



SURF LIFE SAVING®
NEW ZEALAND



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To: Participating Clubs, Volunteer Surf Officials

From: Matt Cairns, National Events Manager

Subject: Event Update – 2024 NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The purpose of this Event Update is to provide participating clubs and surf officials with additional information, on top of the Entry Circular, as you make final preparations for Nationals.

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 1371 entries, up from 1136 last year. This is a great effort from all 47 participating clubs. Nice work everyone!!

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 Code: *SLSNZNATS24*

Draft Programme

Following entries closing we have made updates to the draft programme on the event page.

- [Draft Programme \(updated 07.03.24\)](#)

Please note the following points.

- The programme is subject to change by the Event Management Committee (EMC).
- 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.



In it for life

Arena and Site Maps

The link below shows the preferred locations of our arenas. We will do what we can to offer safe and fair conditions for racing.

- [Site Map \(updated 07.03.24\)](#)

It is worth noting we have Pilot Bay as another option if conditions require a sheltered space.

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 Midday Wednesday 13 March. At that point, the Admin Team will draw heats for the event.

We understand there may be scratchings on race days due to injury etc however we ask clubs to scratch everyone they know won't be racing in certain events before heats are drawn (above). 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, rescue, and large craft events where we are limited to 9 lanes.

For scratchings due to injury etc on the day you have the following options

- email events@surflifesaving.org.nz
- Admin office at the Mount Surf Club, or admin tent in the canoe/boat arena.

Please be aware that a high number of scratchings after heats have been drawn on Wednesday afternoon may result in a re-draw in some races where heat numbers can be reduced.

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" Active.

Composite teams

There are no composite teams for this event.

Club 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 7am to 5pm on Wednesday. We have Traffic Management in place who will guide club trailers to a marked lane between the Hot Pools and 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.

Team Managers Meeting Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday 11 March	6.00pm – 6.45pm	Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 490 092 436 91 Passcode: Z26yGw
Thursday 14 March	6.40am – 7.00am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor

Thursday 14 March	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Mount Surf Club Second Floor (tbc)
Saturday 16 March	6.40am – 7.00am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor
Sunday 17 March	6.40am – 7.00am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor

Surf Officials Meeting Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday 14 March	7.05am – 7.20am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor
Friday 15 March		
Brandt Breakfast BBQ	6.30am – 7.15am	Mount Surf Club Deck
Meeting	7.15am – 7.30am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor
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Saturday 16 March	7.15am – 7.30am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor
Sunday 17 March	7.15am – 7.30am	Mount Surf Club Main Floor

Surf Officials Roster and Allocations

[Surf Officials Roster / Appointments \(08.03.2024\)](#)

SLSNZ would like to acknowledge and thank all the amazing surf officials and volunteers who make the event possible.

We will be providing merchandise, hats, drink vouchers (for MMLS bar) and food and refreshments on the beach for our volunteers.

Brandt will be cooking breakfast at the club for our volunteers on Friday morning from 6.30am.

Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service would also like to welcome Surf Officials into the clubrooms throughout the event when they have downtime to relax and enjoy the facilities.

Event Safety

If sick, including COVID-19, please do not attend the event and follow Ministry of Health guidelines.

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 up: To keep 1371 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. *Further information will follow on TeamReach.*
- 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).
- All athletes MUST wear a hi vis vest for warm up.

Opening Ceremony

We will be having a brief opening ceremony this year at 7.30am Thursday, following warmup and immediately before racing. More details will follow on TeamReach.

Masters Function

We will be providing a Masters BBQ and function to run in conjunction with the Masters medal ceremonies at the Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service club from 4pm on Thursday. Those who have entered Masters will have received an RSVP for dinner. Masters athletes will also receive an event tee as part of their entry.

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 Hub 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!

- [Sonic Surf Craft](#)
- [Race One Surf Craft](#)
- [Lorna Jane – Active Living](#)
- [Zespri – Chill Zone](#)
- [Griffins \(ETA\)](#)
- [Toyota Financial Services](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you all next week. Let's make this an epic Nationals!

Ngā mihi nui

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