

Sport Circular

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Summary: This circular outlines the updates made to the SLSNZ Competition Manual stated below.

OVERVIEW

The following Competition Manual sections have been updated and are outlined in this circular. The most current version of the Competition Manual can be found at <https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/sport/coaches-officials/officials-tool-box>

[Click here](#) to view the Competition Manual edited copy of the manual showing the changes in red.

Competition Manual sections updated:

- Section 1 – Introduction
- Section 2 – General Conditions
- Section 4 – Surf Boat Events
- Section 9 – IRB Events
- Section 10 – Protests and Appeals
- Section 15 – Surf Officials Roles & Responsibilities

Additional to the changes outlined below the Competition Manual has had a number of minor changes to the layout, page numbering and placement within sections of rules as a general tidy up.



HIGH LEVEL CHANGES

1. Updated to the 10th Edition of the Competition Manual
2. Addition of page numbers on every section contents page.
3. Inclusion of Sport Policies into Section 2:
 - a. Medals and Points
 - b. Refunds for Competition Entries
4. Re-write of Swim Suits to be more inclusive wording for all members.
5. Addition of Disqualification Codes / DNS / DNF to Section 10.
6. Added Section 15 – Surf Officials Roles & Responsibilities (Surf Officials Roles are from the [Surf Officials Hand Book](#)).

SPECIFIC RULE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Section 1 - Introduction

- 1.4. Defined Terms – Individual and Team Events

Section 2 - Introduction

- 2.2.2. (d) – General Eligibility Rules of Competitors for all Events – minor wording change and clarifications.
 - 2.2.3. Specific Eligibility Rules or Competitors for Specific Disciplines and Age Groups – Changes to Masters stating the Surf Life Guard Award Refresher requirements and Patrol Support award for non-water based events.
 - 2.3. Competition Divisions – Changes to align wording with age group changes.
 - 2.7. Medals and Points section – This used to be in a sport policy and has been included as is for competition purposes.
 - 2.8. Refunds for Competition Entry's - This used to be in a sport policy and has been included as is for competition purposes.
 - 2.9. Swim Suits – We have re written this section to be more inclusive for all members when clarifying Swim Suit rules for competition.
- Table 2.2. (Page 51) SLSNZ Masters Divisions
- Masters 3 person and 4 person team age brackets changed to better align consistency, create viable teams and still allow for decent sized fields.
 - Addition of Masters age group for IRB Racing

Section 4 – Surf Boat Events

- 4.4. Surf Boat Relay, (a) (i) – Change to the team make up for the Surf Boat Relay.

Section 9 – IRB Events

- 9.1.4. The Course – Deletion of rule (d) - For all women's Events, the IRB line at the start of the Event, where possible, shall be in shallow water, with the IRB secured by two handlers.

- 9.1.5. (a) – Wording change for the starting distance when lining up IRBs
 (n) – Addition of “Patients cannot become crewpersons during a race”.
- 9.3.2. The Procedure – Changes to wording for point (c), (d).
- 9.6.4. The Procedure - Changes to wording for point (e).

Section 10 – Protests and Appeals

10.8 – Addition of a full and aligned numbered list of Disqualification Codes, DNS and DNF references. Note that these have also been built into the new Waves system for officials to apply to events.

Section 15 – Surf Officials Roles & Responsibilities

This is a new section added for an easy reference for officials on all of the Surf Officials Roles and the Responsibilities of those roles. This section details the following roles:

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