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2016 BEKO BEST OF THE BEST SURF BOAT CHALLENGE

Attention: Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Presidents, Club Presidents, Boat Sweeps and Competitors

Actioned by: Branch/Regional Boat Series Organisers and Regional Boat Series Competitors

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2016 Beko Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge
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. Regional Boat Series Organisers/Branches to distribute and circulate this information to Surf Boat Crews and Sweeps. 2. Nominating Crews who would like to be considered for an invitation are required to nominate using the online form by 11pm, Sunday 7 February 2016. (Please note the nomination period has been extended and crews who have already nominated are not required to complete the form again). 3. Invited Crews are required to complete an online entry via Carnival Manager by 11pm Sunday 20 March 2016

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INTRODUCTION:

The “Beko Best of the Best” is the premier surf boat event for crews (in all divisions) from each of the Regional/Branch Boat Series, fighting it out for the honour of being crowned the “Beko Best of the Best” surf boat crew for the 2015/2016 season.

The Beko Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2016** hosted by **North Narrabeen SLSC** (Sydney Northern Beaches).

Following the success of 2015 the following developments will be on offer;

- 1) Significant prize draw available at the finals (exact prizes/value to be confirmed). Prizes must remain the property of the Club/s. Prizes cannot be distributed and/or retained by individual competitors.
- 2) A commercial partnership including sponsor stickers for all boats competing in Branch/Regional Boat Series
- 3) Branch/Regional Boat Series gains increased exposure a dedicated webpage of the SLSNSW website and increased media exposure by linking with the Best of the Best
- 4) Travel subsidy for crews travelling from Country Branches

12 crews in each division (total of 72 crews), from the 5 Boat Series will be invited to compete in this event. The event will be a Short Course, point score consisting of 6 crews, in each division. The winner being the crew amassing the most points or in the case of a tied up point score, a count back will decide the winner. SLSNSW reserves the right to change the nature of racing for any reason if deemed necessary.

2016 BEKO BEST OF THE BEST SURF BOAT CHALLENGE COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

The 2016 Beko Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The Competition 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 events, and alter the venue of the competition.

Referee (Chair):	Mick Lang
Sport Manager:	Rob Pidgeon
Deputy Referee:	TBC
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC):	TBC
Club Organising Committee Representative:	Steve Maxwell
Sport Events Coordinator:	Luke Stigter

2016 BEKO BEST OF THE BEST SURF BOAT CHALLENGE SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The 2016 Beko Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge Safety Committee (SC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each Safety 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 SC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required.

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

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair):	TBC
Deputy Referee:	TBC
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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.

<http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/resources/administration>. Reference is made to: 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual.

ENTRY FEES:

There are no entry fees for this event as they are covered by SLSNSW. However Clubs must add competitors into the carnival manager system <http://sportnsw.srv01.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport>

TIMETABLE:

A timetable will be finalised in the Final Event Guide released by Monday 21 March 2016.

MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have any photography taken during the event 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 event, 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 event will be made only by approved SLSNSW personnel. The use of Go-Pros is permitted in accordance with the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

DRONES:

SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at this event 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 SLSA 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)). SLSNSW fully supports these policies. It is strongly recommended that all managers and crew members complete the Anti-Doping Level 1 course via the ASADA website at <http://elearning.asada.gov.au/index.php> which will provide information on how to keep Australian sport clean from illicit and banned substances as well as how to keep updated with changes on the banned substances list. Once you have completed the course, please email the certificate to Tim Piper tpiper@surflifesaving.com.au who will upload this to your surfguard profile as a recognised award.

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 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).



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MATCH FIXING:

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.11 National Policy on Match-Fixing (available online at SLSA Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.11). To assist members understand what Match-Fixing is and how it can affect our sport, it is recommended to complete the Match-Fixing online course at <https://elearning.sport.gov.au/>. This e-learning program is designed to help you understand what match-fixing is, its consequences, how to recognise it and report it. Once you have successfully completed the modules you will know how to effectively keep Australian sport honest and you will receive a congratulations email, please forward this on to Tim Piper tpiper@surflifesaving.com.au who will upload this to your surfguard profile as a recognised award.

