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SKI & BOARD EVENTS

6.1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 6.1.1. Rules contained in this section 6 shall only apply to the single ski, double ski and paddle board Events.
- 6.1.2. No artificial means of propulsion may be used in paddle board Events, i.e., rigid paddles, hand webs, wetsuit sleeves, arm boards.
- 6.1.3. Paddle board and surf ski Competitors may pass through the buoys not related to their course on their craft. Should impediment occur as a result, the onus is on the Competitor that chose that direction.
- 6.1.4. Replacing craft and/or paddles (as appropriate) is permitted during a Race provided such replacement is effected before the Competitor rounds the last course buoy. Team or Club Members shall be permitted to assist a Competitor in replacing equipment, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement ski and/or paddle at the water's edge and adjacent to the start line or the board on or behind the start/changeover line.
- 6.1.5. To assist with the safe conduct of Events, it is permitted for any team Member to assist in the removal of any damaged or abandoned equipment from the Competition Arena.
- 6.1.6. The required use of paddle boards in relation to age groups is detailed in 6.7.

6.2. SINGLE SKI RACE

6.2.1. The Course

- (a) The course shall be as detailed in Figure 6.1.
- (b) The centre of the start line is to be in line with the first turning buoy but may vary, dependent on surf conditions, at the discretion of the Referee.
- (c) The finish line for the single ski Events shall be between two coloured flags as advised by Officials. The centre of this line is to be relative to the third turning buoy or offset to allow for the prevailing surf conditions.

6.2.2. Procedure

- (a) The start shall be effected by having skis afloat and in line, with each Competitor holding the ski ready to push off. A check starter should be positioned in the water and shall signal when the Competitors are in line and ready to start. Any Competitor who disregards the starter or check starter's directions shall be disqualified. The distance between skis at the start should be approximately 1.5m.
- (b) On the starting signal from the starter, the Competitor should paddle their ski around all designated buoys appropriate to the Race and return to the finish line in the direction advised by Officials (Clockwise, anti-clockwise conditions dependent).
- (c) A wet finish placing shall be determined when any part of the ski crosses the finish line being ridden, gripped, or carried by the Competitor.
- (d) If the conditions warrant it, the referee may authorise a dry start, a dry finish, or both.
- (e) To correctly complete a Race, a Competitor must have (or have regained) their ski and paddle and cross the finishing line from the seaward side whilst maintaining contact with their ski and paddle.
- (f) A Competitor may lose contact or control of their ski and/or paddle without disqualification and may recover a ski and/or paddle that has crossed the finish line, and then again cross the finish line from the seaward side with their

ski and paddle to correctly record a finish placing result.

- (g) A dry finish shall be determined when a Competitor leaves their ski and paddle and runs across the finish line which is placed on the beach. The Competitor may leave their craft and paddle at any time after the final buoy turn has been completed and must cross the line whilst remaining in an upright position on their feet.
- (h) A Competitor must paddle their ski (including paddle) clockwise around all the course buoys but shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy on the return journey.
- (i) At the finish of the Event, Competitors may be assisted by a handler. A handler shall not be considered to be a Competitor but shall be required to:
 - (i) Be a Member of the same Club or team as the Competitors (exemption may be given by the Event Referee for a Member of another Club or team to be a handler).
 - (ii) Wear a Competition cap.
 - (iii) Comply with all instructions of the Officials.
 - (iv) Make every effort to ensure that they, or the equipment that they are handling, does not impede another Competitor, otherwise both their Competitor and the handler may be subject to disqualification.

