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NEW ZEALAND



EVENT CIRCULAR v2

2024 BP SOUTH ISLAND
IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March
Waikouaiti Beach



ENTRY INFORMATION

Competition Purpose:

The bp Surf Rescue South Island IRBs Championships has a proud history of being one filled with hard, fast, and action-packed racing. The third largest Inflatable Rescue Boat racing competition on the Surf Life Saving calendar, crews from throughout the country will line up to showcase their surf skills, fitness and experience amongst their peers. This action packed day will be held at Waikouaiti beach in Otago.

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter this event. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that a parent and/or guardian must be aware of before entering their child into this event.

Entering Our Competition:

Entries may be made using the SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries.

Entries Open:	Wednesday 17 th January
Entries Close:	Monday 26 th February, 11:00am
Entry Fee:	\$40.00 per Athlete (inc. GST)
Entry Fee for additional Category: (Driver & Crew)	\$20.00 per Athlete (inc. GST)
Late Entry Fee:	\$80.00 per Athlete (inc. GST)
Eligibility of Competitors:	<p>Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.</p> <p>All competitors who wish to compete in water-based events must hold a refreshed Surf Lifeguard Award.</p> <p>All competitors who wish to compete in <u>land-based events</u> <u>only</u> must hold a refreshed Surf Lifeguard Award or refreshed Patrol Support Award.</p>

Age Groups:

Age group is determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2023. For example, if you were 19 on the 30th September 2023, you are not eligible to compete in the Under 19 division.

The age categories for this event include:

Under 19 (15-18 Years)
Under 23 (15-22 Years)
Open (15+ Years)

**Patients may be 14 years of age*

Event Entries:

Crews are eligible to compete in two age groups that they are eligible for. (refer page 50, table 2.1 of [SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual – 10th Edition, Published November 2023](#))

Therefore an U19 Crew (Driver and Crew) can compete in U19s and U23s or Opens, and U23 Crews (Driver and Crew) can compete in U23s and Opens.

Crews will be charged their normal entry fee for their own age group, and an additional \$20 per competitor for their additional age group they enter.

Crews are eligible for medals, points and top crew trophies for all categories they compete in.

The purpose of this is to give our crews more racing, and higher participation rates across the programme which in turn will hopefully lead to heats and finals across the board.

Know Your Rules:

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

[SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee. Please note that the Manual has recently been updated to the 10th Edition.

Additionally, members entering this event are bound by the following rules:

- [SLSNZ Constitution](#)
- [SLSNZ Regulations](#)
- [SLSNZ Code of Conduct](#) (Note: The Event Management Committee reserve the right to exclude competitors from further competition for poor or 'un-sportsman like' behaviour. This also applies to parents, managers and supporters)
- [Drug Free Sport New Zealand](#)
- [SLSNZ Sport Policies](#)

Copies of these documents are available from the SLSNZ website.

Team Substitutes:

All team substitutes must be registered in some capacity in the competition. This is to ensure compliance with event entry eligibility requirements.

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions:

All participants with a pre-existing medical condition must complete and submit a Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration form prior to the close of entries. These forms are to be submitted to the Event Manager by email to luke.smith@surflifesaving.org.nz

However, participants are encouraged to submit these as early as possible.

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.

- [Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration](#)
- [Competition Waiver – Under 18](#)
- [Competition Waiver – Over 18](#)

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.
- All boats must complete a BP IRB Event Scrutineering Check Sheet prior to the event

Event Programming:

The Draft Programme can be found below. Please note that the Draft Programme is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Saturday 2nd March, 2024

Team Managers Meeting:	7:45am
Officials Meeting:	7:55am
Marshalling Start Time:	8:20am
Start Time:	8:30am
High Tide:	8:44am
Low Tide:	3:01pm

Saturday 3rd March, 2024

Team Managers Meeting:	7:45am
Officials Meeting:	7:55am
Marshalling Start Time:	8:20am
Start Time:	8:30am
Prize Giving:	30 minutes after the last race.
High Tide:	9:46am
Low Tide:	3:59pm

Events:

The following events and divisions will be held at the competition (listed in no particular order).

