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THE INVITATIONAL

2023 EVENT INFORMATION

WHANGAMATA BEACH - 10TH DECEMBER 2023



New Zealand's premier surf sports event is back for more in 2022-23!!

The Invitational is a fast-paced representative event within Surf Lifesaving. New Zealand's best and fittest lifeguards will form teams of 12 (6 male, 6 female) and complete a team based program covering all disciplines on the beach (Swim, Board, Ski, Sprints & Flags). Teams will have no age restrictions.

Teams will be led by a selection of New Zealand's best Coaches & Team Managers with teams selected via The Athlete Draft.

This season reverts back to the tried and true, a straight shoot out with New Zealand's best surf sports athletes in a winner takes all event!

- 10th December 2023, Whangamata – 10am-2pm

Applications are now open for any U15, U17, U19 & Open athletes who wish to be considered for selection via The Draft.

Athletes who complete this application will be eligible to be drafted into any one of the teams by it's respective management group.

Note: Athletes who are drafted in The Invitational will not be eligible for U17 Regional Challenge selection (excluding last minute injury/illness replacement).

All athletes must hold a refreshed Surf Lifeguard award at the time of competition.

Entry fee: \$25

For those interested to be involved, follow the below links:

Athlete Applications: [Click here](#) (close 31st October 2023)

Coach and Team Manager EO's: [Click here](#)

For all event updates, [click here](#) to follow the event on Facebook.

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Event Program:

Below is the event program. Key points to note in events below:

- All water events have a run start & run finish, including Board & Ski teams and mixed relay events.

Event	Composition	Points Allocation
Mixed Ski Relay (2-Person- 1xM & 1xW)	Teams to enter 2x Mixed Ski Relay Teams. Each entry consists of 1x Male & 1x Female competitor.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Surf Race Men's (2xM)	Teams to enter 2x Male competitors.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Surf Race Women's (2xW)	Teams to enter 2x Female competitors.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Mixed Board Relay (2-Person- 1xM & 1xW)	Teams to enter 2x Mixed Board Relay Teams. Each entry consists of 1x Male & 1x Female competitor.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Mixed Beach Relay- 10 Person (5M & 5W)	Teams to enter teams of 10, 5x Male & 5x Female competitors.	Points awarded to teams from 8 points (1 st Place) to 1 Point (8 th Place)
Mixed Surf Teams Race (2xM & 2xW)	Teams to enter 2x Male & 2x Female Competitors.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Ski Teams Race Men's (2xM)	Teams to enter 2x Male competitors	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Ski Teams Race Women's (2xW)	Teams to enter 2x Female competitors	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Beach Flag Teams Men's (2xM)	Teams to enter 2x Male competitors.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event. 2 Person knockout until final 9 remain. 1 Person knockout until conclusion.
Beach Flag Teams Women's (2xW)	Teams to enter 2x Female competitors.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event. 2 Person knockout until final 9 remain. 1 Person knockout until conclusion.
Board Teams Race Men's (2xM)	Teams to enter 2x Male competitors	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Board Teams Race Women's (2xW)	Teams to enter 2x Female competitors	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Mixed Rescue Relay (3xM & 3xW)	Set order for all. Board Rescue completed first.	Points awarded to teams from 8 points (1 st Place) to 1 Point (8 th Place)



	Both rescue components must include 1xM & 1xF. Tube Rescue Dragger must include 1xM & 1x F	
Beach Sprint Men's (1xM)	Teams to enter 1x Male competitor.	Points awarded from 8 points (1 st Place) to 1 Point (8 th Place)
Beach Sprint Women's (1xW)	Teams to enter 1x Female competitor.	Points awarded from 8 points (1 st Place) to 1 Point (8 th Place)
Ironman Teams Men's (2xM)	Teams to enter 2x Men's competitors.	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Ironman Teams Women's (2xW)	Teams to enter 2x Women's competitors	Team with highest combined points secures maximum overall points for the event.
Mixed Dearlove Relay (5xM & 5xW)	Teams to enter a team of 10 competitors to cover 4x Run, 2x Swim, 2x Board & 2x Ski legs. Each leg must have 1xM & 1xW competitors.	Points awarded to teams from 8 points (1 st Place) to 1 Point (8 th Place) Example order: Run Swim Swim Run Board Board Run Ski Ski Run

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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