6.3. DOUBLE SKI RACE

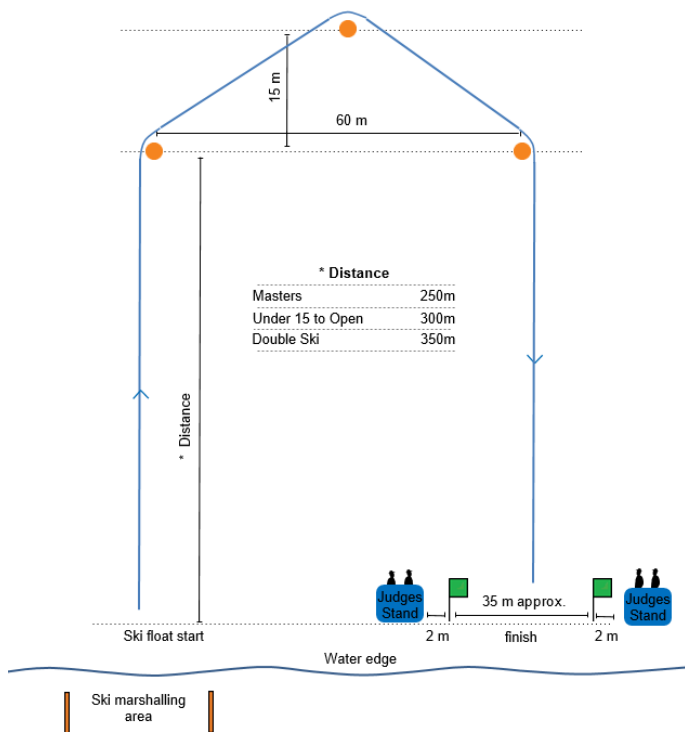
6.3.1. The Course

- (a) The course shall be as detailed in Figure 6.1.
- (b) The centre of the start line is to be in line with the first turning buoy, but may vary dependent on surf conditions, at the discretion of the Event Referee.
- (c) The finish line for the double ski Event shall be between two coloured flags corresponding to the buoy colours. The centre of this line is to be relative to the third turning buoy or be offset to allow for the prevailing surf conditions.

6.3.2. Procedure

- (a) The start shall be effected by having skis afloat and in line, with each team holding the ski ready to push off. A check starter should be positioned in the water and shall signal when the Competitors are in line and ready to start. Any team who disregards the starter or check starter's directions shall be disqualified. The distance between skis at the start should be approximately 1.5m.
- (b) If conditions are such that the starter cannot provide a fair start, a dry start is to be effected.
- (c) On the starting signal from the starter, the Competitors shall paddle their ski clockwise around the appropriate buoys and return to the finish line.

Figure 6.1
SKI & DOUBLE SKI RACE



- (d) A wet finish placing shall be determined when any part of the ski crosses the finish line being ridden, gripped, or carried by the Competitors.
- (e) Competitors must paddle their ski (including both paddles) clockwise around all of the course buoys but shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy is rounded on the return journey.
- (f) To correctly complete a Race, both Competitors must have (or have regained) their ski and at least one paddle and crossed the finishing line from the seaward side whilst maintaining contact with their ski and at least one paddle.
- (g) Competitors may lose contact or control of their ski and/or paddle(s) without disqualification and may recover a ski and/or paddle(s) that has crossed the finish line, and then again cross the finish line from the seaward side with the ski and at least one paddle to correctly record a finish placing result.
- (h) A dry finish shall be determined when one Competitor from a team leaves their ski and paddle and runs across the finish line which is placed on the beach. Competitors may leave their craft and paddle(s) at any time after the final buoy turn has been completed and one Competitor must cross the line whilst remaining in an upright position on their feet, without their paddle.
- (i) To assist with judging, only one Competitor from each team is permitted to cross the finish line while the place judging process is in progress. A team may be disqualified if both Competitors from the team cross the finish line while the place judging is in progress.
- (j) At the finish of the Race, one Competitor is responsible for the handling of the ski and paddles and to ensure that they and their craft do not impede another team. The Competitor may also be assisted by a handler. A handler shall not be considered to be a Competitor but shall be required to:
 - (i) Be a Member of the same Club or team as the Competitors. (exemption may be given by the Event Referee for a Member of another Club or team to be a handler).

- (ii) Wear a Competition cap.
- (iii) Comply with all instructions of the Officials.
- (iv) Make every effort to ensure that they, or the equipment that they are handling, does not impede another Competitor, otherwise both their Competitor and the handler may be subject to disqualification.

6.4. PADDLE BOARD RACE

6.4.1. The Course

- (a) The courses shall be as detailed in Figure 6.2.
- (b) The centre of the start line is to be in line with the first turning buoy, but may vary dependent on surf conditions, at the discretion of the Referee.
- (c) The finish line for paddle board Events shall be between two coloured flags corresponding to the buoy colours. The centre of this line is to be relative to the third turning buoy but may be offset to allow for the prevailing surf conditions.

