



Oceans' 19 Club Info #2

Dates: Thursday 7 March 2019 - Sunday 10 March 2019

Venue: Mount Maunganui

Welcome to Oceans' 19, the premier Under 14 Surf Life Saving event. Oceans' 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!

This is the second memo to provide more information to clubs about the event and entry process.

Event Programming

The Draft Programme can be found on the [website](#). Please note that the Programme is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

There has been a couple of changes to the programme since the original entry circular was sent out. Changes:

Thursday: Will begin with Beach Flags, followed by Run Swim Run
Friday: Only two water arenas will run (U14 & U13) and the Sprints will start at 8am for U11's and U12's. U11 & U12 Diamond heats will commence after their sprint events.

Thursday 7 March

Volunteer Meeting: 7:00am

Marshalling Start Time: 8:30am

Team Managers Meeting: 7:30am

Start Time: 9:00am

Friday 8, Saturday 9, Sunday 10 March

Warm Up Start Time: 7:00am

Marshalling Start Time: 7:30am

Volunteer Meeting (Marshall Tent): 7:15am

Start Time: 8:00am

Entries

Entries are now open for Oceans' 19, entries close Monday 25th Feb. These are all done through the Club using the EnterNow system. There have been problems with the entry system and some athletes 200m badge not being recognised. This will be fixed in the next few days.

Age groups:

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2018. For example, if you were 11 on the 30th September 2018, you are eligible to compete in

the U12 division. All athletes must be a minimum of 10 years of age at 1st October 2018 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, Flags, Run Swim Run, Surf Race, Diamond Race, 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 (This is open to all age groups, including U14, U13, U12, U11)	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 & 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.

- The **2km Beach Relay** is now open to all age groups and there is no restriction on age. Clubs may run four U14 athletes if they wish. They must have 2 male and 2 female athletes

Event Rules

Oceans' 2019 is a sanctioned SLSNZ event and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of the Surf Sports Competition Manual. Therefore, as per **Introduction** (section 1) the rules have been amended to fit the purposes of Oceans' 2019.

For clarification, competitors may wear their choice of swimwear. For uniformity in teams the competitor must wear the same colour high visibility vest and club cap. In some cases we will require the athlete to wear the number of their team.

Under "General Competitions Guide, 2.6.11." the rule states: "In team Events there must be uniformity in terms of Competition caps and high visibility vests colour(s) to assist with team identification".

Clarification notes:

- This rule applies to all team events.
- Note Beach Relay does not require the wearing of vests but if the team chooses to wear vests they are to be the same colour.
- Sponsorship on the events is not included in the rule about and only the general colour of the vest will apply to rule 2.6.11.
- Please inform the event management if the club cannot abide by this rule.

Site Plan

The draft Site Plan can be found on the Oceans' 19 web page. Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Alternative Venues

As many of you may be aware, Oceans' has often had to be relocated to its various alternative venues when weather/surf conditions warrant it. The alternative venue may include but is not limited to Shark Alley and Pilot Bay.

We have attempted to structure the programme to ensure adequate beach space for board storage outside of the Arenas. Each arena will be fenced off with bunting and we will also be allowing boards to be 'one deep' and 'doubled up' at the back of each Arena.

We would also like all boards to be labelled with the club they belong to so we can call that club in order to move that piece of equipment if required.

Club Points

Overall Club points and trophy will remain in place for this Oceans.

Radio-Frequency Identification Tags

Athletes competing at Oceans' 19, will be issued with an adjustable Velcro RFID band, which must be worn during all events, excluding flags. Using the tags helps to monitor athletes and speed up the marshalling. As in previous years athlete wrist bands will be issued to team managers at the Team Managers meeting immediately prior to the event, using the entries submitted by club's on Enter Now.

