

Date: 16 February 2024

To: Oceans'24 Clubs

From: Matt Cairns, National Events Manager

Subject: Club Update – Oceans'24: Festival of Junior Surf Lifesaving

The purpose of this final Club Update is to provide participating clubs with additional information, on top of the Entry Circular and previous club update (9th Feb), as you make final preparations for Oceans'24.

All the links in this document are available on the [event page of the SLSNZ website](#).

All written updates will move to TeamReach now. We will also host an online Team Managers meeting on Monday at 6pm to discuss these details and answer questions from clubs (see *Managers Meetings* below for the link).

Entry Numbers

We have 700 entries, up from 645. This is a great effort from all 45 participating clubs. Nice work everyone!!

	U11	U12	U13	U14	Totals
2023					645
Male	43	87	63	79	272
Female	75	82	113	103	373
2024					700
Male	66	70	109	78	323
Female	53	98	106	120	377

Team Reach

We will be using the TeamReach App for event comms. This will commence from this point and run through to the conclusion of the event.



Group Name: Oceans 24

Group Code: Oceans24 (no space)

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Draft Programmes

Following entries closing we have made slight updates to the daily programmes available from Saturday 17 Feb.

- [Thursday 22 Feb \(updated 17 Feb\)](#)
- [Friday 23 Feb \(updated 17 Feb\)](#)
- [Saturday 24 Feb \(updated 17 Feb\)](#)
- [Sunday 25 Feb \(updated 17 Feb\)](#)

Please note the following points.

- The programme is subject to change by the Event Management Committee (EMC). Final programmes will be confirmed at 3pm the day before (e.g. 3pm Wednesday for Thursday racing) and posted on the event website and TeamReach, with the location of arenas. This will assist in making good decisions in our changing environment, for everyone's enjoyment and safety.
- Listed times are a guide only, to assist clubs with planning. The EMC will communicate updates on start times during the race days using TeamReach.
- Any changes to the event programme will be communicated to Team Managers through TeamReach.

Scratching and Team Changes

We have re-opened access for clubs in Waves. You will be able to scratch athletes and make team changes up until 1pm the day before e.g. 1pm Wednesday is the close off for scratching and team changes for events in the Thursday programme. At that point, the Admin Team will draw events for the following day, to go with the final daily event programme and site map with confirmed arena locations.

We understand there may be a few scratchings on race day due to injury etc however we ask clubs to scratch everyone they know won't be racing before races are drawn. Not doing so will result in low heat numbers and unnecessarily lengthen your time on the beach each day. This will be particularly noticeable on the track and recue events where we are limited to 9 lanes.

Changes to Mixed Beach Relay


To maximise the number of clubs able to form club teams in mixed beach relays, the Event Management Committee advise the following eligibility additions for U14 and U12 Mixed Beach Relays.

1. U11 athletes can race up in the U12 Mixed Beach Relay. As long as the athletes only race in one mixed beach relay (you can't do both the U11 and U12 races).
2. U13 athletes can race up in the U14 Mixed Beach Relay. As long as the athletes only race in one mixed beach relay (you can't do both the U11 and U12 races).

Note: All other mixed beach relay rules remain the same, with two male and two female per team. U12 athletes can't race up in U13.

As per the section Scratching and Team Changes, clubs can now make these changes in Waves. As well as adding the team, please remove those athletes from the EOI Composite Team list for Mixed Beach Relays.

Heat Draws in Waves Results.

With pre-drawn events, clubs will be able to view heats the evening before racing using Waves Results. Drawn events will appear as "active"  .

Please note the only races that won't have pre-drawn heats will be team events of 3 or more athletes, where composite teams are racing. These heats will be drawn after composite teams are added on the day.

A Waves Results guide will be introduced on the event page next week for parents and athletes who aren't familiar with Waves. This will also be discussed on the Team Managers online meeting on Monday.

Composite teams

Composite teams will be made on the day from athletes who have expressed interest. The process for making composite teams is as follows.

1. Athletes who are on the EOI Composite Team list for any event will receive a wrist band (the location and time for pick-up will be advised on TeamReach).
2. EOI athletes will be asked to come 20mins early for marshalling to make teams. We encourage one manager/coach per club to attend with the athletes.
3. Our Composite Team Marshalls will work with everyone to group athletes for teams. It is worth noting that we intend to prioritise the following considerations where possible when forming teams.
 - a. Keeping club members together.
 - b. Merging clubs from the same district (particularly smaller clubs where the kids train together).
 - c. Making sure kids who may have missed out on a previous race (uneven numbers etc) don't miss out again.
4. Our Composite Team Marshalls will scan the wrist bands of the team members to form the team in Waves (this should be considerably faster than manually entering up to 20 teams).
5. Once all teams have been loaded the Heats will be Drawn and visible in Waves Results, ready to commence the Check-Marshalling process like other events.
6. The race will be called with Heat 1 teams finding their positions and we are into racing!

Opening Ceremony

We will be having a brief opening ceremony this year at 8.30am Thursday, following warmup and immediately before racing. More details will follow on TeamReach.

Event Merch

[Event merchandise presales are now available here](#). All orders will be available for collection at the NZ Uniforms tent in the exhibitor zone.

Event Exhibitors

We are lucky to have some amazing partners and supporters exhibiting next week. Make sure you check them out up on the grass beside the big screen and prize giving area!

- [Race One](#)
- [Sonic Surf Craft](#)
- [Canoe Racing New Zealand – Try Learn Explore](#)
- [Lorna Jane – Active Living](#)
- [Zespri – Chill Zone](#)
- [Toyota Financial Services](#)

Tents and Trailers

Club Tents can be erected on the beach from 7am on Wednesday. Please refer to the Site Maps for tent locations and follow marking guide on the beach. If in doubt, ask the Event Crew!

Club trailers will be towed onto the beach from the Mount Surf Club from 2pm to 5pm on Wednesday. We have Traffic Management in place who will guide club trailers to the Mount Surf Club car park where you will be asked to leave your trailer. The trailer will be towed into place by a tractor. Ideally someone from the club can meet the tractor on the beach and take the trailer off.

Warm up

To keep 700 athletes safe in the ocean we ask clubs to ensure your teams are following the following guidelines for warm-ups in the ocean.

- Board and Swim warm-ups will be separated by either time or different arenas – follow the daily programme as a guide.

- Athletes should use the arena to go in the same direction as the racecourse e.g. out on the left side of the arena. In on the right side of the arena (looking from the beach to sea).
- Clubs MUST have a coach/qualified lifeguard supervising your athletes in each arena where you have athletes warming up.
- All athletes MUST wear a hi vis vest AND club beanie for warm up for safety and identification purposes.

Team Managers Meeting Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday 19 th Feb	6.00pm – 6.45pm	Teams Link Meeting ID: 416 447 479 529 Passcode: 5GpS9L
Thursday 22 nd Feb	8.00am – 8.20am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor
Friday 23 rd Feb	7.00am – 7.20am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor
Saturday 24 th Feb	7.00am – 7.20am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor
Sunday 25 th Feb	7.00am – 7.20am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Ngā mihi nui

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