

A photograph of several lifeguards in kayaks on the water. One lifeguard in the center is holding a green flag. The kayakers are wearing colorful gear and caps. The background shows a blue sky and white waves.

HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023

WAIMARAMA, HAWKES BAY

BUILDING MORE COMPETENT AND CAPABLE LIFEGUARDS

EVENT ENTRY CIRCULAR

Surf Life Saving New Zealand

Event Overview

The Hawke's Bay Senior Championships is the largest and most competitive surf lifesaving event held in Hawke's Bay.

The Hawke's Bay Senior Championships offers almost all of the events available at the New Zealand Championships, drawing upon the best of the area to determine the Hawke's Bay Champions and Overall Top Club.

The competition includes a wide variety of 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 local Surf Life Saving calendar.

Returning to Waimarama Beach, we invite you to celebrate the skills and experience of some of the area's very best athletes as they compete for their friends and against their fellow athletes.

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 an athlete, parent and/or guardian must be aware of before entering themselves or their child into this event.

Event Entry Programme:

<https://waves.surflifesaving.org.nz/login>

If you have trouble accessing this website please contact

Sarnia Brewer: sarnia.brewer@surflifesaving.org.nz

Entry Information

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. There will be no late entries.

Entries Open: 16th January 2023

Entries Close: 1st February 2023 10am

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per SLSNZ member from outside the Four Hawkes Bay Clubs

Late Entry Fee: \$25.00 per person

Eligibility of Competitors: Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.

Important Times Saturday 4 February 2023

Start Time: 8:00am
High Tide: am
Low Tide: pm

Sunday 5 February 2023

Start Time: 8:00am
High Tide: am
Low Tide: pm

Officials Meeting 07:00am
Team Managers Meeting 07:30am

Please note this is a 2 day event and there will be NO postponement date.

Age Groups

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2022. For example, if you were 19 on the 30th September 2022, you are not eligible to compete in the Under 19 division.

Athletes may only compete in their age group and Open for Individual events. No races will be held or delayed for an athlete. In team events competitors may race up.

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
<https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/sport/sport-documents>

Events

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

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Sprint	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Flags	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Surf Race	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Board Race	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Ski Race	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Diamond Race	U15	Male and Female
Iron person	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
2km Beach Run	U15, U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
Surf Teams	U17, U19, and Open	Male and Female
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
Taplin Relay (3 Person)	U17, U19 and Open	Male (U17 and U19) and Female (U17, U19 and Open)
Taplin Relay (6 Person)	Open	Male
Double Ski	U19 and Open	Male and Female
Mixed Double Ski*	Open	Mixed (1 Female and 1 Male)
Board Rescue	U17 U19, and Open	Male and Female
Tube Rescue (4 Person)	U17, U19 and Open	Male and Female
Canterbury Trophy*	Open	3 Males and 1 Female per team

*Note the Canterbury trophy does not count towards HB points. Mixed double ski and Canterbury trophy may not be raced if time does not allow.

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.

Event Programming

The Draft Programme can be found in [Appendix One](#) of this entry circular. Please note that the Draft Programme is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions and covid guidelines.

Results

Results will be available online [here](#) as events are completed.

Site Plan

The draft Site Plan can be found in [Appendix Three](#) of this entry circular. Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

All attending this event including officials, athletes, coaches etc are to park in the Domain carpark. Parking behind the surf club is not permitted as this is for patrol and emergency vehicles.

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.

Event Safety

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. The missing person at sea reflex tasking can be found in [Appendix Two](#) of this entry circular.

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 [here](#) clause 2.13 and 2.16. Please note all fluoro vests must meet Section: 12.22 - Equipment Specifications standards.

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.

Communication and Code of Conduct:

During an event all communication must go through the Team Manager. No parent, coach or competitor should approach the Arena or Event Referee directly.

No matter what role you hold on the day of the day any abuse or interference from any person will not be tolerated and any competitor/parent helper/coach or official judged to show behaviour that is obtrusive, offensive or dangerous will be asked to leave the beach.

