



# EASTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MT MAUNGANUI | 27-29 JANUARY 2023

## Officials Information Circular

The following Officials Information Circular outlines the key information you need to know prior to the event. Please make sure you read all the information and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details at the bottom. Please also refer to the Team Managers Circular to fully familiarise yourself with the Event Details.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Afternoon Twilight Events: (Sprint/Relays, 2km Run and Double Ski)

<b>Official's Briefing:</b>	2:00pm	<b>High tide:</b>	12:49pm – 1.8m
<b>Team Manager's Briefing:</b>	2:30pm	<b>Low tide:</b>	6:55pm – 0.2m
<b>Start time:</b>	3:30pm	<b>Finish time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Boat / Canoe Officials Briefing:</b>	6:00pm		
<b>Team Manager's Briefing:</b>	7:00pm		

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023

<b>Official's Briefing:</b>	7:00am	<b>High tide:</b>	1:40pm – 1.8m
<b>Start time:</b>	8:00am	<b>Low tide:</b>	7:11am – 0.3m

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022

<b>Official's Briefing:</b>	7:00am	<b>High tide:</b>	2:29pm – 1.7m
<b>Start time:</b>	8:00am	<b>Low tide:</b>	8:04am – 0.3m

Below are the key positions currently allocated for the ERC's:

- Event Manager – Sonia Keepa
- Event Referee – Bruce Matheson
- Event Safety Officer – Mark Godwin
- Event Safety Support – Scott Weatherall
- Event Administration – Joss Urbahn / Doris Coates / Michelle Newton / John Chapman
- Equipment Logistics Manager – Callum McKenzie
- Water Safety Coordinator – Dave Hickey / Mike Brown
- Deputy Event Referees – Greg Rieger / Jo Miller / Tony Wiseman
- Arena Referees – Caroline Bird, Catrina Manning, Scott Bicknell, Trina Wills, Benny Larsen (Surf Boats), Phil Fraser (Canoes)

### **Friday Afternoon Twilight Session**

This year we will run four events on Friday afternoon, starting at 3:30pm. We will be holding the Double Ski and 2km Run (Water Arena) and the Sprints and Beach Relays (Beach Arena). Please be aware that the Double Ski will be running at falling tide so beach arena location and starting will be critical.

### **Surf Officials Meeting Times:**

Friday - 2:00pm

Boat Officials Friday - 6:00pm

Saturday - 7:00am

Sunday - 7:15am

These meetings will be held at the Mt Maunganui Lifeguard Service building.

### **Covid-19 Protocols**

Any Surf Official who is feeling unwell prior to or during the event should undertake a covid test and immediately leave the event area.

### **Surf Officials / 21 Club Dinner**

Surf Life Saving Eastern Region and The 21 Club would like to invite all Surf Officials and Water Safety Crew to an ERC's Event Dinner. This dinner will be held at the Mt Maunganui Lifeguard Service building and will commence at 6:30pm, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure RSVP

### **Event Rules**

The 2023 Eastern Regional Senior Championships will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents:

- SLSNZ Constitution
- SLSNZ Regulations
- SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual
- SLSNZ Equipment Specification Manual

Any additional requirements as communicated by Event Management

Copies of these documents are available from the SLSNZ website [click here](#)

### **Competition Safety Vests / Uniforms**

Competitors must wear club competition caps (Registered by SLSNZ). The wearing of high visibility vests will be mandatory at this event. Supplying safety vests is a club responsibility and are to be in line with the SLSNZ guidelines for safety vests. Information can be found [here...](#)

Regarding Team uniforms, the Event Referee would like to clarify that:

- a) when competing in a team event, there must be uniformity in the vests team members are wearing,
- b) Arena referees have the right to ask competitors to replace their vests if they do not believe that they meet the high visibility requirement.

### **Age Groups**

Age groups are 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.

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 (or younger) as of the 30th of September 2022 to be eligible to race in the Under 23 division. This does not include sweeps for Surf Boats. 14 year olds will not be able to enter Surf Boat Events.

