



2023 EASTERN REGIONAL JUNIOR CARNIVAL



DEVELOPING
CONFIDENT
CAPABLE JUNIOR
LIFESAVERS

WAIHI BEACH
SATURDAY 11 - SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023
COMPETITION EVENT CIRCULAR

"Success is not final,
Failure is not fatal:
It's the COURAGE to continue
that counts."
~ Winston S. Churchill





Event Overview:

The Eastern Regional Junior Carnival returns to Waihi Beach, 11-12 February 2023. Junior Surf participants from all clubs aged 10 to 14 years are invited to enter for a weekend of fun racing with their mates.

The Eastern Regional Junior Carnival offers almost all of the events available at Oceans '23. Providing a weekend where Junior Lifesavers can test their skill and speed across the sand and in the surf to demonstrate water confidence and team work.

The Eastern Regional Junior Carnival has a proud history of being one of the largest Junior Surf Lifesaving events in New Zealand. Proudly developing the next generation of Surf Life Savers.

Thanks to the team at Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services for hosting the Eastern Regional Junior Carnival and value their continued support of providing quality events where a great experience is had by all.

Entry Circular:

This document provides all the information you need to know in order to enter this event. While it contains the 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.

Entry Information:

Entries are done through your club using the SLSNZ WAVES Event Entry System. Following the close of entry as detailed below entry fees will be invoiced directly to your club for payment.

Entries Open: Monday 9th January 2023

Entries Close: Monday 6th February 2023

Entry Fee: \$40.00(inclusive of gst)

Racing Uniform: Club Caps and Hi Vis Vest must be worn for all events

Warm Up Procedure: Hi Vis Vest must be worn for all warm up and warm down, a designated club coach/manager, rescue ready with tube and fins, must be observing all warm up and warm down routines

Eligibility of Competitors: Please see Section 2.2 of the [SLSNZ Competition Manual](#) for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.

200m Swim Award: All junior members who wish to use foam or fibreglass paddleboards and/or swim beyond waist depth must hold their 200m Swim Award. This is a mandatory safety requirement which demonstrates that junior members are confident in the ocean and capable of returning to shore if they are separated from their equipment.



Team Managers: Full contact details must be entered in the Waves Event Entry System to ensure that the relevant person receives all updated information directly. Failure to list a Team Manager may mean that your club could miss out on vital information.

PLEASE ONLY ENTER ATHLETES IN THE EVENTS THEY INTEND TO RACE TO ASSIST WITH EVENT TIMINGS. MAKE ANY KNOWN SCRATCHINGS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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 10th Edition.

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](#).

Age Groups:

Competitor age groups are defined as the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2022. For example if you are 11 on the 30th September 2022, you will race in the U12 age group.

For all Individual Events the age groups which athletes will compete in are: U11, U12, U13, U14. Athletes are only allowed to compete in one age group the entire event.

For all Team Events the age groups which athletes will compete in are: U12 = U12 & U11 year olds, U14 = U14 & U13 year olds. E.g. A club has a board relay team in the U12 male race, this may have a mixture of U11 & U12 athletes in the team of 3.

Team Substitutes:

All team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the competition. This is to ensure compliance with SLSNZ Sport Policy SPS008: Event Entry Eligibility.

An athlete that has entered into an event is capable of acting as a team substitute, with consideration to the applicable role and required qualifications i.e. 200m Swim Award.



Events:

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

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Sprint	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Flags	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Run Swim Run *	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Surf Race	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Diamond Race	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Board Race	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Beach Relay	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Mixed (2 Male, 2 Female)
2km Beach Relay	U14 (maximum of one from each U11, U12, U13 and U14)	Mixed (2 Male, 2 Female)
Board Relay	U12, and U14	Male and Female
Grand Cameron Relay (6 Person)	U12 and U14	Mixed (1 Male Runner, 1 Female Runner, 1 Male Swimmer, 1 Female Swimmer, 1 Male Board Paddler, 1 Female Board Paddler)
Tube Rescue	U14	Male and Female
Board Rescue	U14	Male and Female

Please note:

- The events listed are dependent upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.
- The rules for each of these events can be found in the Surf Sport Manual. Click here to find this document online.
- * U11 and U12 Run Swim Run have the option to use fins/flippers

Surf Board Sizes

Age Group:	Description:	Max. Length:	Min. Weight:
U11	Fibreglass or Foam 'Nipper' Boards	2.7m (8'10")	4.5kg
U12	Fibreglass or Foam 'Nipper' Boards	2.7m (8'10")	4.5kg
U13	Full Length 'Malibu' Boards	3.2m (10'6")	7.6kg
U14	Full Length 'Malibu' Boards	3.2m (10'6")	7.6kg

Important Times:

Saturday 11 February 2023

Start Time:	8:30am
Prize giving:	15 minutes after the conclusion of racing
High Tide:	11:32am - 1.8m
Low Tide:	5:48pm - 0.41m

Sunday 12 February 2023

Start Time:	8:30am
Prize giving:	15 minutes after the conclusion of racing
High Tide:	12:12pm - 1.77m
Low Tide:	6:02am - 0.42m



Events 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 the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

The SLSNZ App will be the most up to date source for all event registration through to results information.