Team Events:	Age Group:	Gender:
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 and Female

Programme:

The programme is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

Event Programme Saturday 2nd March, 2024	
Tides - HT: 8:44am, LT: 3:01pm	# of Heats
Open Mens Mass Rescue - Heats	4
U19 Womens Mass Rescue - Heats	2
U23 Mens Mass Rescue - Heats	2
U23 Womens Mass Rescue - Heats	2
Open Mens Mass Rescue - Semis	2
Open Womens Mass Rescue - Heats	2
U19 Mens Mass Rescue - FINAL	1
U19 Womens Mass Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Mens Mass Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Womens Mass Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens Mass Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Womens Mass Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens Assembly Rescue - Heats	3
U19 Womens Assembly Rescue - Heats	2
U23 Mens Assembly Rescue - Heats	2
U23 Womens Assembly Rescue - Heats	2
Open Mens Assembly Rescue - Semis	2
Open Womens Assembly Rescue - Heats	2
Masters Mens Assembly Rescue - Heats	2
U19 Mens Assembly Rescue - FINAL	1
U19 Womens Assembly Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Mens Assembly Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Womens Assembly Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens Assembly Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Womens Assembly Rescue - FINAL	1
Masters Mens Assembly Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens Single Rescue - Heats	4
U19 Womens Single Rescue - Heats	2
U23 Mens Single Rescue - Heats	2
U23 Womens Single Rescue - Heats	2
Open Mens Single Rescue - Semis	2
Open Womens Single Rescue - Heats	2
Masters Mens Single Rescue - Heats	2
U19 Mens Single Rescue - FINAL	1
U19 Womens Single Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Mens Single Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Womens Single Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens Single Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Womens Single Rescue - FINAL	1
Masters Mens Single Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens/Mixed Teams Race - Heats	3

Event Programme Sunday 3rd March, 2024	
Tides - HT: 9:46am, LT: 3:59pm	# of Heats
Open Mens Tube Rescue - Heats	4
U19 Womens Tube Rescue - Heats	2
U23 Mens Tube Rescue - Heats	2
Open Womens - Tube Rescue - Heats	2
Open Mens Tube Rescue - Semis	2
U19 Mens Tube Rescue - FINAL	1
U19 Womens Tube Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Mens Tube Rescue - FINAL	1
U23 Womens Tube Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens Tube Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Womens Tube Rescue - FINAL	1
Open Mens/Mixed Teams Race - Semis	2
Open Womens Teams Race - Heats	2
Open Mens/Mixed Teams Race - FINAL	1
Open Womens Teams Race - FINAL	1



COMPETITION COMMUNICATION

Communications:

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

- [The SLSNZ Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Live Results](#)
- TeamReach
 - o Group Code = SIIRBs2024

Event Photography:

If you are wishing to take photos at our competition, then please contact the Sport Manager and request for access into competition arenas. Please note Use of Cameras and Video devices rules are covered under Section 2.33.9 of the [SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual](#).

Key Contact:

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the Sport Manager.

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COMPETITION SAFETY INFORMATION

Competition Safety Plan:

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available for viewing in the Event Management Area following the team managers and officials briefing and during the event.

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. Please refer to statement (e) of the Agreement to be bound by the Manual section of the Surf Sports Competition Manual. The Manual can be found [here](#).

It is the expectation of the organisers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.

Dune and Environment Protection

As per all our events dune and environment protection is the responsibility of everyone and as Surf Life Saving members please make sure you look after our beaches and sand dunes. If you see anyone walking through the dunes or placing equipment in areas they shouldn't be, please advise them to remove it or inform event management. Please make sure all rubbish is placed in the bins supplied or taking with you.

Missing Person at Sea Responsibilities

Whether you are an Athlete, Official, in an IRB, Team Manager/Coach or a spectator, we all have a role to perform if someone goes missing in the water during an event or activity. Check out your role and how you may help in this situation by [clicking here](#).

Equipment:

Equipment Labelling

All equipment needs to be clearly labelled with the club for which the athlete/s is racing for. It is recommended that this be placed on an easily identifiable area i.e. the front/centre of the board, between the two straps, or for skis, clearly labelled on the nose and/or tail

Wetsuits

Wetsuits, or other foam type outer garments, shall be permitted in the case of events only in water of 16 degrees Celsius or less. The Referee may authorise the wearing of wetsuits dependent upon weather, water or marine conditions. Wetsuits are subject to random scrutineering. Wetsuits can be used up to a maximum of 5mm with a tolerance of +/-0.5mm.

Scrutineering

Random scrutineering may take place at the discretion of officials, with particular regard to craft and/or equipment that may pose a health and safety concerns. With consideration to the above, we encourage all participants to carry out an inspection of their equipment for sharp edges that could cut in advance of the competition.

Personal Protective Equipment

All participants must be wearing an approved PFD and Helmet at all times when participant. Including Warm Ups and Warm Downs. This information can be found in the Equipment Specification Manual [here](#).

