



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

The Lifeguarding Experts

**Safety Plan for Town of Saugeen Shores
Port Elgin Main Beach & Southampton Main Beach
Ontario Lifesaving Championships – Waterfront
August 17 – 19, 2023**

Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to maximize safety at Lifesaving Society Championships held in the Town of Saugeen Shores – Port Elgin Main Beach and Southampton Main Beach.

General procedures are in the Town of Saugeen Shores Staff manual, in conjunction with the Lifesaving Society's Waterfront Safety Guide, Alert Manual, and Canadian Lifesaving Manual. This plan will address items specific to Ontario Lifesaving Championships-Waterfront held at this venue.

Code of Conduct

Everyone has the responsibility of acting in a safe manner. This includes volunteers, officials, guests, competitors, coaches, meet management etc. However it is the responsibility of the management team to ensure that this plan is enforced. Anyone not adhering to the safety procedures as prescribed in this plan may be disqualified or removed from the property. Unsafe actions and behaviours will not be tolerated.

Safety Plan

General Safety

Smoking is not permitted on the beach.

There are sectioned off areas for grass planting and these are off limits.

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that personal belongings are kept in a safe place. Valuables are the safest when kept at home.

If set up requires specialized equipment i.e. ladders, computers etc. designated specially trained crew will be responsible for its safe installation.

Safety Officer/Chain of Command

Safety Officer for the competition is **TBD**.

The Safety Officer is required to report and document any incidents that occur on behalf of the Lifesaving Society.

The Management Team consists of the following roles:

Meet Manager	Roger Graham
Chief Referee	Cynthia Cakebread
Safety Officer	TBD
Host Representative	Michael Hundt
Lifesaving Society Representative	Perry Smith

Competition arenas will be supervised by qualified and trained lifeguards.

In case of an emergency the following is the order in which communications should occur:

1. Safety Officer/ Head Lifeguard

2. Deputy Referee/Sectional Referee
3. Meet Manager/Chief Referee
4. Host Representative

In Addition: Saugeen Shores staff are to take control of any situation and follow the protocol designed in their staff manual.

If an increased level of care is volunteered by outside party (i.e. doctor) and accepted by the liable care givers, that person must assume complete responsibility of the patient until Paramedics arrive and assume control.

On-site fire department and on-site paramedic crew.

Saugeen Shores will always promote the best possible care to causality wherever possible.

Operational Procedures

Operational procedures are defined by the host (Saugeen Shores). This standard of care is required to meet the minimum health regulations and guidelines supported by the Lifesaving Society.

General safety

Ministry Regulations as well as facility specific rules must be followed to ensure safety.

Lifeguards are to be supplied by host for all venues.

Lifeguards are to ensure the safety of those in the competition area only.

The lifeguard staff are to interact with public to inform the public about the event and to do crowd control.

Non swimmers should not be in the water without a strong swimmer or unless they are able to touch the bottom.

Non swimmers that are involved in the competition should identify themselves to the Chief Referee or designate.

Personal Safety/Cross Contamination

Individuals are responsible for ensuring the complete information of any medical conditions, medications and /or allergies are communicated to a responsible person that will be looking out for their interest i.e. Coach.

The Championship Management Team or Town of Saugeen Shores will not be responsible for the monitoring of individuals.

Warm ups

Warm ups should take place only in designated areas. Swimming will be on one arena; craft on the other.

Give way to incoming athletes and the first on a wave.

All warm ups will be monitored by lifeguards (Saugeen Shores).

End of Events

All competitors should stay in the designated lane or funnel as instructed by the Referee or designate.

Safety Equipment

Stocked First Aid kits are required at all venues. First Aid kits are in a designated area and clearly identified.

Emergency phones are required at all venues. Emergency phones are in designated areas and clearly identified.

Officials are required to wear a whistle during the competition as a form of communication to alert any incidents that may occur.

Safety Equipment will be kept in the First Aid Command Centre – Officials Tent.

Oxygen and an AED unit for this competition will be available at the command centre.

AED Option – Only Host Staff allowed to use AED

AED units are kept in a designated location at each facility. Trained lifeguards certified in AED will take control and are the only ones to have access to the AED unit.

Specialized Equipment

Buoys and arena flags are required. These are to be handled only by the equipment crew.

Mask & Snorkel: Lifeguard specific

If specialized equipment is available at facilities, only the trained designate is to use equipment. This may include equipment such as oxygen, BVM's etc. If an increased level of care is volunteered by outside party (i.e. doctor) and accepted by the liable care givers, that person must assume complete responsibility of the patient until Paramedics arrive and assume control.

Emergency Procedures

If an emergency occurs, it should be identified to the nearest Lifeguard/Official. Lifeguard/Officials, then needs to communicate and ensure the trained staff are able to resume treatment. The Saugeen Shores Lifeguards are to take control of the situation at the earliest possible moment. All emergency procedures are set by the facility and should be adhered to. The Safety Officer must be informed at the earliest possible time.

Refer to the Emergency Response Plan. More detailed information can be found in the Saugeen Shores Staff Manual.

Communication

Radios will be provided by the Lifesaving Society for safety communications.

The Safety Officer will have a dedicated line out at all times.

Officials will all carry whistles on their person.

Contingency Plans

All contingency plans are decided by the Championship Management Team. The management team has the right to postpone, reschedule or cancel an event or competition if the venue is deemed unsafe.

Facilities

Competition Venue: List all locations being used for said competition.

1. Name: Town of Saugeen Shores – Main Beach
 Street Address: 100 Green Street
 City: Port Elgin
 Province: Ontario
 Phone: 519-386-9235 (Meet Manager cell phone)

2. Name: Town of Saugeen Shores – Southampton Beach
 Street Address: 49 High Street
 City: Southampton
 Province: Ontario
 Phone: 519-386-9235 (Meet Manager cell phone)

In Case of Emergency

For Emergencies	9-1-1
Non-Emergency Police	519-832-2500

In Case of Emergency

Saugeen Memorial Hospital
340 High Street
Southampton, ON N0H 2L0
519-797-3230

Owen Sound General Hospital
1800 8th Street East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 6M9
519-376-2121