Please note that once an RFID tag/band is issued to an athlete, it is unique to that competitor and is not transferable. Once issued, RFID tags/bands are good to use for the life of the tag/band, which should last indefinitely. **PLEASE KEEP THE TAG YOU GET ISSUED FOR FUTURE EVENTS.**

A "No Wrist Band = No competition" approach will apply for this event, so please ensure that athletes/parents are aware of the importance of these wristbands. Lost or damaged wrist bands will be available for cash only purchase, receipts provided (\$20 per band). SLSNZ recommends that clubs issue the bands before each competition and collect them at the conclusion of the competition to help prevent loss of these important items. Please note that competitors using another athletes wrist band may result in disqualification from that event and potentially from the entire competition. All enquiries regarding RFID wrist bands should be directed to ross.merrett@surflifesaving.org.nz



Once the athletes have been assembled in the marshalling tent, only the names of absent athletes will be called. Any athlete not present at the end of this marshalling call will be likely be excluded from the event. Athletes will then be allocated heats and will again have their RFID tags scanned while assembled on the start line, and possibly again on completion of their race. This is an important step towards improving the procedures for the health and safety of athletes during large events.

They tags will be colour co-ordinated with their respective Arenas.

Yellow: U14
Red: U13
Blue: U12
Green: U11

Oceans' 19 Merchandise

Oceans' 19 Merchandise will be sold by SLSNZ partner NZ Uniforms this year. Merchandise can be purchased online and orders will be waiting at the Oceans' tent at the event. See below for the link to the merchandise orders. The T Shirt will have all the names of the athletes on the back again this year.

FRONT

BACK



See more merchandise and place orders at the link below.

<http://surflifesaving.nzuniforms.com/catalog/oceans-2019-merch-1104893.htm>

Communications

Oceans' 19 utilises a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These include:

The SLSNZ Website: [Click here](#)

Facebook Event Page: [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.

Facebook

This year, more than ever, we will be using the Oceans' 19 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.

Important Personnel

Event Referee:	Richard Whinham
Deputy Referee:	Jo Millar
Event Safety Officer:	Mike Smith
Event Manager:	Matt Warren & Karen Simpson-Warren
Water Safety Officer:	Dave Hickey
Logistics Officer:	Alan Coates

Parking

Parking at Mount Maunganui is always very limited and everyone will need to park along the beach and on the side streets. Please allow plenty of time as it is normal to have a 10-15min walk to the main beach. I would advise to carpool with others to limit the number of cars coming to the event.

Event Safety

Everyone is responsible for the safety of the event and being proactive about managing the safety of the event. Managers, coaches and parents play a vital role in the event safety. You know your athletes and their capabilities best and we expect you to put their interests foremost when making assessments about the safety and wellbeing of the athletes.

Competition Safety Plan:

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available through the website prior to the event commencing. The document is also available for viewing in the Event Management Area in the Event Management Area.

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 Volunteer and Team Manager Meeting, please download the missing persons at sea 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.

Missing Competitor at Sea - Lifeguard Ratio:

As per last year, all clubs must supply one refreshed lifeguard for every 10 athletes entered into the event. This lifeguard must have a set of fins, goggles, and a high visibility vest.

This lifeguard can hold other roles for your club during the event, but they must be on call over the entirety of the event if the Missing Competitor at Sea procedure is implemented.

There will be a section within the online entry system where each lifeguards' details can be entered. These lifeguards will then to sign in and register that they are at the event and understand their role prior to the Team Managers Meeting on Thursday.

Board Labelling:

All boards need to be clearly labelled with the club name for which the athlete is racing for. It is recommended that this be placed on the front/centre of the board, between the two straps.

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.

All gear handlers must wear a club cap and high visibility vest when retrieving equipment from the race area.

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 very important that all clubs understand that they hold responsibility and liability for having signed off a competitors 200m Safety Badge. 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**. It is the

expectation of the organisers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.

Event First Aid:

The event First Aid Officers are primarily there to treat injuries that occur at the event. For any non-emergency injuries please see the Physiotherapists provided by Endeavour Sport located beside the Exhibitors Tents for treatment & strapping.

For more information contact:

[Oceans' 19 Website](#)

[Oceans' 19 Facebook Page](#)

Or contact the event manager:

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