

Competition Entry Circular

Central Region
Championships
Waimarama Beach,
January 8th - 9th 2022

Event Entry Circular – Central Region Senior Championships



Competition Purpose:

Welcome to the 2022 Central Region Surf Life Saving Championships (CRC), returning to Waimarama Beach in Hawkes Bay. 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 2022. The competition includes events ranging from Surf Boats, Canoes, Surf craft (Board & Ski) along with Beach athletes from around the country.

This year, due to COVID – 19 we have removed the Central Region Junior Championships from the weekend's program. The focus now shifts to a 2 day senior athlete event.

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.

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 st December 2021
Entries Close:	17 th December 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 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:

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 2021, 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 30th of September 2021 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 2022 consist of U15, U17, U19, U23 (Surf Boats) & Open.

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.

RFID Tags:

All competitors competing in the craft arenas will be required to have an active RFID for marshalling & results.

Clubs that have members that require a new tag will be able to request one by emailing; Troy.greenem@surflifesaving.org.nz.

Members who have previously received three or more registered RFID tags will be charged a \$5 replacement fee.

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 has been made available and is detailed below.

As part of the NZ Surf Boat Series, we intend to facilitate both long & short course lengths. This year the NZ Surf Boat Series will take place on Saturday 8th January & will be long course discipline. We will endeavour to facilitate short course racing on Sunday 9th January if resources are available and crew's registrations deem it popular.

Canoe will race within the Surf Boat arena, also competing in long course. The following events and divisions will be held at the competition (listed in no particular order).

Individual Events:	Age Group:	Gender:
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
Team Events:	Age Group:	Gender:
Beach Relay	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Ski Relay	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Board Relay	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Tube Rescue	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Board Rescue	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Taplin Relay (3 – Person)	U17, 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

* Canoe & Surf Boat Short Course – We will look at including this into the program if possible, crews are encouraged to enter via EnterNow to express availability. This will be open grade, round robin.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Central Region Championships 2022 - Seniors - Saturday		
Male Arena	Female Arena	Beach Arena
Open Surf Race	Open Surf Race	U19 Beach Sprint Male Heat
U19 Surf Race	U19 Surf Race	U17 Beach Sprint Male Heat
U17 Surf Race	U17 Surf Race	U15 Beach Sprint Male Heat
U15 Surf Race	U15 Surf Race	Setup/Change
Setup/Change	Setup/Change	Open Beach Sprint Male Final
Open Board Race Heat	Open Ski Race Heat	U19 Beach Sprint Male Final
U19 Board Race Heat	U19 Ski Race Heat	U17 Beach Sprint Male Final
U17 Board Race Heat	U17 Ski Race Heat	U15 Beach Sprint Male Final
U15 Board Race Heat	U15 Ski Race Heat	Setup/Change
Setup/Change	Setup/Change	U19 Beach Sprint Female Heat
Open Ski Race Heat	Open Board Race Heat	U17 Beach Sprint Female Heat
U19 Ski Race Heat	U19 Board Race Heat	U15 Beach Sprint Female Heat
U17 Ski Race Heat	U17 Board Race Heat	Setup/Change
U15 Ski Race Heat	U15 Board Race Heat	Open Beach Sprint Female Final
Setup/Change	Setup/Change	U19 Beach Sprint Female Final
Open Board Race Final	Open Ski Race Final	U17 Beach Sprint Female Final
U19 Board Race Final	U19 Ski Race Final	U15 Beach Sprint Female Final
U17 Board Race Final	U17 Ski Race Final	Setup/Change
U15 Board Race Final	U15 Ski Race Final	Open Beach Flags Female
Setup/Change	Setup/Change	U19 Beach Flags Female
Open Ski Race Final	Open Board Race Final	U17 Beach Flags Female
U19 Ski Race Final	U19 Board Race Final	U15 Beach Flags Female
U17 Ski Race Final	U17 Board Race Final	Setup/Change
U15 Ski Race Final	U15 Board Race Final	Open Beach Flags Male
Setup/Change	Setup/Change	U19 Beach Flags Male
Open Run Swim Run	Open Run Swim Run	U17 Beach Flags Male
U19 Run Swim Run	U19 Run Swim Run	U15 Beach Flags Male
U17 Run Swim Run	U17 Run Swim Run	Setup/Change
U15 Run Swim Run	U15 Run Swim Run	U17 Beach Relay Male Heat
Setup/Change	Setup/Change	U19 Beach Relay Male Heat
U19 Iron Person Heats	U19 Iron Person Heats	Open Beach Relay Male Final
U17 Iron Person Heats	U17 Iron Person Heats	Setup/Change
U15 Diamond Heats	U15 Diamond Heats	U17 Beach Relay Male Final
U19 Iron Person Final	U19 Iron Person Final	U19 Beach Relay Male Final
U17 Iron Person Final	U17 Iron Person Final	Setup/Change
U15 Diamond Final	U15 Diamond Final	U17 Beach Relay Female Heat
Open Iron Person Final	Open Iron Person Final	U19 Beach Relay Female Heat
		Open Beach Relay Female Final
		Break
		U17 Beach Relay Female Final
		U19 Beach Relay Female Final

