



Entry Circular

**2024 bp New Zealand IRB Championships
Waikouaiti Beach
March 23 & 24**



Entry Information:

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order 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 eligible 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:	10.00pm, Sunday March 10, 2024 (please note, individual clubs may have an earlier deadline to administer team entries)
U19, U23 & Open Entry Fee:	\$300.00 per crew incl GST (up to five events)
Masters Entry Fee:	\$100.00 per crew incl GST (two masters events. If crews choose to compete in the open division for other events, they will be charged the open entry fee)
Eligibility of Competitors:	Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Competition Manual for a breakdown of eligibility criteria. A reminder that any competitor may only be entered and compete in one division for any given event.

Team Coach & Manager's 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.

Entering Teams: 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 17 on the 30th September 2023, you are eligible to compete in the Under 19 division.

The age categories for this event are:

- Under 19 (15-18 years old)
- Under 23 (15-22 years old)
- Open (15+)
- Masters (30+. Masters crews may choose to enter the open division in races not contested in masters)

*Patients may be 14 years of age

Events & Programme:

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

- Single Rescue U19, U23, Open & Masters (Male and Female)
- Assembly Rescue U19, U23, Open & Masters (Male and Female)
- Mass Rescue U19, U23 & Open (Male and Female)
- Tube Rescue U19, U23 & Open (Male and Female)
- Teams Race Open (Male/Mixed & 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.

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.

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)

Fuel

Clubs have been allocated 10 litres of fuel per crew entered for the weekend. Clubs will be invoiced based on the amount at cost of fuel.

Equipment

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 & Engines purchased via Central Government Funding cannot be used for Sport and/or Competitions.

Scrutineering

Scrutineering will be carried between 10:30am and 5:30pm on Friday 22 March. 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 on the SLSNZ Website [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 equipment must align with the SLSNZ Equipment Specification Manual, found [here](#).
(Including all IRB equipment, helmets and lifejackets)

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.

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 15th March, 2024.**

Communications:

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

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

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

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