Age groups for the Eastern Region Champs 2023 consist of U15, U17, U19, U23 (Surf Boats) & Open.

## **Official Development**

The Eastern Regional Championships (ERCs) are the second largest Beach and Ocean event of the season and an ideal time to develop and improve our skills as Surf Officials. If you would like to develop in particular areas please let us know in advance and we will endeavour to accommodate some experience / mentorship for you.

All of us should regularly review and refer to the Surf Sport Competition Manual so we can deliver consistency across the beach in layout, distance, start procedure, progression and all decision making – [Surf Lifesaving NZ - Officials Tool Box](#)

You can also complete some online short courses to develop such as-

Ethical Decision Making - [Ethical Decision Making in sport mini-course - Play by the Rules - Making Sport inclusive, safe and fair](#)

## **Marshalls / Recorders: Waves Familiarization / iPad Operations**

We would like to offer familiarisation sessions for all Marshalls & Recorders who will be involved in the Waves / iPad Operations. If you would like some tuition, please let me know in advance and we will arrange for this to take place in the Mt Lifeguard Service meeting room adjacent to the main meeting / function room. Tuition will take place at 6:30pm Friday prior to the 7:00pm Team managers briefing.

Please note that RFID's will not be required to be worn and no scanning will therefore take place. All marshalling will be done by iPad.

## **Personal Actions**

- Please bring your own water bottle. Plastic bottles will not be handed out but plenty of cool, fresh water will be available during the weekend for you to refill.
- Please bring your full Surf Official Uniform. If you are short of any item please let us know in advance so we can source it for you.
- If you have or may have a check starter role bring warm wet weather attire as you will get wet. The beach is currently recovering from recent storms and ski may be starting on the bar approx. 15m offshore. Wet suit pants or full suit is advised.
- Sun Protection – High factor lotion will be available so please ensure you use it and reapply during the day.
- We recommend you bring a water proof gear bag for the beach to keep your unused clothing dry. A location / pop up tent will be available as a common location for us to use per arena.
- Please swat up / refresh yourself on the role you have via your Surf Official Handbook or by reviewing online.

As always if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on any of the means below. We look forward to seeing you all at the event.

Many thanks,

Bruce Matheson – Event Referee

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## Competition Site Plans

### Main Beach Overview

Mount Maunganui Main Beach Site Plan Overview 2023 Eastern Regional Championships 27-29 January (subject to change and dependent on conditions)



### Boats/Canoes Overview

Boats and Canoe Site Plan Overview Eastern Regional Championships 27-29 January 2023



**Please Note – Surf Boat & Canoe Arena – NO Club Tents, trailers or Craft will be allowed within 3m of the sand dunes. Safety tape will mark this area and must NOT be passed. This is an absolute pre-requisite of Tauranga City Council. Please respect this requirement.**  
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## Surf Official Arena and Roles

2023 ERCs Mt Maunganui - Volunteers Friday			
<b>Event Manager</b>	Sonia Keepa		
<b>Event Referee</b>	Bruce Matheson		
<b>Event Safety</b>	Mark Godwin / Scott Weatherall		
<b>Event Admin</b>	Joss Urhban	Doris Coates	John Chapman
<b>Water Safety</b>	Dave Hicky	Mike Brown	
<b>First Aid</b>	Georgia Elridge		
<b>Logistics</b>	Callum McKenzie	Vaughan Garret	Dave Corrin
<b>CAC / Liasion</b>	Wayne Franich	Denis Cooksley	Dave Price
<b>Announcers</b>			
<b>Drone Operator</b>			
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Double Ski / 2km Run</b>	
<b>Deputy Referee</b>	Greg Reiger		
<b>Sprint Gates</b>			
<b>Arena Referee</b>	Caroline Bird	Trina Wills	
<b>Marshall</b>	Sarnia Brewer	Mayanna Wilson	
<b>Waves 1</b>	Lianne Wilson		
<b>Waves 2</b>			
<b>Starter</b>	Johnny Clough	Radleigh Cairns	
<b>Check Starter</b>	Michael Oneil	Sam Riordan	
<b>Chief Judge</b>	Caitlin Harris	Marg Cosgriff	
<b>Video</b>	Debbie Walker	Elizabeth Baty	
<b>Judge 1</b>	Brooke Harris	Leah Blincoe	
<b>Judge 2</b>	David Cox	Kathy Kramer	
<b>Judge 3</b>	Graeme Ward	Alan Coates	
<b>Judge 4</b>	Kathryn Stewart	Sharon Turner	
<b>Judge 5</b>	Kim Harris		
<b>Judge 6</b>			
<b>Judge 7</b>			
<b>Judge 8</b>			
<b>ER Monitor</b>			
<b>Admin / Recording</b>	Michelle Newton	Yvonne Clark	

