

Central Region – COVID 19 – Sport Update – 27/10/2021

To: All Central Region Clubs

Via: Central Region Chairs, Administrators, Local Sports Committees

Subj: COVID -19

Ref: [Sports Guidelines & Gatherings](#), [SLSNZ COVID Vaccinations policy](#)

Kia Ora Team,

The following information is designed to provide clubs throughout the Central Region key messaging on the plan moving forward with Central Region Sport. All COVID related information is in compliance with all information located on the [SLSNZ Website](#).

Key Messages:

- *Central Region Championships & Central Region Junior Championships – Key Dates (Level 2)*
- *Local Sporting Events – Senior Gathering Guidelines (Level 2)*
- *Local Sporting Events – Junior Gathering Guidelines (Level 2)*

Central Region – Sports Guidelines – Level 2

- The changing forecast of COVID – 19 within our community will cause disturbances within our sporting landscape. As we transition between the current “[Alert Level System](#)” to the “[Traffic Light System](#)” as set out by the NZ GOVT, there will be some significant changes that will require patience from the membership and guidance/support from SLSNZ Staff.
- SLSNZ Central Region will continue to operate within the alert level system until we have been signalled by Sport NZ of how the new system will be implemented. [All guidelines for the delivery of sport, Junior Surf & events can be located here](#).
- SLSNZ Central Region will follow in accordance with the most recent [SLSNZ National COVID -19 Vaccination information](#). SLSNZ strongly recommends for all members to be fully vaccinated before carrying out any club activity. This includes representing your club at sporting events.
- At this stage, SLSNZ Central Region will not be asking the membership for a vaccination status, nor will members be excluded due to their personal choice on the matter. This may be reviewed when the COVID -19 Protection Framework – Traffic Light system is implemented.



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Central Region Championships & Central Region Junior Championships – Key Dates (Level 2)

As the current GOVT objective of reaching 90% COVID – 19 vaccination rate, places the Central Region Championships in the potential transition phase of COVID – 19 Protection Frameworks. With this in mind SLSNZ Central Region will set out the following dates, to ensure the membership has a clear idea of whether or not this event will go ahead.

1/11/2021 – Entries Open – EnterNOW

- Entries for this event will open on EnterNOW, clubs are asked to enter all participating members as soon as possible. Please include team events even if those combination of athletes are unlikely to compete. Ensuring you have an entered spot into all events will allow the event management team significant time to work within the COVID – 19 frameworks.

17/12/2021 – Entries Close – EnterNOW

- Entries will be closed at 9pm, December 17th 2021. No late entries will be allowed unless clubs have expressed new qualifying members prior to this date.
- This will allow SLSNZ Central Region, SLSNZ & Central Region Event Management Team to have enough time to make a timely decision on the future of this event.

17/12/2021 – Event Cancellation or Postponement Date

- SLSNZ Central Region will advise the membership on whether or not the event will be cancelled or not. This will be reflective of any information that has been present to us by the NZ GOVT or Sport NZ.
- The endeavour is to allow all clubs enough time to change travel & accommodation plans prior to the Christmas break.
- More information will be released closer to the time in regards to event postponement, event remodelling or a cancellation.
- No postponement date has been set at this stage.

Any information that is released by the NZ GOVT or Sport NZ will be circulated through the appropriate national channels.

In preparation for this event in January, it is expected for the situation around the previously mentioned “Central Region – Sports Guidelines – Level 2” to change, along with any requirements for the membership to facilitate in order to participate.

SLSNZ Central Region will work with local committees and all regional club chairs to ensure implementation of any changes stipulated towards the Central Region champs are effectively communicated.



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Local Sporting Events – Senior Gathering Guidelines (Level 2)

The following is to be implemented within the Capital Coast Region (10 Clubs), surrounding regions of Taranaki (5 Clubs) & Hawkes Bay (4 Clubs) are to alter to suit their population needs.

Within the Capital Coast, the attendance at most senior sports gatherings is less than 100 athletes, coupled with event staff, officials & event safety there is possibility for the region to exceed this number.

In an attempt to work within these gathering limits, the Capital Coast senior sport structure will change to ensure we are able to stay under these limits.

General Event Changes

- **Arena Management**
 - Until further notice, clubs will allocate 4 members to accompany their sporting teams to local events. Only these allocated members will have access to the designated competition area. These positions will be; Club Coach, Team Manager, Team Manager #2, Team Manager #3.
 - All members within the designated competition area must scan in using the COVID QR code. It is highly recommended for athletes to wear a mask at all times expect for after marshalling & racing.
 - Parents & spectators are asked to socially distance themselves in the allocated spectator areas. It is highly recommended spectators wear masks. QR Codes will also be present within these spaces also.
 - Information about designated competition areas will be released in event flyers prior to the event.
- **Surf Boats & Canoes**
 - All Surf Boats & Canoe events will be held on a different day to all craft competition. SB & C events will be held on Saturday afternoons prior to the scheduled Whitehorse competition. Craft will continue to be run on the originally scheduled date.
 - Surf Boat Events will also need to follow all arena management criteria mentioned previously.
- **Event Lifeguards & Officials**
 - Event Lifeguards & Officials will not be included in the 100 people limit. They will be considered as “workers” within the event space.
- **Pink Caps – Entries**
 - Entries for Pink Cap Athletes will still be allowed. This will be set up in EnterNow as normal.
- **Club Tents**
 - Athletes will be able to remove their masks whilst in their club tent. This will be to eat & drink. Club tents will be inside the competition area, no spectators will be aloud within these spaces.

Any further changes will be communicated through the appropriate channels.

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Local Sporting Events – Junior Gathering Guidelines (Level 2)

The following is to be implemented within the Capital Coast Region (10 Clubs), surrounding regions of Taranaki (5 Clubs) & Hawkes Bay (4 Clubs) are to alter to suit their population needs.

Junior Surf within the Capital Coast easily exceeds 100 athletes at a regular Junior Surf Carnival.

As Junior Surf poses a series of challenges within the COVID -19 guidelines, there will need to rely on clubs to help ensure all moving parts are working effectively.

General Event Changes

- Arena Management
 - Junior Surf Age Groups will be broken down into the following categories & timeslots for competition.
 - U10's – 0900 – 1030
 - U12's – 1100 – 1230
 - U14' -- 1300 – 1430
 - Each Age group will have 90mins per session to complete a shortened programme, this includes warmup/marshalling. At the conclusion of the programme, all club members must leave the beach promptly to allow the new age group to arrive.
 - Clubs will need to bring along a new Team Managers & Coaches to each age group session.
 - SLSNZ Central Region will allocate officials for Junior Surf events.
- Entries
 - Once clubs have entered their athletes into EnterNow, clubs will be allocated a number of volunteers that will be permitted within the competition area.
- Masks & COVID Sign in
 - All club volunteers will be required to sign in via the COVID Tracer app, this excludes Junior Surf athletes. All record keeping for athletes will be taken from EnterNow.
 - It is highly recommended for all club volunteers to wear a mask within the competition area.
- Event Lifeguards & Officials
 - Event Lifeguards & Officials will not be included in the 100 people limit. They will be considered as “workers” within the event space.
- Team Events
 - No “cross club” teams will be able to compete whilst in Level 2.
 - Team events will occur as per usual.

For more information, contact;

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