



BP SURF RESCUE NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

PAEKAKARIKI BEACH
15-16 FEBRUARY 2020

BUILDING MORE COMPETENT AND CAPABLE LIFEGUARDS

OFFICIALS CIRCULAR
Surf Life Saving New Zealand



Event Overview

The BP Surf Rescue North Island Championships has a proud history of being one filled with hard, fast, and action-packed racing. The second largest Inflatable Rescue Boat racing competition on the Surf Life Saving calendar, crews from throughout the country will line up to showcase their surf skills, fitness and experience amongst their pairs.

The competition includes several events, requiring varying levels of technical skill and physical fitness. With surf and weather conditions constantly changing, the competition has proved to be one of the most exciting competitions of the Surf Life Saving calendar.

Making its first appearance at Paekakariki Beach, along the picturesque Capital Coast, we invite you to celebrate the skills and experience of some of Surf Life Saving New Zealand's very best IRB Crews as they compete for their friends and against their fellow athletes.

Officials Circular

This document provides you with all the information you need to know as an Official at the BP Surf Rescue North Island Championships. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that an Official must be aware of before attending the event.

Please note that this circular should be read in conjunction with the Entry and Team Manager Circulars which outline further information Participants and Team Managers must be aware of prior to attending into the competition.

Important Times

Monday 10 February 2020

Online Fuel Order Due: 10:00am

Friday 14 February 2020

Scrutineering: 10:30am – 5:30pm

Team Managers Meeting: 7:00pm (Paekakariki Surf Lifeguards Club)

Saturday 15 February 2020

Fuel Distribution: 6:30am – 8:00am

Officials Meeting: 7:00am (Paekakariki Surf Lifeguards Club)

Start Time: 9:00am

Prizegiving: 30 minutes after the conclusion of racing

Low Tide: 8:27am – 0.7m

High Tide: 3:09pm – 1.6m

Sunday 16 February 2020

Fuel Distribution: 6:30am to 8:00am

Start Time: 8:00am

Prizegiving: 30 minutes after the conclusion of racing

Low Tide: 8:54am – 0.7m

High Tide: 3:52pm – 1.5m

Communications

Those officials which have provided cell phone numbers will receive notifications via the etxt system in advance and during the event. This is to ensure you are provided with prompt notification of any developments related to the event at all times.

However, the website will provide the most up to date event information at all times.

Code of Conduct

Event Management reserves the right to exclude competitors from further competition for poor or 'un-sportsperson like' behaviour. This also applies to **officials**, parents, team managers and supporters.

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

Roles and Responsibilities

Event Management Committee

Event Manager:	Mark Weatherall
Event Referee:	Richard Whinham
Event Safety Officer:	Roydon Woodcock

Event Support

Event Assistant:	Scott Bicknell
Event Mentor:	Bernie Limbrick
Event Logistics Officer:	Alan Coates
Announcer:	Mitch Logan
Announcer:	To be confirmed
CAC:	John Hook
CAC:	Neville Nodder
Competitor Liaison:	Brad O'Leary
Administration:	Michelle Newton

Officials

Chief Judge 1:	Tania Ahrens
Chief Judge 2:	Dave Bourke
Marshall:	Jamie Nilsson
Check Marshall:	To be confirmed
Starter:	Curly Evans
Lane 1 Judge:	Mike Brown
Lane 2 Judge:	Leah Blincoe
Lane 3 Judge:	Alistair Thorpe
Lane 4 Judge:	Teri Anderson
Lane 5 Judge:	Ian McIntosh
Lane 6 Judge:	Trina Wills
Lane 7 Judge:	Tony Wiseman
Course Judge:	Nat Perkins
Course Judge:	Denys Carpenter
Video Judge:	Anne Snowden
Video Judge:	Doris Coates
Recorder:	Joss Urbahn

Travel Subsidies

We appreciate that many of you drive a long way to get to the different venues to ensure our National Championship Events are run, therefore we will compensate officials at the following rate.

35c per KM and up to \$150.00 for within the same Island and \$300.00 when crossing Islands. These subsidies will be calculated and paid into your bank accounts 2-3 weeks post event.

Accordingly, please notify the Event Assistant of the kilometres you will travel via an online form [here](#).

Event Safety

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

All participants **and officials** with a pre-existing medical condition must complete and submit a 'Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration' form prior to the close of entries. These forms are to be submitted to the Event Assistant (Scott Bicknell) by email to scott@bicknellconsultants.com. However, participants are encouraged to submit these as early as possible. Once submitted, the forms will be reviewed by SLSNZ and a decision will be made on whether a 'Competitor Waiver' form is required to be completed.

These forms are available through the website [here](#).

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 Two** of the entry circular.

Competition Safety Vests

The wearing of high visibility vests will be mandatory for participants for the Tube Rescue event only. Lifejackets are to worn by participants at all other times. 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.

Return to Shore Procedure

Situations have arisen in past events where craft and or people have been stranded on the IRB race course in the direct path of rapidly approaching IRB crews, whom are unaware of the hazard that lies ahead due to the inability to see the stranded craft/person due to sea conditions, which poses significant risk to people and craft.

The purpose of this procedure is to put in place systems to help identify these situations and immediately draw competitor's attention to the need to immediately 'throttle back' and precede with caution, in order to prevent potential collisions and harm to people and craft.

1. **EMC/nominated officials** - Upon identifying that a person and or craft are stranded within the race arena, the following actions must be implemented as soon as practicable.
 - a. Have the starter activate the all-round RED flashing light atop of the starter pole.
 - b. Raise and wave a RED flag on shore in the affected lane, in direct line of sight of the returning IRB Driver.
 - c. Raise and wave a RED flag from an attending water safety craft.

2. **Drivers** - Upon sighting the red flashing light or waving of a red flag, drivers must throttle back and proceed to shore, unless directed to provide assistance by the designated water safety crew.

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Please note that the Event Manager is Mark Weatherall. While the Event Assistant will manage logistical preparations and communications in advance of the event, the full management of the competition will be passed to the Event Manager on the week of the event. The Event Manager's contact details are provided below.

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Surf Life Saving New Zealand

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Key Contact

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

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