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2016 SLSNSW Board Riding Championships – Supported by ClubsNSW

August 19 – 21 | Soldiers Beach | Central Coast

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Secretaries/CEOs and Branch Presidents

Actioned by: Persons responsible for competitor entries

Date: Tuesday 17 May 2016 (amended as 9/06/2016)

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2016 NSW Board Riding Championships
Key Strategic Goals:	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement
Key Strategies:	8.1 Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grassroots level through structures and appropriately tiered programs. 8.2 Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life. 8.3 Establish best practice event management for the delivery of surf sports events. 8.5 Deliver surf sports events to our members which appeal to a broad participation base. 8.6 Strengthen development and high performance activities in surf sport events and activities.
Action:	1. Clubs to advise and circulate this information to Board Riding Competitors 2. Complete and submit entries for Branch Qualifiers no later than 11pm 17 July 2016 (entered through the Carnival Manager System) 3. Branch to advise SLSNSW of the qualifiers per gender & division by 17 July 2016 4. Wait list Entries will be contacted and advised of their invitation to compete by 29 July 2016 5. All competitors are to complete the online contact form using this link by Wednesday 17 August 2016 www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016BoardRidingContactInformation

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INTRODUCTION:

After the success of last year's first standalone event, the NSW Board Riding Championships will once again see the State's best board riders represent their surf life saving clubs in this restricted entry event. A pre-qualification process through the Branch is required, see relevant section below.

The NSW Board Riding Championships will be held from Friday 19 August to Sunday 21 August 2016 at Soldiers Beach in the Central Coast.

Reference is made to:

- Reference is made to the Current 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual:
[SLSA Members Portal](#) (log in and password required)
- Reference is made to the 2015/16 Proficiency Competition Requirements:
www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/surfsports/sport-documents
- Reference is made to the Surfing Australia Rulebook – 2015:
www.joomag.com/magazine/2015-surfing-australia-rule-book/0511427001418956437

Entries are to be completed online:

- Entries close **Sunday 17 July, 11pm**. After this time late entry fees will apply.
- Entries close 4 weeks from the event to allow for the draw to be determined and for waitlist entries to be advised.
- Only wait list entries (invited after close of entries) are exempt from a late entry fee.
- Competitors will also need to register a mobile and email address using an online form by **Wednesday 17 August** www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016BoardRidingContactInformation

Milestones

Milestone	Dates / Deadlines
Branch holds qualifying event	February - July 2016
Branch submits qualifiers and waitlist to SLSNSW	17 July 2016 (or earlier)
SLSNSW populates the draw	July 2016
Club completes entries into the Carnival Management System	17 July 2016
Replacement competitors added	July 2016
Competitors register contact details	17 August 2016

2016 NSW BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

The 2016 NSW Board Riding Championships Competition Committee (CCC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The Championship Competition and Safety Committee may, subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual (35th edition) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Circular, postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each Competition Committee meeting:

- a. Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- b. Injury management statistics
- c. Current weather predictions
- d. Competition statistics

The CCC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The CCC may appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the Championships.

The CCC are responsible for enacting the contingency plan for the Championships. The Safety, Search and Rescue Guide developed for this event is to be applied by the Championship Referee when considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

Championship Referee:	Terry Aldridge
Sport Manager:	Rob Pidgeon
Deputy Championship Referee:	TBC
Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator:	TBC
Club Organising Committee Representative:	Philip Walls
Sport Events Coordinator:	Luke Stigter

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2015/16 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/surfsports/sport-documents

As the competition season is 2015/16, the age group of the competitor is the same as they have been in for the entire season.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS:

Competitors will need to qualify through their Branch. The following is number of qualifiers per Branch.

- o **4 competitors per gender for each age group from SNB, SYD, CC**
- o **2 competitors per gender for each age group from FNC, NC, MNC, LNC, HUN, ILL, SC, FSC**

WAIT LIST:

This event is growing year to year; however as it is a qualification event it is inevitable that not all Branches will fulfil their entire allocation of qualifiers in all events and divisions.

To achieve a complete draw and ensure that there is a fair opportunity for competitors from Branches with an exhausted list of qualifiers; SLSNSW will implement a wait list system as outlined below:

Branches with a qualifying event:

- Branch are to submit to SLSNSW the list of qualifiers in each division
- Branch are to prioritise a ranked waitlist for any competitors who participated but did not qualify and submit to SLSNSW

Branches without a qualifying event:

- Branch are to submit to SLSNSW the list of qualifiers in each division with a ranked waitlist (if required)

SLSNSW will populate the draw utilising all Branch waitlists first. When a particular division is full, the remaining competitors will remain on a SLSNSW waitlist.

Replacements:

- If a qualifier drops out, they will be replaced with a competitor on the SLSNSW waitlist, first priority will be given to a competitor from the same Branch
- If there are no competitors from the same Branch, SLSNSW will replace with another competitors at their discretion.
- This replacement process will continue until the Thursday 4pm (prior to the Championships).

WILDCARDS:

SLSNSW retains the right to be able to allocate a competitor a wild card in any division. For example, a competitor did not compete in their Branch qualifying event nor nominate via their Branch to enter the State Board Riding Championships and there is a position in the draw SLSNSW can consider issuing this competitor a Wild Card in that division.

