	U19 and Open	Male and Female

Note: U16 Female Iron Person will be included in this event. The U16 Female Diamond will remain but competitors can only compete in one of these events not both.

Site Plan

The draft Site Plan can be found in **Appendix Two** of this entry circular. Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Event Photography

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](#) prior to the event commencing. The document is also available for viewing in the Event Management Area during the event. The missing person at sea reflex tasking can be found in **Appendix One** of this entry circular.

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.

Dune and Environment Protection

As per all our events dune and environment 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. Please make sure all rubbish is placed in the bins supplied or taken with you.

Communications

Event Management utilise a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. Until entries close the latest information will be found on the event page of the SLSNZ Website [here](#). After the close of entries all information will be sent directly to team managers via email and E txt.

Key Contact

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

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Missing Person at Sea - Officials Reflex Tasks

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.

OFFICIALS' response and responsibilities.

1. Immediately close and clear the water arena of competitors and craft, by...
2. The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, until all competitors are out the water.
3. With the assistance of supporters immediately clear competitor's equipment from the beach within the affected arena/s then keep supporters and all competitors, who are **not** part of the competitor search party (CSP), out of the affected arena/s.
4. Arena Referees (AR) with assistance of officials and team managers/coaches, assemble the designated CSP into orderly lines, with fins & goggles/masks, ensuring each are "buddied up," and with lifeguard (LG) support, (preferably 1X10). LGs must have fins and a tube.
5. Arena Referees (AR) to 'standby' on their allocated radio channels for instructions from the Event Safety Officer (ESO) who will confirm the location and timing for the deployment of the CSPs.
6. When requested, deploy the CSP to sea, then observe and monitor progress of the CSP and their safety. AR to provide feedback to ESO only where necessary and only as radio traffic permits. AR should continue to 'standby' their radios for further information and instructions.
7. Officials may be called upon by the ESO to call for volunteers, (qualified LGs, whom are competent swimmers, and whom have fins, goggles/mask, and preferably a wetsuit vest) from supporters, who are able and willing to take part in the search upon completion of a suitable briefing, to form supporters search parties (SSP). Officials may only deploy SSP after cleared to do so by the ESO or their delegate, and only when the ESO or their delegate is satisfied that the SSP have been adequately briefed of their roles, safety procedures, and the potential hazards and risks.

Missing Person at Sea - Managers/Coaches Reflex Tasks

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TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES' response and responsibilities.

1. Team managers to check that their competitors are all accounted for.
2. Assign only competent lifeguards (LG) to the competitor search party (CSP) with fins and goggles/masks, and direct them to their Coach or Arena Referees (AR) in the affected arena/s.
3. Coaches to report immediately to the AR in their assigned arena and organise their CSP in line/s, ensuring that they are 'paired up' while awaiting instructions from the AR.
4. CSP should be sorted into lines with the most capable athletes closest to the water and least capable furthest from to the water. Coaches to remind CSP that when in the water, searchers will take turns at diving under water to search, while their buddy makes sure they are safe and that their buddy returns to the surface.
5. Coaches/Team managers must know the number and names of their CSP prior to entering the water and ensure that they are all accounted for prior to leaving the water and or search party.
6. Team Managers/Coaches and the CSP must follow the instructions of the AR and officials at all times to ensure that the search is implemented in a coordinated manner. If competitors do not feel confident or capable of implementing a search they must withdraw from the CSP, ensuring that they notify their buddy and coach/team manager before leaving the water and or CSP.

Missing Person at Sea - [Supporters Reflex Tasks](#)

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SUPPORTERS' response and responsibilities.

1. Immediately leave the beach area closest to the water, taking all equipment that you can, to provide clear open access to the water arena by officials and search parties.
2. Only re-enter the arena area, if required, to continue to remove craft and equipment from the arena.
3. Then please remain outside the arena and the designated search zone until instructed or permitted to do so by officials or an announcement by the event management group over the public address system.
4. If you are a qualified and refreshed lifeguard, a competent swimmer, and have fins and goggles/mask with you, and preferably a wetsuit vest, you may wish to consider making yourself available, to join a support search party. If you meet all these requirements, please report to an official in the affected arena/s with the equipment detailed above, and follow their instructions as directed.

Missing Person at Sea - [IRB Reflex Tasks](#)

Upon hearing rescue, rescue, rescue or the continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.

IRB CREWS' response and responsibilities.

1. **One crew** to immediately return to shore and pick up the LKP (pink) buoy and place this at the **Last Known Position** of the missing person.
 2. Once the LKP is in the correct position, the crew person must enter the water with life jacket, at the LKP, and allow themselves to drift in the direction of the prevailing current, while maintaining their distance from the shoreline.
1. **All other Crews** - Immediately remove all competitors from all arenas, regardless of the race completion.
 2. Position the IRBs on the ocean side of the break zone and LKP and stand by on your assigned radio channel for further instructions.
 3. Monitor progress of the competitor search party in the water, and provide immediate assistance if required.
 4. If the missing person is found, immediately return to the designated position on shore. The Tower.



Central Regional Championships – Site Plan

