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This year has thrown us many challenges. For many it has meant the isolation from our friends and family, Access to our sports and staying away from our work and school families.

We are all hopeful that this summer gives us the opportunity to put most of this behind us and to enjoy our Kiwi summer doing what we love at the beach with our family and friends.

Surf Life Saving Northern region is hopeful that our region stays at level one throughout the summer and gives us the opportunity for our junior members and their families to participate in all that our clubs and our junior events programme can offer.

We thought we would take this opportunity to give you some insight into how we as the Junior Operating Committee and Junior Event Management Team are looking into planning our events this summer.

The purpose of the Junior Surf programme is to not only create future lifeguards/patrol support but to teach valuable life skills and foster life-long social connections.

Junior Surf members learn about water and sun safety whilst having fun. The Rookie program is a progression from this, incorporating basic first aid skills & Patrol familiarisation. Both programs highlight the importance of teamwork in different situations in preparation for members to gain their Surf Lifeguard Award when able.

We want to encourage more participation in our events and ensuring as many members get to experience the thrill of competing alongside and against their peers. Events are a great opportunity for Junior Surf members to further hone core lifesaving competencies in a fun environment and in (at-times) challenging conditions.

With the focus of inclusion and team work skills in mind, the goal for the 2020-2021 junior surf events season is to:

- Bring a renewed focus on team events to continue to emphasise team work; the true essence of all rescues are lifeguards working as a team.
- Removing barriers for participation and providing an inclusive environment. We aim to achieve this through encouraging and allowing composite teams. These are teams that are made up from different clubs, to allow everyone the opportunity to participate.

By creating more opportunities to participate and removing barriers that normally stop kids having a go we hope to see stronger participation at all Junior events.

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Communication on event day has also been highlighted by the membership. As a result, there will be some different options for communicating with our junior surf membership this season.

Along with email communication and our website we also have:

- The SLSNR Junior Surf Coordinators page on Facebook.
- SLSNR Surf Officials Facebook page (for Officials)
- We will create events on Facebook for all of our carnivals and will put information regarding those events up there.
- On the day of events we will also trial using the TeamReach App to send out updates as well. To add SLSNR Junior Surf group on TeamReach use code SLSNRJS.

Thank you to everyone for your time within our great movement and if you have any feedback please direct it to email to entries@lifesaving.org.nz.

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