

# Competition Entry Circular

Central Region  
Championships

Fitzroy Beach, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Event Entry Circular – Central Region Senior Championships



## Competition Purpose:

Welcome to the 2021 Central Region Surf Life Saving Championships (CRC), returning to Fitzroy Beach in New Plymouth. We invite you to come celebrate the very best of Surf Life Savers as our members from around the country come to compete for the Central Region crown.

Central Region Champs caters to all levels of participation as it is the first major event in the buildup to TSB Nationals 2021. The competition includes events ranging from Surf Boats, Canoes, Surf craft (Board & Ski) along with Beach athletes from around the country.

This year's event co-indices with the centenary celebrations of Fitzroy SLSC. A time to come together and celebrate the legacy of lifesaving in the New Plymouth.

## Entry Circular

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 surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that a parent and/or guardian must be aware of before entering their child into this event.

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## 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.

All entries are GST inclusive.

Entries Open:	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020
Entries Close:	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 8.00am
Entry Fee:	\$40.00 per person
Surf Boat Entry Fee:	\$100.00 per crew
Canoe Crew Entry Fee:	\$80.00 per crew
Late Entry Fee:	\$60.00 per person, in addition of the normal entry fee
Eligibility of Competitors:	Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.

## Event Rules:

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

[SLSNZ Surf Sport 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Age Groups:

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

Team Events; Surf Boat & Canoe collectively must all meet the age group requirements stipulated above. For example all members of the crew must 22 as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 to be eligible to race in the Under 23 division. This does not include sweeps for Surf Boats.

Age groups for the Central Region Champs 2021 consist of U15, U17, U19, U23 (Surf Boats) & Open.

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## Team Substitutes:

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

An athlete that has entered into an event is capable of acting as a team substitute,

In accordance with SLSNZ Sport Policy SPS008: Event Entry Eligibility, no late entries for a team substitute will be accepted unless considered to be an 'exceptional circumstance' pursuant to Section 8 of the policy.

## Event Programming:

The format for racing will be decided after the close of entries. The intention will be to give competitors the most racing possible but will need to be time efficient to fit in the programme. The format and programme will be made available to team managers on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

As part of the NZ Surf Boat Series, we intend to facilitate both long & short course lengths. If entries do not allow it, the Surf Boat arena will be short course only. Dependent on numbers, masters crews will be allocated their own heats otherwise will be included into the open entries.

Canoe will race both short & long course under the same stipulation as Surf Boats.

The following events and divisions will be held at the competition (listed in no particular order).

<b>Individual Events:</b>	<b>Age Group:</b>	<b>Gender:</b>
Beach Sprint	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
2km Beach Run	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Flags	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Run Swim Run	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Surf Race	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Ski Race	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Board Race	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Diamond Race	U15	Male and Female
Iron	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
<b>Team Events:</b>	<b>Age Group:</b>	<b>Gender:</b>
Beach Relay	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Ski Relay	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Board Relay	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Tube Rescue*	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Taplin Relay	Open	Male and Female
Canoe Race – Long Course	U19, and Open	Male and Female
Canoe Race – Short Course	U19, and Open	Male and Female
Surf Boat Race – Long Course	U19, U23, Open and Masters	Male and Female
Surf Boat Race – Short Course	U19, U23, Open and Masters	Male and Female
Mixed Surf Boat Relay	Open	Open

\* Tube Rescue – We will look at including this into the program if possible, currently exploring the possibility of running this event on the Friday evening.

# 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.

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## Important Times:

### **Central Region Senior Championships**

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Warm Up Start Time:	7:30am
Surf Officials Meeting:	7.30am*
Boat/Canoe Registrations Close:	7:30am*
Team Managers Meeting:	8:00am*
Marshalling Start Time:	8:15am
Start Time:	8:30am
Prize giving:	30 minutes after the conclusion of racing
High Tide:	6.53am
Low Tide:	1:11pm

*\*All meetings will take place at the Fitzroy SLSC clubrooms*

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## Event Photography:

If you wish 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 Surf Sports Competition Manual](#).