<b>ERCs Mt Maunganui - Volunteers Saturday</b>				
<b>Event Manager</b>	Sonia Keepa			
<b>Event Referee</b>	Bruce Matheson			
<b>Event Safety</b>	Mark Godwin / Scott Weatherall			
<b>Event Admin</b>	Joss Urbahn	Doris Coates	John Chapman	
<b>Water Safety</b>	Dave Hickey	Mike Brown		
<b>First Aid</b>	Georgia Elridge			
<b>Logistics</b>	Callum McKenzie	Vaughan Garret	Dave Corrin	
<b>CAC / Liasion</b>	Wayne Franich	Denis Cooksley	Dave Price	
<b>Commentators</b>	Ben Johnson	Andrew Newton		
<b>Drone Operator</b>				
<b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>MALE</b>		<b>FEMALE</b>	
	<b>Arena 1</b>	<b>Arena 2</b>	<b>Arena 3</b>	<b>Arena 4</b>
<b>Deputy Ref</b>	Jo Miller		Greg Reiger	
<b>Safety Support</b>	Scott Weatherall			
<b>Dispatcher</b>	Kelly Baxter		Sarnia Brewer	
<b>Marshall 1</b>	Jessica Buscke		Karen Bark	
<b>Arena Referee</b>	Trina Wills	Scott Bicknell	Caroline Bird	Catriona Manning
<b>Check Marshall</b>	Craig Gledhill - Sat only	Jess Moratti	Teri Anderson	Marg Cosgriff
<b>Ipad</b>				
<b>Starter</b>	Radleigh Cairns	Dion Williams	Sam Riordan	Johnny Clough
<b>Check Starter</b>	Paul Meuli	Sandra Boubee	Karl Pearson	Jeff Warburton
<b>Chief Judge</b>	Leah Blincoe	Kathy Kramer	Caitlin Harris	Fiona Swain
<b>Course Judge</b>	Kim Avery	Denise Bracken	Kathryn Stewart	Kim Harris
<b>Video</b>				
<b>Judge</b>	Michael O'Neil	Julie Clarke	Aroha Harris	Graeme Trevor
<b>Judge</b>	Brooke Harris	David Cox	Sharon Turner - Sat	Blake Loftus Cloke
<b>Judge</b>	Graeme Ward	Jim Greetham	Tracy Blair	Jim/Claire Pearson
<b>Recorder</b>	Mayana Wilson	Yvonne Clarke	Elizabeth Baty	Lianne Wilson
<b>Officials per arena</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>Boats &amp; Canoes</b>
	<b>Arena 5</b>
<b>Deputy Ref</b>	Tony Wiseman
<b>Safety Support</b>	TBC
<b>Arena Referee</b>	Benny Larsen
<b>Marshall</b>	Phil Fraser
<b>Starter</b>	Nigel Tizard
<b>Check Starter</b>	Kevin Berry
<b>Chief Judge</b>	Harold Pearse
<b>Video</b>	Debbie Walker
<b>Judge 1</b>	Bruce Whitehead
<b>Judge 2</b>	Natasha Perkins
<b>Judge 3</b>	Heather Osborne
<b>Judge 4</b>	Alan Coates
<b>Judge 5</b>	Jo Brittanden
<b>Judge 6</b>	Noel Kaye
<b>Judge 7</b>	Warwick Donnely
<b>Admin</b>	Michelle Newton
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