



2024 bp North Island IRB Championships

Competition Information

**February 10 & 11
Waipu Cove**



Overview

This document provides you with all the information you need to know as a for the bp Surf Rescue North Island IRB Championships. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that all participants must be aware of before attending the event.

Please note that this circular must be read in conjunction with the [Entry Circular](#) which outlines further information participants must be aware of prior to entering and competing at the competition.

Communications:

Event Management utilise a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news.

- Team Reach – on the day updates (Download the APP - Groupcode: SLSNZIRBS)
 - [SLSNZ Website](#) - documents
 - [SLSNZ IRB Racing Group](#) - photos
 - [WAVES](#) - Results
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Important Times

Friday 9th February 2024

10:30am – 5:30pm – Scrutineering (See site map)

4:00pm – 6:00pm - Fuel Distribution (Behind Waipu Surf Club)

Saturday 10th February 2024

6.30am – EMC Safety Briefing

6:45am - Team managers meeting

6:47am - Sunrise

7:00am – Officials meeting

7:45am - Marshalling

8:00am – First Race

8:41am – High Tide

2:28pm – Low tide

4:00pm – racing concludes (approx.)

4.30pm – Prizegiving

5:00pm – Fuel distribution

7:00pm – Volunteers Dinner

Sunday 11th February 2024

6.30am – EMC Safety Briefing

6:45am - Team managers meeting

6:49am - Sunrise

7:00am – Officials meeting

7:45am - Marshalling

8:00am – First Race

9:31am – High Tide

3:30pm – racing concludes (approx.)

3:41pm – Low tide

4.00pm – Prizegiving

Officials & Volunteers

Event Manager – Lewis McClintock

Event Referee – Phil Fraser

Event Safety Officer – Roydon Woodcock

Water Safety Coordinator – Mike Brown

Equipment & Logistics – Alan Coates

Scrutineers – Dave Clarke, James Newell, Jan Newell

Event Admin – Michelle Newton

Starter – Curly Evans

Officials – Carolyn Edwards, Jan Shrimpton, Dave Bourke, Tania Ahrens, Joanne Hobson, Tuakau Whiu, Joss Urbahn, Benny Larsen, Leah Blincoe, Eric Clearwater, Kate Strahan, Graham Pashley, Anna Pashley, Grant De Latour, Claudine Taniwha, Grame Ward, Neville Nodder

Event Safety – Shaun Smith, Lauren Williams, Cam Turchie, Finn Jennings, Jaedan Brown, Flynn Weatherall, Cendera Wardell, Dave Clarke, Ryan Saddington

First Aid – Waipu SLSC

Entries & Divisions

Division	Assembly	Tube	Mass	Single	Teams
U19 M	21	21	20	20	
U19 F	13	13	13	13	
U23 M	10	10	9	10	
U23 F	9	9	9	8	
O M	13	14	15	13	24 (OM/OX)
O F	5	5	4	5	7
M M	2	0	0	2	
Total	73	72	70	71	

Event Format & Programme:

In order to provide as many racing opportunities as possible as well as find champions, the current programme includes A & B finals or rounds for all divisions based on entry numbers. If entries, conditions or time constraints become challenging, B finals and some rounds will be the first races to be curtailed.

The final format & draws will be confirmed at the Team Managers Meeting.

Saturday Programme:

Assembly
Tube
Teams Heats/Semis

Sunday Programme:

Teams Semis
Mass
Single
Teams Finals

Formats:

Assembly, Tube & Single

- U19 Female – Heats to A/B Finals
- U19 Male – Heats to A/B semis to A/B finals
- U23 Female – Heats to A/B finals (B Finals combined with U23 Male)
- U23 Male – Heats to A/B finals (B Finals combined with U23 Female)
- Open Female - 3 rounds
- Open Male - Heats to A/B Finals
- Masters Male – 3 rounds (no tube)
- Open Female Teams – Final
- Open Male/Mixed Teams – Heats to Semis to A Final

Mass - As above except:

- Open Male – Heats to Semis to A/B finals (B finals are from heats losers, not semis)

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.

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](#)

Please note:

A variance to rule 2.10.5c and the related DQ (106) has been requested – that patients may wear whichever length wetsuit they choose.

As this has no material impact on safety and equity, this variance has been granted for the 2024 North Island IRB Championships.

