



SURF LIFE SAVING[®]
NEW ZEALAND

Competition Entry Circular

New Zealand Pool Rescue
Championships

Water World, Te Rapa, Hamilton
2-4 October 2020



ENTRY INFORMATION

Competition Purpose:

Welcome to the 18th SLSNZ Pool Rescue Championships.

Due the impact of COVID-19, the 2020 event will now be held at Water World in Te Rapa, Hamilton and we are expecting up to 500 junior, senior and masters participants.

The event continues to serve as an important opportunity for our lifeguards and aspiring lifeguards to develop important lifesaving skills for the season ahead.

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter this event. While it contains the typical logistical information, it also includes very important details that a parent and/or guardian must be aware of before entering their child into this event.

Entering Our Competition:

Entries must be made using the SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries. Following the close of entry as detailed below entry fees will be invoiced directly to your club for payment prior to the competition.

Entries Open:	17 July 2020
Entries Close:	23 September 2020, 11am
Entry Fee:	\$85 per athlete (gst inc)
Eligibility of Competitors:	Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.

Team Manager's contact details must be updated on the online system to ensure that the relevant person receives all updated information directly. Failure to list a team manager may mean that you will miss out on vital information.

Entering Teams: You must enter the entire team for all team events otherwise your entry will not be accepted.

Seeded Races: To assist athletes and the efficient operation of the competition, the entry system allows you to enter the current best time for each individual athlete. Please only enter times if you evidence of their accuracy. If you don't know the athletes best current times then please leave this blank. Clubs deliberately entering false times in an attempt to elevate athletes in the seeded heats, may be eliminated from these events at the Event Managers discretion without right of recourse by the club.

Entry Checks: Following the close of registrations, Session Entry Sheets are expected to be published by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 September. Team managers must check their clubs entries and notify the event manager of any scratchings and or team changes using the forms provided to clubs at this time. Scratchings for Sessions must be submitted to the Event Referee by 5pm Thursday 1 October. All other scratchings must be submitted using the forms provided, at least 1 hour prior to the start of the session to which the scratching applies.

Know Your Rules:

This event will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents.

[SLSNZ Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee. Please note that the Manual has recently been updated to the 9th Edition (V4).

Additionally members entering this event are bound by the following rules:

- [SLSNZ Constitution](#)
- [SLSNZ Regulations](#)
- [SLSNZ Code of Conduct](#) (Note: The Event Management Committee reserve the right to exclude competitors from further competition for poor or 'un-sportsman like' behaviour. This also applies to parents, managers and supporters)
- [Drug Free Sport New Zealand](#)
- [SLSNZ Sport Policies](#)

Copies of these documents are available from the SLSNZ website.

Age Groups:

As communicated at the end of 2019, following the member consultation process and consideration by the National Sport Committee, the age groups for Senior Competitions have been changed for the upcoming 2020/21 season. The changes are the removal of the under 16 age group and introduction of under 15 and under 17 age groups and will come into effect on July 1, 2020. For full information [click here to read more...](#)

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2021. For example, if you were 19 on the 30th September 2020, you are not eligible to compete in the Under 19 division.

Mega Relay: The make up of age groups for the Mega Relay for the Pool Rescue Championships are the following – 1x Open Male, 1x Open Female, 1x U19 Male, 1x U19 Female, 1x U17 Male, 1x U17 female.

Masters are permitted to compete in only one age category in each team event conducted at a Competition. Where a team Event with two competitors is conducted (e.g. line throw), the age of the younger competitor shall determine the age category of the team.

Where a Masters Team Event with three or more Competitors is conducted, the total combined ages of all team members shall be equal to or greater than the Age Group entered into.

Team Substitutes:

All team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the competition already. This is to ensure compliance with event entry eligibility requirements.



PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Event Programming:

Please check the website for regular programme updates. Please note that it is subject to change depending on the number of entries.

Medical Information:

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 Manager by email. 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. It is important to note that a pre-existing medical condition includes a **concussion event** that has occurred prior to this event. These forms are available through the website [here](#).

Concussion Protocol

1. Any person diagnosed with concussion within the 23 days (21 days for over 19 yrs) preceding a SLSNZ event or activity, who is not able to provide evidence of a Graduated Return to Play (GRTP), and provide a medical diagnosis and SLSNZ Medical Clearance, will not be permitted to compete in a SLSNZ event.
2. Any person observed or reported to have been unconscious during a SLS event is not permitted to participate in any further SLS event or activity, pending participation in a 23 day GRTP (21 days for over 19 yrs), and provide a SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further competition is permitted.
3. Any person suspected of a concussion during a SLSNZ competition may not participate in any further races for at least 24 hours, and must provide SLSNZ with the required SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further participation is permitted.
4. Any person suspected or diagnosed with concussion who wishes to return to a SLSNZ competition must provide SLSNZ with a copy of a SLSNZ Medical Clearance, which is to be completed by a medical practitioner, prior to returning to competition.

COMPETITION COMMUNICATION

Communications:

Event Management utilise a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These include:

- [The SLSNZ Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Live Results](#)

Please note that the SLSNZ Website will provide the latest event information at all times.

Event Photography:

If you are wishing to take photos at our competition then please read the [Media Accreditation Application Information here](#) and apply for access into competition arenas. Please note Use of Cameras and Video devices rules are covered under [2.25 in the Competition Manual](#).

Key Contact:

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

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COMPETITION SAFETY INFORMATION

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.

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 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.

Equipment:

For all Equipment Specifications for Pool Rescue Events please [click here for section 12](#) of the Competition Manual V4.

Important changes to Equipment Specification Manual:

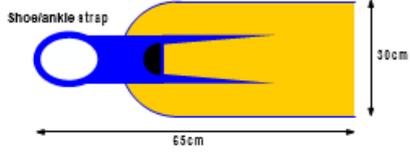
12.1. SWIM FINS:

- 12.18.1. Fins are measured while not worn. Swim fins used in competitions shall comply with the following specifications:
- (a) Length: maximum overall length 650 mm, including 'shoe' or ankle strap (ankle strap extended).
 - (b) Width: 300 mm maximum at the widest point of the blade.
 - (c) Fins that do not comply with these provisions or could endanger other participants' health are not permitted in competition.
 - (d) All competitors in U11, U12, U13 and U14 events are not eligible to use the "fiberglass or rocket" type of fin in any event including the mega relay. All fins used by these age groups shall comply with the above specifications.
 - (e) All competitors in U15 events are not eligible to use the "rocket" type of fin in any event including the mega relay. All fins used by these age groups shall comply with the above specifications.
 - (f) Fin examples for Age Groups:

Explanation	Fins
Not Allowed: U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 Allowed: U17, U19, Open, Masters Rocket Fin: Blade made of fibre glass / carbon fibre reinforced plastic (angled ankle).	

<p>Not Allowed: U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14</p> <p>Allowed: U15, U17, U19, Open, Masters</p> <p>Saver Fin: Fin blade made of fibreglass / carbon fibre reinforced plastic rubber fins.</p>	
<p>Allowed: All ages</p> <p>Pool or Ocean Fins: Closed foot piece rubber fins.</p>	
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SWIM FIN



COMPETITION SITE MAPS

Competition Arenas:

Location Map for Water World, Te Rapa, Hamilton.

