



COVID-19 COMPETITION CONTINGENCY GUIDELINES

The following document outlines the guidelines and decision-making processes in relation to delivering Lifesaving Sport competitions safely at various COVID 19 Alert Levels in line with Ministry of Health, Sport NZ & SLSNZ guidelines.

As per the SLSNZ COVID-19 Capability/Operational Compliance information, (<https://bit.ly/3t0bFSN>) competitions can be only be delivered in Alert Levels 1 & 2. Therefore, these guidelines will be used when:

- COVID-19 Alert Levels are above Level 1 in the lead up to a competition.
- Different geographic areas are at different COVID-19 Alert Levels
- COVID-19 Alert Levels change with little notification

SLSNZ will consider one or all of the following options in relation to competition delivery:

1. Modification (includes changes to format, programming and/or restricting entries)
2. Postponement
3. Location change
4. Cancellation/Replacement

Decisions relating to changes to competition delivery will be communicated **at least 10 days prior** to the affected competition unless Alert Levels change within the 10-day period, in which case decisions will be communicated as soon as possible.

National Competitions

- Will only be delivered Alert Level 1.
- If the **entire country** is not in COVID-19 Alert Level 1, the first option will be postponement. If a suitable date or location cannot be found, the competition will be cancelled and may be replaced by different or modified competition(s).
- Replacement competitions may not constitute an official National Championship.
- National Competitions include:
 - TSB Surf Life Saving National Championships (Nationals)
 - bp Surf Rescue National Championships (NZ IRB Champs)
 - SLSNZ Pool Rescue Championships (NZ Pool Champs)
 - National High Performance Trials
 - Oceans

Regional Competitions

- Can be delivered if the **host location** is in COVID-19 Alert Level 1 or 2.
- If the host location is in Alert Level 2 OR the host location is in Alert level 1 and other areas are in higher Alert Levels, competitions may need to be modified to meet Ministry of Health, Sport NZ & SLSNZ guidelines.

Competition Cancellation

1. If a competition cannot be modified, postponed and/or moved it will be cancelled.
2. If a competition is cancelled, a replacement competition may be delivered following member consultation and still take into account postponement, location and modification considerations.
3. If a competition is cancelled prior to the start of the first event, members will receive a refund. If a competition is cancelled after the start of the first event, no refunds will be given.

Please note: These are guidelines only - all decisions will be made with the most current information available at the time.



COMPETITION CONTINGENCY DECISION-MAKING FLOWCHART

The flowchart below outlines the decision-making process for determining the viability of competition delivery. The most significant factor is the timing of current/changing COVID-19 Alert Levels in relation to the date of the competition.