Reminders of changes in 2023:

2.10.5(c) All IRB patients, ~~including the first crew person in teams~~ are required to wear a full length (sleeves to wrist and legs to ankle) wet suit. (This also negates DQ 106)

2.11.2 - PFDs are compulsory for all IRB drivers, crew person and patients in Competition and Competition training.

~~9.1.4(d) For all women's Events, the IRB line at the start of the Event, where possible, shall be in shallow water, with the IRB secured by two handlers.~~

9.1.5 (a) At the start of each Race, with the exception of the Assembly Rescue, all IRB's shall be positioned directly in front of their respective start/finish marker, with the bow on the IRB start line (nominally between the water's edge and 5m from the water's edge) facing up the beach. The engine will be in neutral gear.

9.1.5 (n) Patients cannot become crewpersons during a race

9.3. MASS RESCUE EVENT

(c) The Driver and Crewperson may exit the IRB once the Driver has completed the shutdown procedure.

9.6. TUBE RESCUE EVENT

(e) The crew person must exit the IRB with the IRB Turning buoy on their left side and proceed out to the patient positioned on the seaward side of the patient buoy. The crew person shall swim around the patient buoy with the buoy on their left-hand side. The rescue tube must then be clipped around the patient and under both arms by the crewperson and/or patient. The patient may clip themselves into the tube unaided. The crewperson does not have to break stroke during this process as long as the clip on the rescue tube is secured to an o-ring prior to the patient crossing to the shoreward side of the rescue tube patient buoy.

DQ 107 – removed

DQ 143 – removed (covered by 141)

Equipment

All equipment used in competition must comply with the [Equipment Specification Manual, Section 12](#)

- 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 use for Sport and/or Competitions.
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Scrutineering

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 fill this in prior to turning up at the event, Any issues need to be sorted prior to presenting, not as our Scrutineering team is inspecting your equipment.

All propellers to be used during the event must be presented for inspection at scrutineering.

Your assistance with this will eliminate large delays during the scrutineering process, club cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Please note: the location of scrutineering may be different from previous years depending on Camp occupancy

Fuel

Clubs have been allocated 8 litres of fuel per team entered for the weekend. Check **Appendix One** and email alan.coates@surflifesaving.org.nz by Thursday 8 February if you think you will need more or less.

Fuel collection times are as specified in event timings above.

A re-fuelling station will be set up with a SOPEP oil/petrol spill mat, warning signs, and a fire extinguisher. There is to be no re-fuelling of bladders in club tents on the beach.

Site Plan:

The draft Site Plan can be found in **Appendix Two** of this entry circular. Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Health & Safety:

Preparation:

Please come prepared for a typical outdoor beach environment, ie: food, water, shade, sunscreen and appropriate clothing for the time of year.

COVID 19 & other illness

If sick, please do not attend the event and follow Ministry of Health guidelines.

Competitor, Parent/Guardian, Coach, Team Manager and 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.

Warm Ups

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 officials.

Return to Shore Procedure

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 proceed with caution, in order 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.

One key section of the Competition Safety Plan is the [Missing Competitor at Sea – Emergency Response Plan](#) and the roles and responsibilities of Officials, Team Managers, Competitors, Management and Event Safety Team will be outlined during briefings

This is a hugely important plan to understand and know where you can assist as time is critical when dealing with a missing person in the sea.

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

All participants and officials with a pre-existing medical condition must complete and submit a ['Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration'](#) form 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.

Photography & Imagery:

By entering this event clubs and members acknowledge and agree that SLSNZ may use images and video taken during the event for media and marketing purposes. Clubs and members also agree by entering into this event that SLSNZ or second party contractors are allowed to fly drones throughout the event.

Media accreditation:

Only applications from Surf Life Saving Members and Media Agencies will be accepted for consideration.

Applications need to be made to the Event Manager via the [Media Accreditation Application Form](#) in order to use cameras or video devices in the Competition Arenas. **Applications must be submitted by the 9th February, 2024.**

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the event, please contact:

