



Team Managers Memo – 27 Feb 2019

Hi Managers,

We are just one week out from Oceans' 19, entries have closed and we have 857 athletes coming along. Thank you for managing your teams, without you the wheels of the event would stop turning.

This is some final information before you come along to the Mount next week.

Entries

Entries have closed now and we have big numbers across all events. The programme will be full so we will not be accepting late entries to team events.

If you need to make any changes to your teams please bring them along to the team managers meeting on the Team Change form attached.

If you have an athlete that needs to pull out of the entire event prior to the team managers meeting please let us know as soon as possible and we can remove them from the entries. If this is a medical issue please send through a medical certificate and we will not charge an entry fee. Please email to matt.warren@surflifesaving.org.nz.

Managers Meeting

The team managers meeting will be held at:
Thursday 7th March - 7.30am
Mount Maunganui Club House – 1st floor.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will hold a brief team managers meeting at 7.30am in the Mt Club house to give updates for the day and a chance to ask any questions.

If you have any questions for the team managers meeting please email these through to matt.warren@surflifesaving.org.nz. This will enable us to get a quick and accurate answer for you at the meeting. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about anything covered in the meeting as we go through it.

Programme

The programme has not changed since the last memo. We will be starting with Beach Flags on Thursday at 9am. The [programme](#) can be found on the Oceans 19 website.

The entry lists, draws and progressions can be found at liveresults.co.nz through the weekend or download to the SLSNZ app from the app store or play store.

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. We would like all Team Managers to consider the use of pop-up tents, which can easily be moved to these alternative venues. These venues may include but are not limited to: Shark Alley and Pilot Bay.

Code of Conduct

The organisers also reserve the right to exclude competitors from further competition for poor or 'un-sportsman like' behaviour. This also applies to parents, managers and supporters. The team managers are directly responsible for the conduct of all persons, from their club, attending this Championship event. We encourage you to ensure that the culture you create within your team is one that embraces the values espoused by SLSNZ as well as the Oceans' principles.

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

Club Declaration Forms

The Team Declaration Form can be found on the Oceans 19 webpage. Please hand in your completed Club Declaration Form before or at the Team Manager's meeting on Thursday 7 March 2019. These can be emailed to oceans@surflifesaving.org.nz.

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.

RFID tags

We will be using RFID tags for this event, which will be attached to the wrist band with the colour that relates to the age group. If your athletes have been issued these please bring them along. These tags must be worn by the athletes in all events except beach flags.

Gear Trailer and Security

Gear trailers may be dropped off between 10:00am – 5:00pm on Wednesday or 8am – 10:00am on Thursday. Clubs are encouraged to approach the Mt Maunganui Lifeguard Service (MMLS) Club from Pilot Bay rather than crossing the traffic on Marine Parade. The three car parks immediately preceding the MMLS car park will have cones restricting access to the general public and we hope will enable a queue to form if needed.

Gear trailers will then be picked up by tractors to be taken on to the beach. Should there not be a member of the work party at the time of your drop-off, please ensure that you make contact with them to advise that your trailer is awaiting transport onto the beach. All trailers will be placed on the beach in front of the camping ground. Should any club wish to arrive before or after the designated time, please contact Alan Coates directly on 027 867 5078 to arrange for your gear to be transported on to the beach.

Clubs will not be allowed access to the MMLS car park to drop of gear trailers. No club vehicles are to enter the car park and please do not attempt to lift the barrier arm. On Sunday, team managers (not club members) are to advise contact the tractor drivers when they are ready to have their gear trailer removed from the beach; vehicles must be ready by the gate to take the trailer off the tractor.

We will have security on through the night from Wednesday to Sunday morning. We will have no security on Sunday night, you gear will be your responsibility that night. Please ensure your gear and tent is secure and no valuables are left in the tent or on the beach.

Site Plan

We will have all tents set up in allocated areas along the beach behind the arenas. There will be a first in basis. We will only allow pop up tents along the front of the arenas but please leave the sides off so people can view the event. All tent pegs must be driven below the surface.

Oceans' 19 Beach Plan



Presentations

At various points of each day we will be presenting medals to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters in each event that was contested. If you receive a medal please be present at the award ceremony in club uniform (this can be competition uniform or team uniform). We ask that team be a uniformed as possible for the presentation (it just looks better). The Oceans' 19 Top Club Trophy will be awarded to the club that has the most club points at the close of competition.

Points will be allocated to first, second and third place for all individual and team events. Points will be added up to go towards the Top Club trophy.

Individual Points: 1st = 3 points 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point.

Teams Points: 1st = 5 points 2nd = 3 points 3rd = 1 point.

Rule Clarifications

Athletes racing up an age

We have had a number of requests for athletes to race up and age group to make up teams. We have not allowed this for a number of reasons.

2km Beach Relay

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

Gear Handlers

All gear handlers must wear a club beanie and High Visibility vest while gear handling for water events. Aside from special cases we will not allow parents, coaches and managers into the arena to do this. We would like other athletes from the club to handle for their team mates. The arena referee will make a call on allowing adults to help with this function.

Board labels

All Boards must be labeled with the club name the athlete is racing for. It is recommended that the label is placed on the front, centre between the front straps.

Team Uniformity

Under general rules in the competition manual, 2.6.11 states "in team events there must be uniformity in terms of competition caps and high visibility vest colour(s) to assist with identification.

- This applies to all team events except for the beach relay. If a team chooses to wear vests in the beach relay they all must be uniformed in colour.
- Sponsorship or branding on vests does not apply to this rule, only the general colour of the vest applies.

As usual there are **no protests at Oceans' 19** but if you do have any questions about rules of decisions please get your team manager to see the arena referee. We will have available another very experienced member of the event referee team that will be available to discuss any issues and look for a suitable solution.

All other rules are as per the Surf Sports Competition Manual – 9th edition (V2)

Merchandise and exhibitors to Oceans' 19

NZ Uniforms will be at the event in the main tent from 12pm Thursday to pick up orders of event merchandise. There will be limited extra stock available at the event.

We also welcome back some of our favourite brands



Look out for some great offers and promos going on in the large tent.



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 is 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.

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 see:

[Oceans' 19 Website](#)

[Oceans' 19 Facebook Page](#)

[Oceans' 19 Entry Circular](#)

[Oceans' 19 Club Info #2](#)

Or contact the event manager:

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