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

<u>Central Region Championships 2022 - Seniors - Sunday</u>	
Male Arena	Female Arena
2km Beach Run	2km Beach Run
Setup/Change	Setup/Change
Open Board Relay	Open Ski Relay
U19 Board Relay	U19 Ski Relay
U17 Board Relay	U17 Ski Relay
Setup/Change	Setup/Change
Open Ski Relay	Open Board Relay
U19 Ski Relay	U19 Board Relay
U17 Ski Relay	U17 Board Relay
Setup/Change	Setup/Change
U17 Taplin (3 - Person)	U17 Taplin (3 - Person)
Open Taplin (3 - Person)	Open Taplin (3 - Person)
Male - Rescue Arena	Female - Rescue Arena
Open Male Tube Rescue	Open Female Board Rescue
U19 Male Tube Rescue	U19 Female Board Rescue
U17 Male Tube Rescue	U17 Female Board Rescue
Open Male Tube Rescue - Final	Open Female Board Rescue - Final
U19 Male Tube Rescue - Final	U19 Female Board Rescue - Final
U17 Male Tube Rescue - Final	U17 Female Board Rescue - Final
Setup/Change	Setup/Change
Open Male Board Rescue	Open Female Tube Rescue
U19 Male Board Rescue	U19 Female Tube Rescue
U17 Male Board Rescue	U17 Female Tube Rescue
Open Male Board Rescue - Final	Open Female Tube Rescue - Final
U19 Male Board Rescue - Final	U19 Female Tube Rescue - Final
U17 Male Board Rescue - Final	U17 Female Tube Rescue - Final

Double Ski
Open Female Double Ski
U19 Female Double Ski
BREAK
Open Male Double Ski
U19 Male Double Ski

*U17 Taplin (3 – Person): U15 & U17 athletes only. U15 athletes are able to race the ski leg in the U17 Taplin at the 2022 Central Region Championships.

*Open Taplin (3 – Person): U17, U19 & Open athletes only. U15 athletes will only be able to compete in the U17 Taplin.

*Dependent on entries, both age groups may be raced together to ensure greater competition.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Surf Boat & Canoe Arena Long Course NZ Surf Boat Series Saturday 8th January 2022	
Open M Rnd 1	
Open F Rnd 1	
U23 M Rnd 1	
U23 F Rnd 1	
U19 M Rnd 1	
U19 F Rnd 1	
M Canoe Rnd 1	
F Canoe Rnd 1	
Break	
Open M Rnd 2	
Open F Rnd 2	
U23 M Rnd 2	
U23 F Rnd 2	
U19 M Rnd 2	
U19 F Rnd 2	
M Canoe Rnd 2	
F Canoe Rnd 2	
Break	
Open M Rnd 3	
Open F Rnd 3	
U23 M Rnd 3	
U23 F Rnd 3	
U19 M Rnd 3	
U19 F Rnd 3	
M Canoe Rnd 3	
F Canoe Rnd 3	
Break	
Open M Rnd 4	
Open W Rnd 4	
U23 M Rnd 4	
U23 W Rnd 4	
U19 M Rnd 4	
U19 W Rnd 4	
Break	
U19 M Rnd 5	
U19 W Rnd 5	
U23 M Rnd 5	
U23 W Rnd 5	
Open M Rnd 5	
Open W Rnd 5	

Surf Boat Arena Short Course Central Region Champs - Round Robin Sunday 9th January 2022	
Round Robin R1 - Heat 1	
Round Robin R1 - Heat 2	
Round Robin R1 - Heat 3	
Round Robin R1 - Heat 4	
M Canoe Rd 1	
F Canoe Rnd 1	
Break	
Round Robin R2 - Heat 1	
Round Robin R2 - Heat 2	
Round Robin R2 - Heat 3	
Round Robin R2 - Heat 4	
M Canoe Rnd 2	
F Canoe Rnd 2	
Break	
Round Robin R3 - Heat 1	
Round Robin R3 - Heat 2	
Round Robin R3 - Heat 3	
Round Robin R3 - Heat 4	
M Canoe Rnd 3	
F Canoe Rnd 3	
Break	
D - Final	
C - Final	
B - Final	
A - Final	

*Canoe rounds will either continue to a 5 round series, or be concluded with a final. This will be decided once entries close.

**Masters Surf Boats – Programming will be considered at the conclusion of entries. If low entries, crews will be placed into another age grade. Masters points will still count towards NZSBS

***Central Region Champs – Round Robin is not part of the NZ Surf Boat series. This programme will be similar to the Waihi Champions of Champions.

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.

Important Times:

Central Region Senior Championships

Saturday 8th January 2022

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
Craft Arena Start Time:	8:30am
Surf Boat & Canoe Sweeps meeting:	9:00am
Surf Boat Arena Start Time:	9:30am
Prize giving:	30 minutes after the conclusion of racing
High Tide:	11.05am
Low Tide:	17:24pm

**All meetings will take place at the Waimarama SLSC Clubrooms*

** Sunday 9th January meeting times will be conditions dependent*

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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. 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.

All further communications surrounding COVID – 19 will be updated on the SLSNZ Website. Specific information to the Central Region Championships will also be uploaded to the SLSNZ Calendar page [located here](#).

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.



*The beach arena will be set depending on beach availability & tide times.



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Trailer & Car parking Areas: TBC