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Surf Lifesaving New Zealand

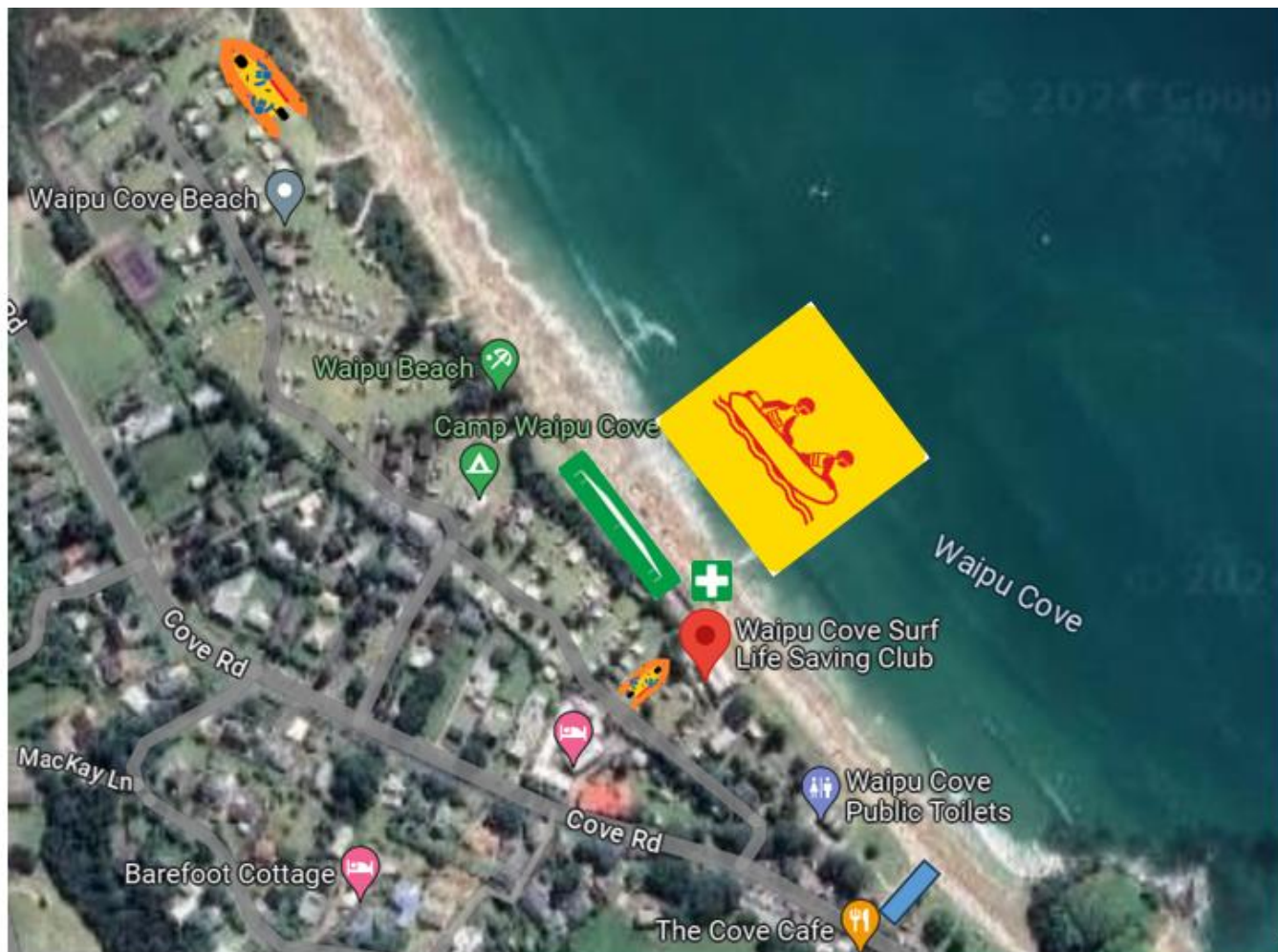
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Appendix One: Club Entries & Fuel Allocation

Club	MM	MF	OM	OF	U23M	U23F	U19M	U19F	Total	Fuel (L)
Baylys						1	2		3	24
Bethells	1		1			1		2	5	40
East End			1			1	1		3	24
Fitzroy							1	1	2	16
Kariaotahi			2	1		1			4	32
Kirra			1						1	8
OBK			1						1	8
Omaha							2	1	3	24
Opunake					2	1	3	2	8	64
Orewa					1		1	1	3	24
Paekakariki					1				1	8
Pauanui							1		1	8
Ruakaka	1							1	2	16
Sunset			3	3	2	1	2		11	88
United North Piha				1			1	2	4	32
Waihi						1	4		5	40
Waikanae			1		1		1	1	4	32
Waimarama			2		1	1	2	1	7	56
Waipu			1		1	1		1	4	32
Whakatane					1				1	8
Total	2		13	5	10	9	21	13	73	584

Appendix Two: Site Map



Scrutineering

Club Tents

First Aid

Arena