Site Plan:

The draft Site Plan can be found in **Appendix Four** 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.

Event Safety:

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available on request 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](#).

Waves

This event will be run using the Waves Event Management System.

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 **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.



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. 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 a pre-existing medical condition includes a **concussion event** that has occurred prior to this event. These forms are available through the SLSNZ website [here](#).

Concussion Protocol

1. Any person diagnosed with concussion within the 23 days (21 days for over 19 years of age) 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 years of age), 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.

Communications:

Event Management will utilize a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These include:

- [The SLSNZ Website](#)
- [Eastern Region Junior Surf Facebook Page](#)
- [SLSNZSPORT Facebook](#)

Event Notifications – SLSNZ APP

Event Notifications will come through the [SLSNZ APP](#). Once downloaded you can subscribe to the '2023 Eastern Regional Championships' event, and receive updates throughout the event. Entry lists, draws and progressions can be found at on the APP in the Live Results section.

Presentations:

At the conclusion of each day presentation of ribbons to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters in each event. Age group champions will also be awarded medals, Eastern Region Junior Members are eligible for Overall Age Group Champion Medals.

Individual Points:	1st = 3 points	2nd = 2 points	3rd = 1 point.
Teams Points:	1st = 5 points	2nd = 3 points	3rd = 1 point.



Dune and Environment Protection

All SLSNZ events advocate dune and environment protection. This 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 Photography:

All photographers inside the venue will need prior approval from the Event Manager. If you are wishing to take photos at 2023 Eastern Regional Championships then please read the [Media Accreditation Application Information here](#) and apply for access into competition area. Please note Use of Cameras and Video devices rules are covered under [2.25 in the Competition Manual](#).

Media accreditation:

There are two levels of accreditation:

1. Media
Journalists and photographers working directly for, or contracted to, local, national and international media outlets including TV, radio, newspapers, magazines and websites.
2. Club Photographers
Photographers appointed or contracted by a participating club to produce imagery. Only one Club Photographer can be appointed or contracted per club.

Only applications from Surf Life Saving Members and Media Agencies will be accepted for consideration (No public or non-members will be given access to the Competition Arenas to take photos, this includes parents of members who do not hold a membership themselves).

If access is gained then a Lanyard and Vest will be issued and must be worn at all times.

SLSNZ reserves the right to refuse access to the arenas.

By entering this event Athletes and Team Management agree to SLSNZ using images and video taken during the competition for media and marketing purposes. Athletes and Team Management also agree by entering into this event that SLSNZ or second party contractors are allowed to fly drones above Competitors and Team Management throughout the event.

Key Contact:

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the Event Manager;

Sonia Keepa
Sport Manager – Eastern Region
Surf Life Saving New Zealand

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Appendix One: Draft Programme

Draft Programme

Please note that this programme is subject to change. No events will be run beyond 4:00pm

Day One - Saturday 11th February 2023

Start Time: 8:30am

High Tide: 11:32am Height: 1.8m

Low Tide: 5:48pm Height: 0.41

Beach Sprint Arena One U11-12	Beach Flags Arena Two U13-14
U11 Sprint M – Heats ()	U13 Flags M
U11 Sprint F – Heats ()	U13 Flags F
U12 Sprint M – Heats ()	
U12 Sprint F – Heats ()	U14 Flags M
U11 Sprint M – Semi-Final ()	U14 Flags F
U11 Sprint F – Semi-Final ()	
U12 Sprint M – Semi-Final ()	Beach Sprints Arena Two U13-14
U12 Sprint M – Semi-Final ()	U13 Sprint M – Heats ()
U11 Sprint M – Final	U13 Sprint F – Heats ()
U11 Sprint F – Final	U14 Sprint M – Heats ()
U12 Sprint M – Final	U14 Sprint F – Heats ()
U12 Sprint F – Final	U14 Sprint M – Semi-Final ()
U11 Beach Relay Mixed – Heats ()	U13 Sprint M – Final
U11 Beach Relay Mixed – Final	U13 Sprint F – Final
U12 Beach Relay Mixed – Heats ()	U14 Sprint M – Final
U12 Beach Relay Mixed – Final	U14 Sprint F – Final
	U13 Beach Relay Mixed – Heats ()
Beach Flags Arena One U11-12	U13 Beach Relay Mixed – Final
U11 Flags M	U14 Beach Relay Mixed – Heats ()
U11 Flags F	U14 Beach Relay Mixed – Final
U12 Flags M	Water Arena Two U13-14
U12 Flags F	U13 Surf Race M – Final
	U13 Surf Race F – Final
Water Arena One U11-12	U14 Surf Race M – Final
U11 Surf Race M – Final	U14 Surf Race F – Final
U11 Surf Race F – Final	
U12 Surf Race M – Final	U14 Tube Rescue M – Heats ()
U12 Surf Race F – Final	U14 Tube Rescue F – Heats ()
	U14 Tube Rescue M – Final
U11 Board Race M – Heats (2)	U14 Tube Rescue F – Final
U11 Board Race F – Heats (2)	
U12 Board Race M – Heats (2)	U14 Board Rescue M – Heats ()
U12 Board Race F – Heats (2)	U14 Board Rescue F – Heats ()
U11 Board Race M – Final	U14 Board Rescue M – Final
U11 Board Race F – Final	U14 Board Rescue F – Final
U12 Board Race M – Final	
U12 Board Race F – Final	



