



Lifeguarding Event Safety

1.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all clubs, members and employees of SLSNZ.

2.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the SLSNZ **Aquatic Safety Management Plan (ASMP)** process, for those organisations & members of SLSNZ wishing to provide event safety lifeguard services, and to minimise the potential risks to all involved.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) Lifeguards are being asked to provide lifeguard services at external events such as triathlons & open water swims, canoe, rowing competitions, community public events, as well as all other types of other special on or near water events.

The provision of event safety lifeguards is recognised as being beneficial to Surf Life Saving as it raises public profile and awareness, but it also provides confidence to event participants while assisting Surf Life Saving Clubs to raise funding that is critical to their operation.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this policy:

NSOP: National Standard Operating Procedure

Organisation: An affiliated, Club or Community Lifeguard Service of SLSNZ.

5.0 RELATED DOCUMENT, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following documents are related to this policy:

5.1. Event Lifeguard NSOP

6.0 EXCEPTIONS

There are no exceptions to this policy.

7.0 POLICY

7.1. An organisation and/or its members must not provide event safety lifeguard services without a SLSNZ sanctioned ASMP (Public Events) or Competition Safety Plan (Internal Events) that has been either produced by SLSNZ Event Water Safety Manager or another appropriately approved delegate or by an organisation and peer-reviewed by the Regional Life Saving Manager or another appropriately approved regional/national delegate.

7.2. An ASMP will not be sanctioned, if the event safety lifeguard services will compromise an organisations abilities to meet the outcomes as set out in the applicable organisations CSOP/NSOP manual.

7.3. The organisation and/or member/s must at all times abide by the Rules, Regulations and Policies of SLSNZ.



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- 7.4. All lifeguards providing event safety lifeguard services must be refreshed, appropriately qualified (IRB – Driver and Crewperson, RWC operator, Board, Rock module etc.) and experienced.
- 7.5. ALL SLSNZ Water Craft and personnel will adhere to SLSNZ appropriate NSOP's.
- 7.6. An organisation and/or its members providing event water safety lifeguard services must complete the appropriate 'Event Lifeguard Agreement' in conjunction with the event organiser and returned by email to event.safety@surflifesaving.org.nz before the event starts.
- 7.7. Under no circumstances are SLSNZ branded equipment and resources, to be put forward as:-
- First aid or medical officers, regardless of their qualifications. It is the Event Organiser/Manager's responsibility to provide medical support or first aid service.
 - On water transport/management roles – competitor and/or event staff for the purpose of around course movement, point-to-point/position delivery or drop off, ferrying, event photography or videography, course marshalling or management roles other than for event safety.
 - Provision of event safety without a sanctioned Aquatic Safety Management Plan or a peer-reviewed Completion Safety Plan.

8.0 PROCEDURES

Follow the NSOP on Event Safety.

9.0 DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

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