Warm Up

Please note that all SLSNZ rules and regulations apply during warm ups as they do during the event. Please ensure compliance and follow the instructions of Event Management Staff.

- The following rules apply for substitutes for Hawkes Bay champs: Section 2, Rule 2.16
 - If an athlete is injured during the event a substitute may be made for the team event only. Up to 50% team change may be made.
 - If an athlete has a long term medical condition, a medical certificate must be produced and given to Carnival Controller prior to the event. Applies to Individual events only. Rule 2.52
- Canterbury Trophy not a NZ sanctioned event but the following rules apply above. If an athlete is injured a team change is to be made with a new competitor. Rule 2. 5.1
- No late entries
- No holding of races
- Competitors may only compete in one age group as an individual as per NZSLS manual.
- Teams- may compete in more than one age group above their age level at HB Champs but U15 cannot do Ski leg in Taplin nor ski relay.
- Protests/Queries 10.4 in manual- Team manager only approaches Arena Ref. If it needs to go further the team manager may be advised by the Competitor Liaison. Next step CAC where a \$50 protest fee will be charged to the club concerned. This decision made is final.

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. This form can be requested by emailing Event Manager sarnia.brewer@surflifesaving.org.nz

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.

Key Contact

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact.

Sarnia Brewer
Hawke's Bay Senior Championships
Surf Life Saving New Zealand

m 027 677230
e sarnia.brewer@surflifesaving.org.nz

Draft Programme – dependent on conditions.

We will do our best to deliver the full programme. Below are the options we plan to deliver.

Option 1 Entries under 100 programme as below

Option 2 Entries over 100 split genders across 2 days (mixed double ski and Canterbury will be removed from the programme.)

When entries close clubs will be notified of any changes to the programme.

Saturday 4 February 2022

Start Time: 8:00am
 High Tide: am
 Low Tide: pm

Water Arena
Board Race
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female
Under 15 Male
Under 15 Female
Double Ski
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Open Mixed
Ski Race
Open Male
Open Female
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female
Under 15 Male
Under 15 Female
Surf Race & Surf Teams
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female
Beach Arena
Beach Sprints
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male



Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female
Under 15 Male
Under 15 Female
Beach Relays
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female

Sunday 5th February 2022

Start Time:	8:00am
Prizegiving:	30 minutes after the conclusion of racing
High Tide:	am
Low Tide:	pm

2KM Beach Run
Open Male and Female
U19, U17 & U15 M and F

Water Arena
Run Swim Run
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female
Under 15 Male
Under 15 Female
IronPerson
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female
U15 Diamond Male
U15 Diamond Female
Ski Relay
Open Male
Open Female
Under 19 Male
Under 19 Female
Under 17 Male
Under 17 Female



Board Relay	
Open Male	
Open Female	
Under 19 Male	
Under 19 Female	
Under 17 Male	
Under 17 Female	
Taplin Relay	
Open Male	
Open Female	
Under 19 Male	
Under 19 Female	
Under 17 Male	
Under 17 Female	
Canterbury Trophy	
Water Arena	
Board Rescue	
Open Male	
Open Female	
Under 19 Male	
Under 19 Female	
Under 17 Male	
Under 17 Female	
Tube Rescue 4 person	
Open Male	
Open Female	
Under 19 Male	
Under 19 Female	
Under 17 Male	
Under 17 Female	
Beach Arena	Beach Arena
Beach Flags	Beach Flags
Open Male	Open Female
Under 19 Male	Under 19 Women
Under 17 Male	Under 17 Women
Under 15 Male	Under 15 Women

Missing Person at Sea - Officials Reflex Tasks

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.

OFFICIALS' response and responsibilities.

