

# Competition Entry Circular

Central Regional  
Championships

Fitzroy Beach, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January  
2023

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Event Entry Circular – Central Regional Senior Championships



## Competition Purpose:

Welcome to the 2023 Central Regional Surf Life Saving Championships (CRC), returning to Fitzroy Beach in New Plymouth. 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 Regional Champs caters to all levels of participation as it is the first major event in the buildup to TSB Nationals 2023. The competition includes events ranging from Surf Boats, Canoes, Surf craft (Board & Ski) along with Beach athletes from around the country.

## 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.

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## 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.

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| Entries Open:         | 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022                           |
| Entries Close:        | 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 0900                     |
| Entry Fee:            | \$50.00 per person                                      |
| Surf Boat Entry Fee:  | \$120.00 per crew                                       |
| Canoe Crew Entry Fee: | \$100.00 per crew                                       |
| Late Entry Fee:       | \$60.00 per person, in addition of the normal entry fee |

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| Eligibility of Competitors: | Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria. |
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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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' behavior. 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.

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## Age Groups:

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. For example, if you were 19 on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 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 be 22 as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 to be eligible to race in the Under 23 division. This does not include sweeps for Surf Boats.

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## 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 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.

We intend to run all individual events on Saturday and team events on Sunday, this will all be conditions dependent so could change on the day of racing.

As a round of the NZ Surf Boat Series, we will run long course racing on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, if time allows the days programme will also include the Surf Boat relay.

If there are sufficient entries we will run short course racing on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Canoes will race both long and short course under the same stipulation as Surf Boats.

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

### Individual Events:

|               | <b>Age Group:</b>       | <b>Gender:</b>  |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 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:

|                               | <b>Age Group:</b>          | <b>Gender:</b>         |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 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        |
| Rescue Tube Rescue            | U17, U19, and Open         | Male and Female        |
| Board Rescue                  | U17, U19, and Open         | Male and Female        |
| Taplin Relay                  | Open                       | Male and Female        |
| Double Ski                    | U19, and Open              | Male, Female and Mixed |
| 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                       | Mixed                  |

# COMPETITION COMMUNICATION

## Communications:

Event Management utilize 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.

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## Important Times:

### **Central Regional Senior Championships**

#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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| Warm Up Start Time:             | 0730                                      |
| Surf Officials Meeting:         | 0730*                                     |
| Boat/Canoe Registrations Close: | 0730*                                     |
| Team Managers Meeting:          | 0800*                                     |
| Marshalling Start Time:         | 0815                                      |
| Start Time:                     | 0830                                      |
| Prize giving:                   | 30 minutes after the conclusion of racing |
| Low Tide:                       | 0910                                      |
| High Tide:                      | 1526                                      |

*\*All meetings will take place at the Fitzroy SLSC clubrooms*

*\* Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January meeting times will be conditions dependent*

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## 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](#).

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## 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 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 organizers 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](#).

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## 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](#).

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## 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 [daniel.cudby@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:daniel.cudby@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.



# 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.



- Over Flow Parking
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Craft Trailer Parking