



SURF LIFE SAVING®
NEW ZEALAND

SURF LIFE SAVING SPORT: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following 'Guiding Principles' are a set of values and/or behaviours that are prioritised when developing regulations, policies and strategies for Surf Life Saving Sport. It is not intended to be a definitive list, but the foundation for discussion & decision making.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE

"All aspects of Surf Life Saving Sport should be viewed through the lens of being a great experience for everyone involved." Examples include:

Provide a safe environment that looks after the welfare of all participants and volunteers.

- A maximum 8 hour day of competition for athletes.
- Communicate alternative planning and curtailment guides.

Showcase and engage with our members during events and share the amazing stories.

- Develop commentators in our competitions that can engage the membership and enhance the atmosphere experience of an event.
- Bring a focus onto finals through events to celebrate finalists and champions.

Monitor data trends and participants satisfaction levels throughout Surf Life Saving Sport activities and measure any reduction in participation levels.

Create an environment where private events can become the innovator and cater for involvement, achievement and inclusion of our members.

ASPIRATIONAL

"We should be striving to continuously improve all fronts at all times to be a leader of Surf Sports in the World." Examples include:

Refresh the Junior Surf Programme, utilizing recognized professionals in the field to guide development and programme content to allow SLSNZ to be recognised as a leading NSO in the field of junior member development.

Continue to development opportunities for all stakeholders to be challenged and developed through different learning environments and methods. Including:

- Coaching forums
- Official development supported adequately through an evaluation and selection processes
- National development strategy, alignment and pathway for water safety crews opportunities and support
- More development content delivered online

- Ensure review process of events leads to continuous improvement.
- Maintain athlete pathways and funding streams to keep New Zealand performing on the world stage.
- Understand changes in the ILS program and develop strategies' to adapt and excel with change.

Be a world leading innovator in Surf Sports through streamlined systems and process and use of technology to enhance the sport for all involved.

- Share our ideas internationally to continue the growth of Surf Sports globally.

ONE MOVEMENT

"We will be transparent in our action and engage with stakeholders but we will endeavour to provide leadership and national alignment that will take the sport forward." Examples include:

Ensure Advisory Committees and SLSNZ Staff are aligned in the strategic direction of Surf Sport.

- Engage more with the membership about the direction and telling the story behind the strategies. Both NSC and Staff to engage.

Clear and decisive leadership that is communicated effectively to all stakeholders.

- Ensure decision made tell the why behind change and direction.
- SLSNZ member's consultation method is used for all major decision.

Develop an environment where members feel informed and connected to the strategic direction and engaged with supporting this.