1. Immediately close and clear the water arena of competitors and craft, by...
2. The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, until all competitors are out the water.
3. With the assistance of supporters immediately clear competitor's equipment from the beach within the affected arena/s then keep supporters and all competitors, who are **not** part of the competitor search party (CSP), out of the affected arena/s.
4. Arena Referees (AR) with assistance of officials and team managers/coaches, assemble the designated CSP into orderly lines, with fins & goggles/masks, ensuring each are "buddied up," and with lifeguard (LG) support, (preferably 1X10). LGs must have fins and a tube.
5. Arena Referees (AR) to 'standby' on their allocated radio channels for instructions from the Event Safety Officer (ESO) who will confirm the location and timing for the deployment of the CSPs.
6. When requested, deploy the CSP to sea, then observe and monitor progress of the CSP and their safety. AR to provide feedback to ESO only where necessary and only as radio traffic permits. AR should continue to 'standby' their radios for further information and instructions.
7. Officials may be called upon by the ESO to call for volunteers, (qualified LGs, whom are competent swimmers, and whom have fins, goggles/mask, and preferably a wetsuit vest) from supporters, who are able and willing to take part in the search upon completion of a suitable briefing, to form supporter's search parties (SSP). Officials may only deploy SSP after cleared to do so by the ESO or their delegate, and only when the ESO or their delegate is satisfied that the SSP have been adequately briefed of their roles, safety procedures, and the potential hazards and risks.

Missing Person at Sea - [Managers/Coaches Reflex Tasks](#)

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**

TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES' response and responsibilities.

1. Team managers to check that their competitors are all accounted for.
2. Assign only competent lifeguards (LG) to the competitor search party (CSP) with fins and goggles/masks, and direct them to their Coach or Arena Referees (AR) in the affected arena/s.
3. Coaches to report immediately to the AR in their assigned arena and organise their CSP in line/s, ensuring that they are 'paired up' while awaiting instructions from the AR.
4. CSP should be sorted into lines with the most capable athletes closest to the water and least capable furthest from to the water. Coaches to remind CSP that when in the water, searchers will take turns at diving under water to search, while their buddy makes sure they are safe and that their buddy returns to the surface.
5. Coaches/Team managers must should know the number and names of their CSP prior to entering the water and ensure that they are all accounted for prior to leaving the water and or search party.
6. Team Managers/Coaches and the CSP must follow the instructions of the AR and officials at all times to ensure that the search is implemented in a coordinated manner. If competitors do not feel confident or capable of implementing a search they must withdraw from the CSP, ensuring that they notify their buddy and coach/team manager before leaving the water and or CSP.

Missing Person at Sea - [Supporters Reflex Tasks](#)

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea.**

SUPPORTERS' response and responsibilities.

1. Immediately leave the beach area closest to the water, taking all equipment that you can, to provide clear open access to the water arena by officials and search parties.
2. Only re-enter the arena area, if required, to continue to remove craft and equipment from the arena.
3. Then please remain outside the arena and the designated search zone until instructed or permitted to do so by officials or an announcement by the event management group over the public address system.

4. If you are a qualified and refreshed lifeguard, a competent swimmer, and have fins and goggles/mask with you, and preferably a wetsuit vest, you may wish to consider making yourself available, to join a support search party. If you meet all these requirements, please report to an official in the affected arena/s with the equipment detailed above, and follow their instructions as directed.

Missing Person at Sea - [IRB Reflex Tasks](#)

Upon hearing rescue, rescue, rescue or the continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.












IRB CREWS' response and responsibilities.

1. **One crew** to immediately return to shore and pick up the LKP (pink) buoy and place this at the **Last Known Position** of the missing person.
 2. Once the LKP is in the correct position, the crew person must enter the water with life jacket, at the LKP, and allow themselves to drift in the direction of the prevailing current, while maintaining their distance from the shoreline.
-
1. **All other Crews** - Immediately remove all competitors from all arenas, regardless of the race completion.
 2. Position the IRBs on the ocean side of the break zone and LKP and stand by on your assigned radio channel for further instructions.
 3. Monitor progress of the competitor search party in the water, and provide immediate assistance if required.
 4. If the missing person is found, immediately return to the designated position on shore. The Tower.

Site Plan



Legend

	Club Tents		Waste / Recycling Station
	Event Management		Public Toilets
	Coffee Vendor* tbc		Parking
	Vehicle Access		Trailer Parking
	Pedestrian Access		Waimarama SLSC – Meeting Point
	First Aid Station		

Competition Arenas:

Please note that the Site Plan and Water Arenas are subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.