



Modified Junior Event – BOP Junior Champs

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Event Overview

After feedback from the BOP Sport Committee and careful consideration, we believe that it is not in the best interest of the Competitors, their families, Whakatane SLSC and District Council, and Surf Lifesaving New Zealand as an organisation, to hold the entire BOP Junior Championships at Ohope Beach on 12 December 2021. Covid event protocols and the associated logistical issues for a 450 person event were main factors in this decision.

We are offering up a modified version of the event in the first instance. Four BOP Clubs have been approached to make themselves available to host one Age Group each Sunday over a 4 week period, this modified event would be run alongside the Clubs own Sunday Junior Surf Programme. The host Clubs and Age Groups will be as follows:

- Sunday 28/11/21: MMLGS hosts the U11 Age Group
- Sunday: 5/12/21 Omanu SLSC hosts the U12 Age Group
- Sunday: 12/12/21 Papamoa SLSC hosts the U13 Age Group
- Sunday: 19/12/21 Whakatane SLSC hosts the U14 Age Group

As there will be variations on how Clubs each age Group, all these events will be run as participation events only, rather than a championship event.

Event Information

Registration:

Event entry is via the new SLSNZ Online Entry system
<http://slnz.enternow.co.nz/slnz/>

Entries will be limited to keep under the 100 person restrictions, with preference going to the BOP/Coro clubs in the first instance.

High Visibility Vests:

High Visibility Vests are compulsory for all water event competitors. This includes all warm-up and warm-down sessions.

200M Safety Badge

All junior members who wish to use foam or fibreglass paddleboards and/or swim beyond waist depth must hold their 200m safety badge. This is a mandatory safety requirement, which demonstrates that junior members are confident in the ocean and capable of returning to shore if they are separated from their equipment.

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Surf Life Saving New Zealand – Eastern Region

2 Boeing Place, Mount Maunganui 3116. PO Box 4667, Mt Maunganui 3149. www.surflifesaving.org.nz

Event Information: U12 Age Group Hosted by Omanu Beach SLSC

Location – South side of the Omanu SLSC.

Trailers: we will cone off a few parks in the carpark – clubs to contact Mark Weatherall to save a space
markweatherall@outlook.co.nz

Back up venue – Nil. In the event of bad weather, notifications will be posted on the Omanu Beach FB page:
<https://www.facebook.com/OmanuBeach.co.nz>

Warm up – 8.30am

Marshalling – 8.45am

Start time – 9am

Finish time – 11am at the latest

U12 Event Order

- U12 male and female board race
- U12 male and female surf race
- U12 male and female diamond
- U12 male and female beach flags – male sprints will run when female flags are on
- U12 male and female beach sprint – female sprints will run when male flags are on

*Time permitting there will be a Omanu relay to finish. Clubs to mix teams up!!

List of requirements due to Covid :

- Parents can you scan your child in. There will be QR codes on the access way from the carpark to the beach
- The U12's will assemble behind the start line on the sand remembering socially distanced.
- **1 Manager and Coach will be allowed with each club, but they must be double vaccinated.**
- once the race training practice starts, parents must watch from car park viewing area until the end of the session.
- The Omanu Clubhouse is closed as Junior Surf will be running and we will not be part of their bubble.
- Only the public toilets and showers can be used.
- Ensure your kids are ready for the session: togs, vest, wetsuit for the water, water bottle, cap if sunny, sunscreen. No cub caps to be worn.
- Bring lots of warm clothes for your children for after the session as there are NO hot showers
- Remember parking could be an issue so plan to be there early
- All kids must have a refreshed 200m swim in order for them to take part in the water. Swimming in the sea is inherently risky, so this helps to reassure us that they can to self-rescue if they get into trouble.
- There may be a production company filming for a television series, parents need to inform the event personnel if they do not wish their child to be captured in this filming.
- Please be aware that the current Covid-19 situation is fluid. Updates will be posted on social media so please keep a look out for these

Any questions then please get hold of:

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