Day Two – Sunday 12th February 2023

Start Time: 8:30am

High Tide: 12:12pm Height: 1.77m

Low Tide: 6:30pm Height: 0.42m

Water Arena One U11-12	Water Arena Two U13-14
08:30 U11-14 2km Beach Relay Mixed – Final	
U11 Run-Swim-Run M – Final	U13 Board Race M – Heats ()
U11 Run-Swim-Run F – Final	U13 Board Race F – Heats ()
U12 Run-Swim-Run M – Final	U14 Board Race M – Heats ()
U12 Run-Swim-Run F – Final	U14 Board Race F – Heats ()
	U13 Board Race M – Final
U11 Diamond M – Heats ()	U13 Board Race F – Final
U11 Diamond F – Heats ()	U14 Board Race M – Final
U12 Diamond M – Heats ()	U14 Board Race F – Final
U12 Diamond F – Heats ()	U13 Run-Swim-Run M – Final
U11 Diamond M – Final	U13 Run-Swim-Run F – Final
U11 Diamond F – Final	U14 Run-Swim-Run M – Final
U12 Diamond M – Final	U14 Run-Swim-Run F – Final
U12 Diamond F – Final	U13 Diamond M – Heats ()
	U13 Diamond F – Heats ()
U12 Board Relay M – Final	U14 Diamond M – Heats ()
U12 Board Relay F – Final	U14 Diamond F – Heats ()
	U13 Diamond M – Final
	U13 Diamond F – Final
	U14 Diamond M – Final
	U14 Diamond F – Final
	U14 Board Relay M – Final
	U14 Board Relay F – Final
U12 Cameron Relay Mixed (6 Person) – Final	
U14 Cameron Relay Mixed (6 Person) – Final	



Appendix Two

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.
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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.



Appendix Three

Media Accreditation Application Information

There are two levels of accreditation:

1. Media

Journalists and photographers working directly for, or contracted to, local, national and international media outlets including TV, radio, newspapers, magazines and websites.

2. Club Photographers

Photographers appointed or contracted by a participating club to produce imagery. Only one Club Photographer can be appointed or contracted per club.

Media and individuals seeking accreditation for the events must:

- Complete the application form and submit it to the Media Manager no less than 10 days prior to the start of the event.
- Provide a clear and suitable head and shoulders photograph.
- Sign in with the Media Manager or Event Manager on site at the start and end of each competition day.
- Wear their provided laminated accreditation pass and high visibility vest at all times in the competition arenas and return to the Media Manager or Event Manager at the conclusion of the event and agree not to share or provide passes or vests to anyone else.
- Agree to abide by event safety, access rules and instructions from Surf Life Saving New Zealand staff and officials. Anyone who fails to self-regulate or follow these will be asked to leave the arenas.

Rules:

- Accredited Media and Club Photographers can only operate within three metres of the arena barriers or within two metres of craft if they are stacked inside the water arena barriers.
- They are permitted to operate anywhere outside of these zones but are not permitted inside of team tents without invitation.
- Interview requests with Surf Life Saving New Zealand staff, officials, volunteers, event staff or athletes must be requested through the Media Manager or Event Manager at least two hours prior.
- Official Media will have priority to conduct interviews.
- Requests for camera or video devices to be attached to athlete crafts must be made prior to the start of the event or day of the event if the event is multiple days.
- The only exception to the above is Surf Life Saving New Zealand's Media Manager and official event photographer who have free access to all areas.

Inappropriate use of cameras and video devices at events:

- Event organisers reserve the right to ban anyone found to be using cameras or video devices inappropriately at any events, trainings or activities.
- Event organisers will notify the appropriate authority (ie Police) if they suspect that a person is using cameras or video devices inappropriately.
- Surf Life Saving New Zealand reserves the right to cancel accreditation if a person is charged with the misuse of cameras and/or video devices by the appropriate authority.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand reserves the right to grant media accreditation at its discretion. Any questions or queries should be directed to the Event Manager.



Media Accreditation Application Form

Event Name: _____
Full name: _____
Email: _____
Mobile number: _____
Address: _____

Applying for:
- Media: Please state agency name: _____
- Club Photographer: Please state club: _____

Attendance days Y/N:
- Day 1: _____
- Day 2: _____

I confirm that I have read and understood this application agreement and agree to the terms and conditions.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please email your completed and signed application form together with a clear head and shoulders photograph (1MB in size) to the Event Manager



Appendix Four

Site Plan: 2023 Eastern Regional Junior Carnival, Waihi Beach

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|  Parking |  Beach Events |
|  First Aid |  U11-12 Arena |
|  Club Trailer Parking |  U13-14 Arena |
|  Club Tents |  Patrolled Area |
|  Presentation Area |  Toilets |
|  Waste and Recycling Bins | |

