

<b>Date:</b>	16 February 2023
<b>To:</b>	All Oceans Coaches, Managers & Volunteers
<b>From:</b>	Mike Lord – Oceans Event Manager
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Oceans update</b>

### **Delivering Oceans As Planned**

Firstly SLSNZ would like acknowledge the significant impact the recent weather events have had on our clubs & members and the great work our membership is doing to keep their communities safe.

SLSNZ also need to acknowledge that some of you may not receive this communication due to the impact of your current circumstances.

Understandably for some, a junior sport event may not be a high priority, while others will have uncertainty regarding their ability to travel to the event and the ability for the event to be run safely.

### **It is SLSNZ's intention to deliver Oceans' 23 as planned.**

While a number of areas are still badly affected and accessibility to Mount Maunganui may still be limited from some areas, weather and marine forecasts for the event looking good.

Postponement options are limited based on available weekends and logistics unless we go as far out as Easter as well as volunteer availability and ability to change accommodation, leave & travel plans.

We hope that for those able to attend, Oceans will provide some much needed positivity, especially when taking the last couple of years into consideration.

If competitors or volunteers can no longer attend, please contact Event Management as soon as possible.

### **Competition Circular**

Please ensure that you have read the [competition circular](#)

### **Programme**

An updated programme of events can be found on [here](#)

### **Entries**

Due to impact of severe weather, SLSNZ will reopen entries for clubs to complete entries, add or remove competitors and edit teams until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30pm.

### **Run Swim Run**

As per the Competition Circular, all competitors who complete the Run Swim Run will receive a unique medal presented at the time of finishing during the heats. The event will still progress from heats to a finals with the usual medals for top three place-getters.

### **RFIDs**

SLSNZ will not be using RFID tags for Oceans 23



## Composite teams

As this is the first time we have run composite teams at Oceans, there will no doubt be some teething issues, however, the intention is that at marshalling club teams will be marshalled and then any remaining competitors will be randomly assigned to composite teams.

We recognise that competitors may have a preference of who to team up with and where possible we will keep competitors from the same club together, however, we will not be entering pre-arranged composite teams e.g. competitors from the same school/region.

We also recognise that even with composite teams, there may not be the requisite numbers to form a complete team and so some may still miss out on the opportunity to participate in team events.

We have noticed a number of clubs have entered all their competitors in both club teams and in the composite team category - if a member of a club team is unable to compete e.g. gets injured, the other members will be able to join a composite team (if they do not have another club member to complete a team).

**Therefore, as entries have re-opened, we ask clubs to only enter competitors into the composite team category if they are not part of an existing club team.**

## Equipment

Please ensure you are aware of the [equipment specifications](#) for the competitors, in particular Boards (page 4-13), Tubes (Pages 56-58) and Fins (Pages 58-60)

## Media Accreditation

A reminder that applications for Media Accreditation (photography & videography) must be submitted to the Event Manager by the 19th February 2023. Application forms can be found [here](#)

## Arena Safety Observers (ASOs)

A reminder that clubs need to ensure they have qualified and refreshed Surf Lifeguards in uniform (hat, fins and water bottle) to be available to assist as ASOs. Names can be entered under 'support people' in the entry system

## Communication

Our main form of communication will be via **TeamReach** (phone app)

- Install TeamReach on iPhone (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/teamreach-team-management/id1101253705?mt=8>)
- Install TeamReach on Android (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.teamreach.app>)
- Search OCEANS 23 in the TeamReach App
- Enter code: OCEANS23

[SLSNZ Junior Surf Facebook Page](#)

[SLSNZSport Instagram](#)

For all **Competition Results** - <https://www.wavesresults.surflifesaving.org.nz/>

Yours sincerely

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