



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND



Date: 29 December 2023

To: Clubs

From: Matt Cairns, National Events Manager

Subject: Entry Circular - bp Surf Rescue North Island IRB Championships

Event Dates and Location

Sat 10 Feb 9:00AM - Sun 11 Feb 3:00PM

Waipu Cove, Cove Road, Waipu

Entry Information

This document provides you with all the information you need to know to enter the competition. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also includes very important details that every athlete, parent and/or guardian must be aware of this before entering the event.

It is the expectation of the SLSNZ that clubs will only allow members with the appropriate awards and capability to participate in the event.

Entries must be made using the SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Each club has access to this system and will process entries. Clubs will be invoiced for payment following the event.

Entries Close: 10.00am, Monday 29 January 2024

Senior Entry Fee: \$250.00 per crew incl. GST (up to five events)

Masters Entry Fee: \$100.00 per crew incl. GST (up to two events)

Eligibility of Competitors: Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria. A reminder that any competitor may only be entered and compete in one division for any given event.

Update Contact Details: Team Managers and Coaches contact details must be updated on the online system to ensure that the relevant person receives all updated information directly. Failure to list a team manager may mean that your club misses out on vital information.

Full Team Details: You must enter the entire team for all team events otherwise your entry will not be accepted.

Age Groups & Divisions:

A participant's age group is determined by their age at midnight on 30th September 2023. For example, if you were 16 on the 30th of September 2023, you are eligible to compete in the Under 19 division.

In it for life



The age categories for this event are:

- Under 19 (15-18 years old)
- Under 23 (15-22 years old)
- Open (15+)
- Masters (30+)

*Patients may be 14 years of age

Events and Divisions:

The following events and divisions will be held at the competition. A programme will be made available following the close of entries:

Single Rescue: U19, U23, Open & Masters (Male and Female)

Mass Rescue U19, U23 & Open (Male and Female)

Assembly Rescue: U19, U23, Open & Masters (Male and Female)

Tube Rescue: U19, U23 & Open (Male and Female)

Teams Race: Open (Male/Mixed and Female)

Rules & Regulations:

This event will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents.

[SLSNZ Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee.

All equipment used in competition must comply with the Equipment Specification Manual, Section 12 of this Manual.

- Only SLSNZ sealed engines are to be used in Competition.
- No engine may be removed from the beach prior to the completion of the day's competition without clearance of the Event Referee.
- IRB Hulls and Engines purchased via Central Government Funding cannot be used for Sport and/or Competitions.

Additionally, members entering events are bound by the following rules, which can be found on the SLSNZ website:

- [SLSNZ Constitution](#)
- [SLSNZ Regulations](#)
- [Drug Free Sport New Zealand](#)

Scrutineering

Scrutineering will be carried out between 10:30am and 5:30pm on Friday 9th February at Waipu SLSC. Please follow the instructions of the scrutineering team to ensure that this critical safety compliance check is completed. You can find a full Scrutineering Check Sheet [here](#). Please use this prior to turning up at the event, any issues need to be detected prior to the event, not as our Scrutineering team is inspecting your equipment. Your assistance with this will eliminate large delays during the scrutineering process.

Health and Safety

Please read the following Health and Safety points carefully and communicate these to team members.

- Preparation: Please come prepared for a typical outdoor beach environment, ie: food, water, shade, sunscreen and appropriate clothing for the time of year.
- Illness: If sick, please do not attend the event and follow Ministry of Health guidelines.
- 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.
- It is the expectation of the organisers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.
- Warmups: Please note that all SLSNZ rules and regulations apply during warm-ups, as they do throughout the event. Please ensure compliance and follow the instructions of Event Management and Surf Officials.
- Return to Shore: Situations have arisen in past events where craft and or people have been stranded on the IRB race course in the direct path of rapidly approaching IRB crews, whom are unaware of the hazard that lies ahead due to the inability to see the stranded craft/person due to sea conditions, which poses significant risk to people and craft.
- The purpose of this procedure is to put in place systems to help identify these situations and immediately draw competitor's attention to the need to immediately 'throttle back' and precede with caution, to prevent potential collisions and harm to people and craft.
1. EMC/nominated officials - Upon identifying that a person and or craft are stranded within the race arena, the following actions must be implemented as soon as practicable.
 - (a) Have the starter activate the all-round **RED** flashing light atop of the starter pole.
 - (b) Raise and wave a **RED** flag on shore in the affected lane, in direct line of sight of the returning IRB Driver.
 - (c) Raise and wave a **RED** flag from an attending water safety craft.
 2. Drivers – Upon sighting the red flashing light or waving of a red flag, drivers must throttle back and proceed to shore, unless directed to provide assistance by the designated water safety crew.
- Competition Safety Plan: A Competition Safety Plan will be completed and available for viewing at the event.
- An important part of the Competition Safety Plan for all clubs to note, review, and communicate to team members, is the [Missing Person at Sea Responsibilities](#).
- Pre-Existing Medical Conditions: All participants and officials with a pre-existing medical condition must complete and submit a [Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Action Plan](#) and submit it to the Event Manager prior to the close of entries.
- 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 that a pre-existing medical condition includes a concussion event that has occurred prior to this event. These forms are available through the website here.

- Concussion Protocol:
1. Any person diagnosed with concussion within the 23 days (21 days for over 19 yrs) 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 yrs), 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.

Environmental Protection:

Help SLSNZ and its clubs protect and conserve our beaches and coastlines. Utilise tracks and stay off dunes, stay away from marine and bird life and make sure all rubbish is placed in the bins supplied or taken with you.

Key Dates and Communications Schedule

Please note the following dates and communications schedule in the lead up to this event.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Note</u>
22 December	Surf Officials Update	- <i>SENT 22.12</i> - List of Surf Officials Expression of Interest - Last call for Surf Officials for event
28 December	Entry Circular	- <i>THIS DOCUMENT</i>
28 December	Entries Open	- Waves
9 January	Surf Officials Update	- Including position appointments
22 January	Club Update	- Including entry update
29 January	Entries Close	- Waves
6 February	Final Club Update	- Important event, venue and meeting updates
6 February	Final Surf Officials Update	- Important event, venue and meeting updates
9 February	Scrutineering	- <i>Further details in club updates</i>
10 February	Event Starts	- <i>Further details in club updates</i>

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Ngā mihi nui

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