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## Key Contact:

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

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## 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. We wish to reduce exposure to unnecessary risk or potential harm by encouraging or coercing competitors to compete, 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.

### **Dune and Environment Protection**

As per all our events, dune and environment protection is the responsibility of everyone and as Surf Life Saving members please make sure you look after our beaches and sand dunes. If you see anyone walking through the dunes or placing equipment in areas they shouldn't be please advise them to remove it or inform event management. Please make sure all rubbish is placed in the bins supplied or taking with you.

### **Missing Person at Sea Responsibilities**

Whether you are an Athlete, Official, In an IRB, Team Manager/Coach or a spectator, we all have a role to perform if someone goes missing in the water during an event or activity. Check out your role and how you may help in this situation by [clicking here](#).

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## Equipment:

### **Equipment Labelling**

All equipment needs to be clearly labelled with the club for which the athlete/s is racing for. It is recommended that this be placed on an easily identifiable area i.e. the front/centre of the board, between the two straps.

### **Wetsuits**

Wetsuits, or other foam type outer garments, shall be permitted in the case of events only in water of 14 degree Celsius or less. The Referee may authorise the wearing of wetsuits dependent upon weather, water or marine conditions. Wetsuits are subject to random scrutineering. Wetsuits can be used up to a maximum of 5mm with a tolerance of +/-0.5mm.

### **Helmets**

The Event Management Committee reserves the right, if conditions warrant, to require canoe and boat crews to wear helmets. All clubs should bring helmets to the competition in the event that conditions warrant their use.

## Scrutineering

Random scrutineering may take place at the discretion of officials, with particular regard to craft and/or equipment that may pose a health and safety concerns. With consideration to the above, we encourage all participants to carry out an inspection of their equipment for sharp edges that could cut in advance of the competition.

## Competition Safety Vests

The wearing of high visibility vests will be mandatory at this event. Supplying safety vests is a club responsibility and must be in line with the SLSNZ guidelines for safety vests. This information can be found in the Equipment Specification Manual [here](#).

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## 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 to [troy.greenem@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:troy.greenem@surflifesaving.org.nz). 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 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.

## COVID Measures / Precautions:

The event Management will look to implement the Event Sector Voluntary Code

This Event Sector Voluntary Code outlines a high-level overview of what the event sector can do to safely deliver events. The Code provides best practice expectations on running events and is based on Ministry of Health guidance to reduce COVID-19 related risks.

The Event Organisers would suggest members associated with this event:

• **Stay home if you are unwell and call Healthline (for free) on 0800 358 5453 or your health care provider if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19.**

• **Follow basic hygiene measures at the event:**

– Hand hygiene – frequently wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds, then dry them thoroughly. If you are unable to access soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser containing at least 60% alcohol. If using sanitiser, ensure that you use enough to cover your hands and rub hands together until dry.

– Cough and sneeze etiquette – sneezing or coughing into the crook of your elbow or covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then putting the tissue in a bin and cleaning your hands (as above).

– Avoiding touching your face – hard surfaces can be contaminated with infectious droplets. Hands can be contaminated after contact with these surfaces. If you need to touch your face, clean your hands first.

– Cleaning surfaces and frequently touched items – clean high-touch surfaces and items (for example door handles and phones) frequently with an appropriate cleaning solution to reduce transmission of germs in general.

– Physical distancing – When physical distancing isn't a requirement, you can still play it safe by continuing to keep a distance from people you do not know. Use your judgement. This will help to minimise the spread of COVID-19 if community transmission returns.

### **Changes in COVID Alert Levels.**

#### **Public Events at Alert Level 2**

If Level 2 were imposed countrywide, restricting gatherings to 100 persons, the event management would look to run two distinctly separate arenas, split by Age Group and Gender, dependant on entry numbers. We would then ask that support crews and spectators maintain their own distinct bubble separate to the competitors.

#### **Public Events at Alert Level 3**

At Alert Level 3 gatherings of any size are cancelled and public venues are closed. Gatherings such as concerts and sporting events pose a high risk for transmission of infectious diseases.





## COMPETITION SITE MAPS

### Competition Arenas:

Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.