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To: All members

From: Lewis McClintock, National Sport Manager

Subject: Competition Manual Update

Surf Life Saving New Zealand is seeking member input into updating the current [competition manual](#).

The purpose of updating the manual is to ensure it continues to provide a safe and fair framework that assists the membership to participate in Lifesaving Sport.

Members are invited to suggest the addition, removal or change of any rules with a focus on the principles of safety, equity, fairness, enjoyment and using easy to understand language.

It is also the intention to continue to separate the different sections of the competition manual into stand-alone manuals that align with our competition structure e.g. Pool Rescue, Large Craft (IRB, Boat & Canoe) and Ocean/Beach.

To suggest a change to the competition manual, complete this [form](#)

The process and timeline for updating is outlined below.

Board, Ski, Swim, Beach, Surf Boat, Canoe & IRB

Date(s)	Action	Information
February 1 – April 30	Window to make a recommendation to SLSNZ via the online form.	An open online survey allowing members to make recommendations on rule changes/additions.
May 1 – June 30	Member notification, SME & sport team review	The membership will be notified of all the recommendations put forward, with the opportunity to provide further feedback. At the same time the SLSNZ sport team and a group of SMEs will be assembled to consider & review all recommendations
July 1 – August 30	Final recommendations and approvals	The final recommendations would be agreed upon and approved via the NSC.
September 1 – September 30	Updating of the manual	Existing manual updated with any changes, preparation of communications.
October 1 – October 31	Member notification, online updating & printing	All changes communicated via various channels – website, social media, operations circulars
November 1	Physical manual available	Distributed via sport managers

Please note: Any changes or updates relating to Health & Safety, Legislation, Constitution or International Lifesaving Federation rules may fall outside the stated timelines.

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