



2024 Gisborne/Tairāwhiti Coastal Challenge

Date: Saturday 20th January 2024
Venue: TBC Wainui or Northern Makorori
Time: 9am – 12pm



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Event Overview:

The 2024 Gisborne/Tairāwhiti Coastal Challenge is an event designed for Ocean Age Junior Surf participants in the under 11 to under 14 age groups to showcase their skills and development.

This is an exciting opportunity to allow the Junior Surf athletes to celebrate the effort, time and passion they put into training and growing their confidence and ocean knowledge. An opportunity where our developing young lifeguards to come together for racing with their mates, experience some different race formats in a fun and inclusive environment.

The objective is for the Junior Surf athletes to enjoy themselves in a new environment, to celebrate success and showcase just how cool they are.

Event Information:

- Registration:** Event entry is via the SLSNZ Waves Event Entry system through your club administrator
<https://waves.surflifesaving.org.nz/>
Entries close Wednesday the 17th January 2024 at 12:00 pm.
- Entry Fee:** \$20.00 inclusive of GST – Clubs will be invoiced directly
- High Visibility Vests:** Yellow High Visibility Vests are compulsory for all water event competitors. This includes all warm-up and warm-down sessions
- Racing Uniform:** Club Caps to be worn
- Age Groups:** U11-U14 Male and Female
U11 and U12 will race as a combined age group = U12
U13 and U14 will race as a combined age group = U14
- Individual events:** Winner Takes All Swim, Board race, Surf race

Team events:	4-person Cameron Relay – 2 Runs, 1 Board, 1 Swim (Swim, Run, Board, Run). *Teams will be randomly allocated on the day. Entry process is to express the athletes' interest in participating in the event and will be randomly selected for team allocation. The purpose is to build communication and collaboration skills whilst also offering more opportunity to build friendships across the clubs and problem solve race
Program:	The events listed are dependent upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions. The draft program is below and is subject to change dependent on entries and conditions
Tides:	Low – 7:57am, 0.58m High – 2:11pm, 1.9m
Team Managers Meeting:	8:15am
200m Safety Badge:	All participants paddling foam/fibreglass boards or swimming beyond waist depth must hold their 200m Safety Badge and be confident and competent to have achieved this award.
Safety Plan:	The Event Safety Plan will be made available prior to the event commencing. The document is also available for viewing in the Event Management Area during the event.
Event Help:	Please fill in the Google Document here with helpers.

Events:

Winner Takes All Swim:	All athletes will start in a straight line in the water. Upon the race start, all athletes race back to the beach and finish by running up around the turn flag and across the finish line. The winner is the first athlete to cross the line, claiming the prize.
Board race:	A board race with a twist. The Board race course is M shape inspired, where the M shape is performed out at sea. Athletes will start in front of the finish line in the fashion of a le mons style start. Athletes run around the turn flag and pick up their boards. They will make their way out to sea, turning left to right around the first of three buoys. Athletes make their way back towards the beach to turn the second buoy from right to left and proceed back out to sea. Athletes complete a left-to-right-hand turn around the third and final buoy, followed by racing back to the beach. Once they hit the beach, they drop their boards and sprint up and around the turn flag, then through the finish line.
Surf Race:	An M-shaped surf race will see athletes make their way through the break zone twice, testing their skills working through the break and making their way to the beach. Athletes will start in front of the finish line in the fashion of a le mons style start. Athletes run around the turn flag and make their way into the water. Athletes make their way out to sea turning left to right around the first swim buoy. Athletes then make their way back to the beach where they will turn right to left around a turn flag placed on the beach. Once turned, athletes make their way back out to sea toward the second swim buoy. Athletes turn left to right around the buoy and proceed back to shore. When athletes hit the beach, they will run left to right around a turn flag and sprint through to the finish. Finish will be through the finish line.

Three rounds – Board, Swim, Board

Cameron Relay (4 person):

Beginning in a le mons fashion, the swimmer will start in front of the finishing line. Upon race start, swimmers run around the turn flag and proceed into the water. Swimmers will round one swim can before making their way back to shore. The swimmer may tag the first runner at any point after they have turned the buoy. The first runner will run up around the turn flag, rounding the full transition and turning the last turn flag before tagging the board paddler. The board paddler will make their way out and round two buoys. Upon reaching the shore, the board paddler will tag the final runner who turns the turn flag and finishes through the finish line.

Beach Event:

A fun team beach based event

The Coastal Challenge will be fast-paced action. Athletes must be always ready and prepared to head to the start at any given time.

Draft Program

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8:00 am	Warm-up begins
8:45 am	Marshalling begins for event 1
9:00 am	Winner Takes All Swim - Final
	Round 1 - Board Race
	Round 2 - Swim Race
	Round 3 - Board Race
	Beach Based Team Event
	Grand Cameron
12:00 pm	Conclusion of Racing

Site Plan:



Confirmed venue will be communicated at the close of entries and is dependent on the number of entries, surf and weather conditions. Please ensure all team manager and coach details are entered correctly at point of entry so as to not miss any important updates.

Wainui SLSC Site Plan:

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|  Parking |  Patrolled Area |
|  First Aid |  Sand Events |
|  Club Trailer Parking |  Water Arena |



Northern Makorori Site Plan:

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|  Parking & Club Trailer Parking |  Beach Arena |
|  First Aid |  Water Arena |



Further Information:

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