DIVISIONS:

175 Open Male Short Board
275 Open Female Short Board
176 Under 19 Male Short Board
276 Under 19 Female Short Board
177 Under 17 Male Short Board
277 Under 17 Female Short Board
178 Under 15 Male Short Board
278 Under 15 Female Short Board
1706 Under 14 Male Short Board
2706 Under 14 Female Short Board
1707 Under 13 Male Short Board
2707 Under 13 Female Short Board
180 Open Male Long Board
280 Open Female Long Board

1320 30-39 Yrs Male Long Board
2320 30-39 Yrs Female Long Board
1321 40-49 Yrs Male Long Board
2321 40-49 Yrs Female Long Board
4000 50 Yrs + Male Long Board
4001 50 Yrs + Female Long Board
1322 30-39 Yrs Male Short Board
2322 30-39 Yrs Female Short Board
1323 40-49 Yrs Male Short Board
2323 40-49 Yrs Female Short Board
4002 50 Yrs + Male Short Board
4003 50 Yrs + Female Short Board

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Judging will be as per Surfing Australia rules as set out in the Surf Sports Manual. Please see 'Section 7' starting from page 43 from the below link:

www.joomag.com/magazine/2015-surfing-australia-rule-book/0511427001418956437

BOARD RIDING CRAFT CRITERIA:

Please see 'Section 7' starting from page 43 from the below link:

www.joomag.com/magazine/2015-surfing-australia-rule-book/0511427001418956437

As per Surf Australia Competition the longboard specifications are:

- The board length is a minimum of 9 feet measured from the nose to the tail on the deck of the surfboard.
- The width dimensions are to be a total minimum 47 inches in aggregate this is the total of the widest point, plus the width 12 inches up from the tail and 12 inches back from the nose.

ENTRIES – CARNIVAL MANAGER:

Please ensure your Club notes the following points in addition to the Carnival Manager Guide before and during the entry process:

- Before you start your club entries, ensure you action a 'forced SurfGuard update' to make sure all club athlete information in Carnival Manager is up-to-date.
- Usernames and passwords have been issued to clubs. If you require these please contact SLSNSW.
- Competitors must be entered into Carnival Manager by their Club if they have qualified or are on a waitlist by **Sunday 17 July**.

ENTRY FEES:

The entry fee per competitor at the 2016 NSW Board Riding Championships is **\$37.10** (incl. GST).

Due to the waitlist process, SLSNSW will calculate entry fees and invoice Clubs at the completion of the Championships.

Please note; Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if the event is cancelled. If a competitor is posted on the draw but does not advise SLSNSW that they have withdrawn prior to the Thursday before Championships, an entry fee will apply.

Entry fees can be bank deposit and must be paid by no later than **Monday 5 September 2016**.

Bank Account Details:

Account Name: Surf Life Saving New South Wales
BSB: 032123
Account Number: 353638
Reference: 717 'Club Name'

Late Entries

All entries (other than Wild Card) received after the closing date will incur a Late Fee of \$75.94 **plus** the original entry of \$37.10 (i.e. \$75.94 + \$37.10 = \$112.54 incl. GST).

TIMETABLE:

DAY	DIVISION	FORMAT (Male and Female on separate banks)
Friday 19 August	Masters 30 – 39 40 – 49 50+ Opens Open Longboards	50+ M/F Long board 40 – 49 M/F Long board 30 – 39 M/F Long board Semi Finals Finals Open M/F Long Board Heats Semis Finals 50+ M/F Short Board 40 – 49 M/F Short Board 30 – 39 M/F Short Board Semi Finals Finals
Saturday 20 August	Youth U13 U14 U15	U13 M/F Heats U14 M/F Heats U15 M/F Heats 2nd Round Semi Finals
Sunday 21 August	Opens U17 U19 Opens	U17 M/F Short Board Heats U19 M/F Short Board Heats Open M/F Short Board Heats U13, U14, and U15 Finals U17, U19 & Open M/F 2nd Round Semis Finals

- NOTE: Depending on competitor numbers, timetable may be adjusted. Draws will be issued at a later stage.
- REPORT TIME: 0700 for 0730 start
- Event / category times will be communicated closer to the event.

Tag Team Event

Due to the success at the Aussies Board Riding Championships a Tag Team event will be trialled on the Sunday of competition (if time allows). This will be a non-championship event. The event will be an 8 team competition (2 Semi Finals of 4 teams, followed by a Final of 4 teams). The configuration of the team will be any Male or Female Short board surfers from U13 to Masters. Preferably teams will be made up from the same Club however composite teams will also be permitted within a Branch. In saying this Club teams will still be given preference over composite teams. Each team shall consist of five members. However, we may change this to four if there are not 8 clubs that can fill a team of five.

DAY OF COMPETITION:

This event will be staged at Soldiers Beach. The specific location will be advised in the final event memo with contingency locations identified. Competitors will be sent an SMS with the venue at approx. 0600 each morning. All competitors are to complete the online contact form using this link

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016BoardRidingContactInformation by **Wednesday 17th August 2016**

MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have any photography taken during the Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW.

SLSNSW will not be issuing any media/photography accreditation to team members or Club Management. Club representatives will be allowed to take photographs from outside of the competition area as per normal SLSNSW Surf Carnival protocol.

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the 2016 NSW Board Riding Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and will be dealt with accordingly. Statements to the media about the Championships will be made only by approved SLSNSW personnel.

The use of Go-Pros are permitted in accordance with the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

DRONES:

SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW.

ANTI-DOPING:

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy & Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available online at Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.2 & 6.23). Members have a duty to avoid all prohibited substances and prohibited methods and should be aware of the policy if medication is required. If appropriate, advice should be obtained from medical practitioners, pharmacists, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (<https://checksubstances.asada.gov.au/> or 13000 ASADA (1300 027 232)).

Please Note: SLSA is currently updating its Anti-Doping Policy following the new World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) Code from 1 January 2015. SLSA will release the updated SLSA Anti-Doping Policy once it has been formally updated. SLSNSW fully supports this policy. It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete the online ASADA training module AND conduct at least one (1) anti-doping education activity with all competitors from the Club.

BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT:

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to 35th Surf Sports Manual sections 2.26 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.27 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).