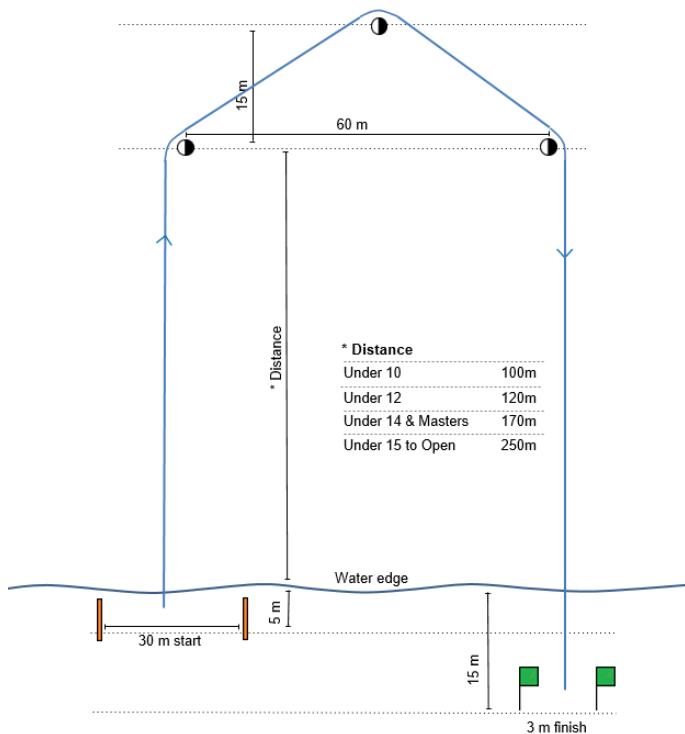
6.4.2. Procedure

- (a) The start shall be effected by having each Competitor standing on or behind the start line with their paddle boards.
- (b) The distance between Competitors at the start should be approximately 1.5m.
- (c) On the starting signal from the starter, the Competitors shall enter the water with their paddle boards and paddle clockwise around the appropriate buoys and return to the beach.
- (d) Competitors may lose contact and control of their paddle board without disqualification.
- (e) A Competitor must paddle their paddle board clockwise around all the course buoys but shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy on the return journey.
- (f) If a Competitor deliberately impedes the progress of another Competitor, they may be disqualified.

- (g) To complete the Race, a Competitor must have (or have regained) their paddle board and cross the finish line from the seaward side whilst maintaining contact with the whole of their paddle board.
- (h) The finish is judged on the chest of the Competitor crossing the finish line on their feet while being in control of the paddle board.
- (i) To assist with the safe conduct of Competition it is permitted for any team Member to assist in the removal of any damaged or abandoned equipment from the Competition Arena.



Figure 6.2
BOARD RACE



6.5. BODYBOARD RACE (U8-U10)

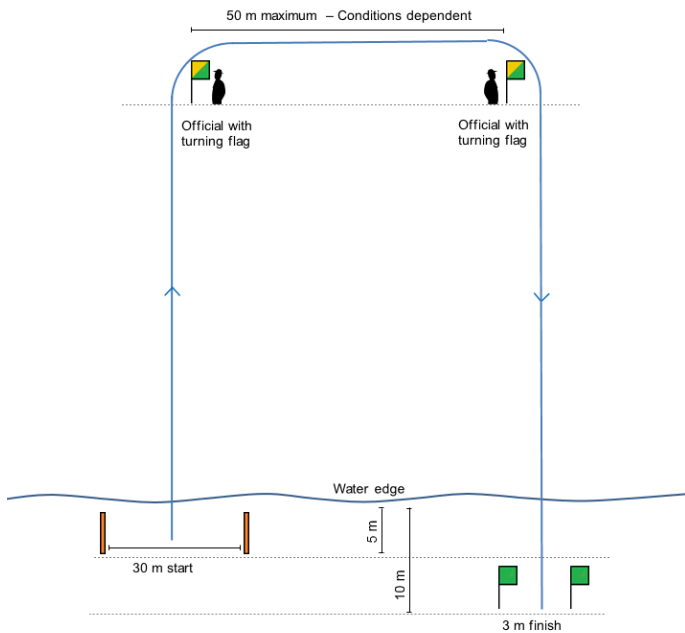
6.5.1. The Course

- (a) The course shall be as detailed in Figure 6.3.
- (b) The course can be adjusted to suit the ability of Competitors and conditions on the day.
- (c) Competitors may only use bodyboards in the bodyboard Race.
- (d) Two water safety personnel shall stand in waist depth water (measured at the water safety personnel's median waist depth level at the time the Race is being conducted).

6.5.2. Procedure

- (a) The Competitors shall be positioned on the start line with all Competitors having leashes attached to their wrist.
- (b) On the starter's signal, the Competitors shall enter the water with their bodyboard and paddle round the two turning flags from left to right, return to shore and cross the finish line in contact with their bodyboard.
- (c) The finish is judged on the chest of the Competitor crossing the finish line on their feet while being in control of the bodyboard. Fins are not required in this Race.