IRB Equipment

IRB Hulls and Engines purchased through Government Funding cannot be used for racing.

Medical Information:

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 prior to the close of entries. These forms are to be submitted to the Regional Sport Manager (Luke Smith) by email to luke.smith@surflifesaving.org.nz. However, participants are encouraged to submit these as early as possible. 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.

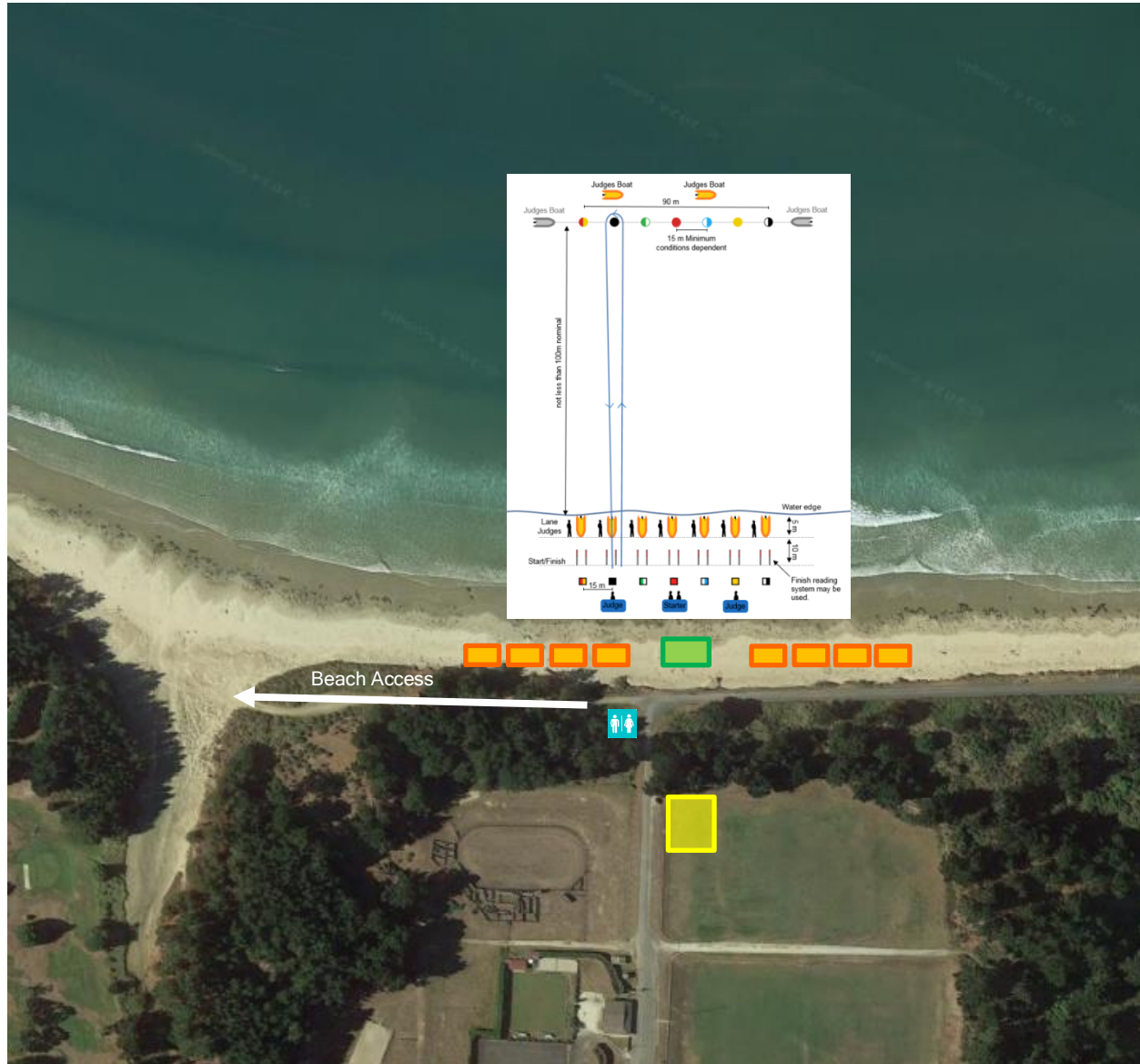
Concussion Protocol

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.

COMPETITION SITE MAPS

Competition Arenas:

Please note that the Site Plan is subject to change due to a dependence upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.



Orange = Club Tents
Green = Event Management/First Aid
Blue = Portaloos
Yellow = Prizegiving