



SURF LIFE SAVING[®]
NEW ZEALAND



Competition Entry Circular

bp Surf Rescue

South Island Championships

Waikouaiti Beach

Saturday 19th March, 2022



ENTRY INFORMATION

Event Overview:

The bp Surf Rescue South Island Championships has a proud history of being one filled with hard, fast, and action-packed racing. The third largest Inflatable Rescue Boat racing competition on the Surf Life Saving calendar, crews from throughout the country will line up to showcase their surf skills, fitness and experience amongst their peers.

The competition includes several events, requiring varying levels of technical skill and physical fitness. With surf and weather conditions constantly changing, the competition has proved to be one of the most exciting competitions of the Surf Life Saving calendar.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

This event will follow all the latest guidelines that have been set by the NZ Government and Sport New Zealand, as per the [COVID-19 updates on the SLSNZ website](#).

We are operating under the COVID Protection Framework in **RED**, and require COVID Vaccine Certificates to be presented by all those eligible (12 years and 3 months old and above) to enter the competition arenas with limits on gathering sizes of 100. This includes all competitors, coaches, managers, officials and event water safety. This will be a **non-spectator event**.

Everyone must enter the arena through **one** entry point where they will present their My Vaccine Pass, either on their phone and paper copy. Once scanned in, you will be allocated a wrist band you are to keep on for the entirety of the event which allows you in the event space.

Inside the event space, face masks are required for those not actively competing, or lifeguarding, and social distancing practices are strongly recommended.

Entering Our Competition:

Entries may be made using the SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries.

Entries Open:	Tuesday 8 th February 2022
Entries Close:	Tuesday 1 st March, 11:00am
Entry Fee:	\$35.00 per Athlete (inc. GST)
Eligibility of Competitors:	Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria. All competitors who wish to compete in water-based events must hold a refreshed Surf Lifeguard Award.

Know Your 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 (V3).

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 Substitutes:

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

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions:

All participants 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 luke.smith@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.

- [Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration](#)
- [Competition Waiver – Under 18](#)
- [Competition Waiver – Over 18](#)

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Events

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

Team Events:	Age Group:	Gender:
Single Rescue	U19, U23, Open	Male and Female
Assembly Rescue	U19, U23, Open	Male and Female
Mass Rescue	U19, U23, Open	Male and Female
Tube Rescue	U19, U23, Open	Male and Female
Teams Race	Open	Male and Female

Event Programming:

The Draft Programme can be found below. Please note that the Draft Programme is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

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CVC Checkpoint Opens:	7:15am
Team Managers Meeting:	8:15am
Officials Meeting:	8:30am
Marshalling Start Time:	8:50am
Start Time:	9:00am
Prize giving:	No prize giving will be held
High Tide:	4:44pm (1.94m)
Low Tide:	10:38am (0.36m)

PROGRAMME
9:00am start
U23 Mens - Mass Rescue (h)
Open Mens - Mass Rescue (h)
U19 Womens - Mass Rescue (f)
U23 Womens - Mass Rescue (f)
Open Womens - Mass Rescue (f)
U19 Mens - Mass Rescue (f)
U23 Mens - Mass Rescue (f)
Open Mens - Mass Rescue (f)
U23 Mens - Tube Rescue (h)
Open Mens - Tube Rescue (h)
U19 Womens - Tube Rescue (f)
U23 Womens - Tube Rescue (f)
Open Womens - Tube Rescue (f)
U19 Mens - Tube Rescue (f)
U23 Mens - Tube Rescue (f)
Open Mens - Tube Rescue (f)
U23 Mens - Assembly Rescue (h)
Open Mens - Assembly Rescue (h)
U19 Womens - Assembly Rescue (f)
U23 Womens - Assembly Rescue (f)
Open Womens - Assembly Rescue (f)
U19 Mens - Assembly Rescue (f)
U23 Mens - Assembly Rescue (f)
Open Mens - Assembly Rescue (f)
U23 Mens - Single Rescue (h)
Open Mens - Single Rescue (h)
U19 Womens - Single Rescue (f)
U23 Womens - Single Rescue (f)
Open Womens - Single Rescue (f)
U19 Mens - Single Rescue (f)
U23 Mens - Single Rescue (f)
Open Mens - Single Rescue (f)
Open Womens - Teams Race (f)
Open Mens - Teams Race (f)

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](#)
- [Live Results](#)

Please note that the [SLSNZ | Southern Region Facebook](#) will provide the latest event information at all times.

Event Photography:

If you are wishing to take photos at our competition, then please contact the Sport Manager and request 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 Sport Manager.

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COMPETITION SAFETY INFORMATION

Competition Safety Plan:

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available for viewing in the Event Management Area following the team managers and officials briefing and 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 rather than expose them to unnecessary risk or potential harm by encouraging or coercing competitors to compete, particularly 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, or for skis, clearly labelled on the nose and/or tail

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.

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 Regional Sport Manager (Luke Smith) by email to luke.smith@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.

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.

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.