Figure 6.3 BODYBOARD RACE



6.6. PADDLE BOARD/SURF SKI RELAY

6.6.1. General Conditions

- (a) The rules of the paddle board and surf ski Events shall apply to paddle board relay and surf ski relay Events unless varied as follows.
- (b) Teams shall consist of three Competitors.
- (c) Team Members may use the same craft. No Member of a team shall be permitted to complete more than one leg of a Race.
- (d) The first and third Competitor in each team shall commence from the team's drawn starting position. However, the drawn starting position is reversed for the second Competitor in each team. For example, in a 16 Competitor Race in which a team has drawn position No.1; the first Competitor in the team commences from position No.1, the second team Member commences from position No. 16 and the third team Member from position No.1.
- (e) Control of craft – A Competitor can lose control or contact with their craft on the way out, provided they regain the craft and round the last course buoy in contact with the craft. A Competitor must paddle their ski (including paddle) or paddle board (as applicable) around the last course buoy and shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy on the return journey

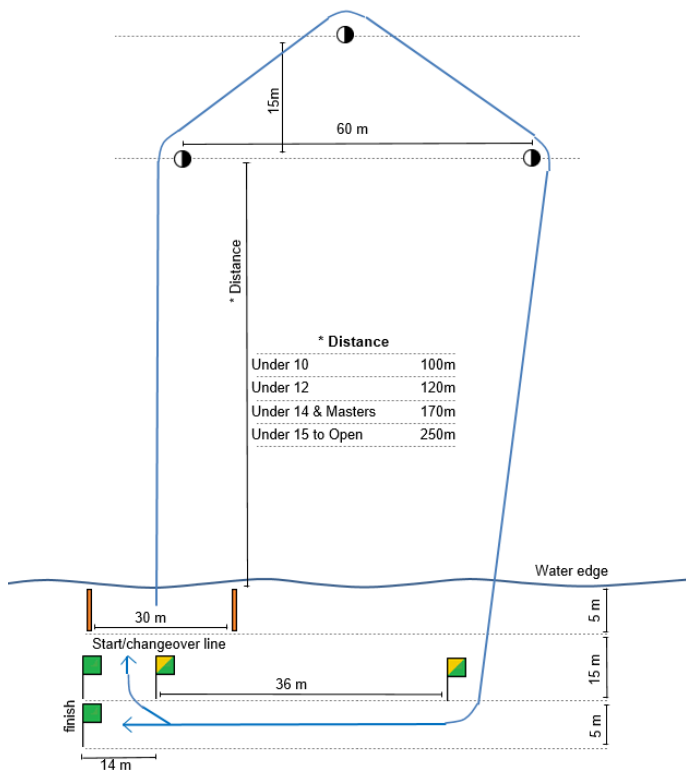
6.6.2. The Course

- (a) The course for paddle board relay Events shall be as detailed in Figure 6.4 and the course for surf ski relay Events shall be as detailed in Figure 6.5.

6.6.3. Procedure

- (a) Competitors for the first leg of the relay shall start as per the relevant individual Event and proceed around the appropriate buoys. When the first Competitor has rounded the last turning buoy, the Competitor may leave their ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) at their discretion, round the two green and yellow turning flags and tag the second Competitor at the designated ski or board (as appropriate) change-over line.
- (b) The second Competitor then proceeds around the appropriate buoys. When the second Competitor has rounded the last turning buoy, the Competitor may leave their ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) at their discretion, round the two green and yellow turning flags and tag the third Competitor at the designated ski or board (as appropriate) change-over line.
- (c) The third Competitor will then proceed around the appropriate buoys. When the third Competitor has rounded the last turning buoy, the Competitor may leave their ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) at their discretion, round the green and yellow turning flag and pass the other green and yellow flag on the shoreward side to finish between the two green finish flags.

Figure 6.4
BOARD RELAY



- (d) The second and third leg Competitors in the paddle board relay Event shall be positioned with their toes on or behind the change-over line or on the shoreward side of the change-over line. In the ski relay Event, the start/change-over line will be located in the water.
- (e) Competitors in the paddle board and surf ski relay Events must commence their leg of the Event from the (correct) position as allotted by the Marshall. If the Competitor does not comply with the Officials' direction, their team may be disqualified.
- (f) Members of the team or other Members authorised by the Event Referee shall ensure that any craft used by any of the other team Members does not cause any interference to another team or Competitor in the Race. The craft shall be removed as soon as possible from the course to avoid congestion and possible damage.
- (g) If a Competitor deliberately impedes the progress of another team, the Competitors in the offending team may be disqualified.
- (h) To assist with the safe conduct of the Event, it is permitted for any team Member to assist with the removal of any damaged or abandoned equipment from the Competition Arena.



6.7. PADDLE BOARD SIZES

6.7.1. The following details shall apply for SLSNZ Paddle Board usage in relation to age groups. For full details of paddle board specifications refer to the Equipment Specification Manual in Section 12 of this Manual.

Table 6.6
PADDLE BOARD SIZES

Division	Description	Length	Min. Weight
All age groups	Bodyboards	70cm Min (27")	NA
All age groups	Nipper Boards (soft)	2.1m Max (6'6")	NA
Under 10 Under 11 Under 12	Cadet Board	2.7m Max (8'10")	4.5kg
Under 13 to Open	Composite Board	3.2m Max (10'6")	7.6kg
Masters	Composite Board	3.2m Max (10'6")	7.6kg