Both the above ASADA and Match-Fixing online courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of Anti-Doping and Match-Fixing in sport. Moving forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great additive to the structure of any surf lifesaving competition and provides vital education for any athlete, coach and official.

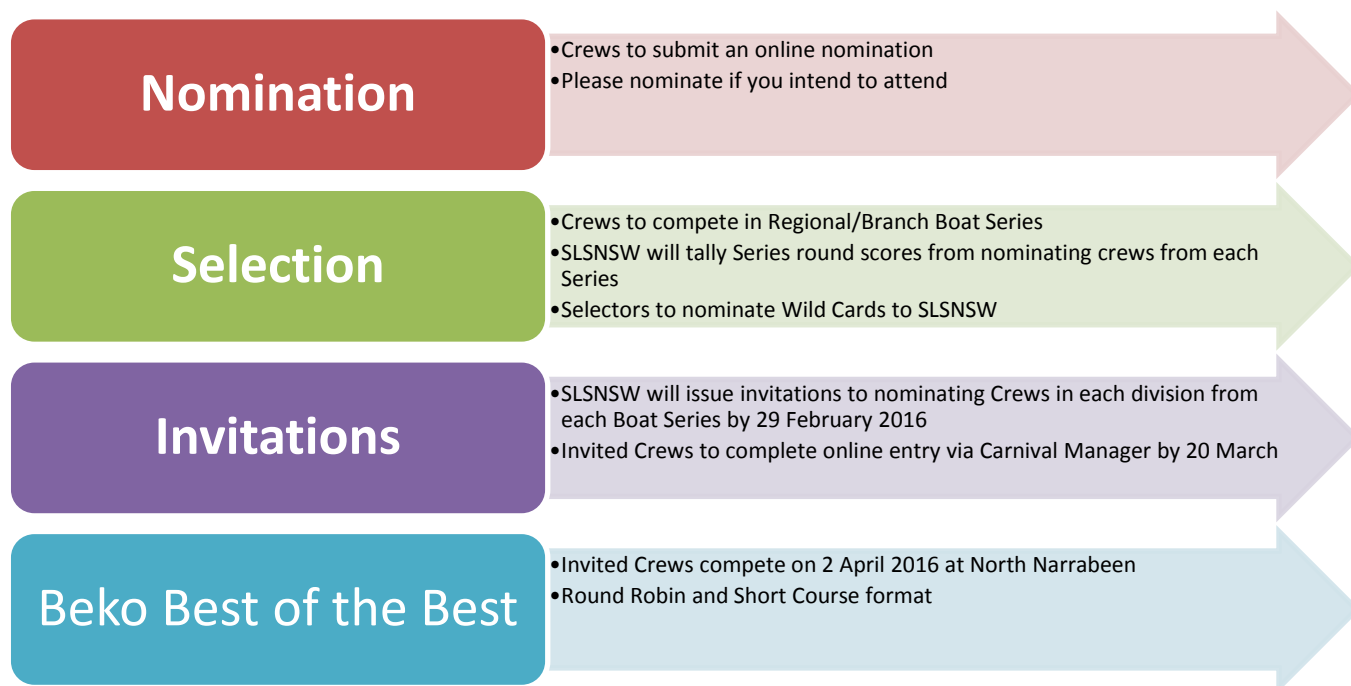


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QUALIFICATION PROCESS:

- Crews interested in being considered for invitations are asked to register their interest by nominating using the [online nomination form](#) by 11pm Sunday 7 February 2016. Please note if you have already nominated, you are not required to complete the form again – email to check lstigter@surflifesaving.com.au
- SLSNSW will tally scores based on where nominating crews finished in each round (of their Boat Series).
- From the nominating crews, SLSNSW will allocate invitations to the top crews, in each Boat Series across each division based on the Crew Entry Allocation in the table below by 29 February 2016.
- The SLSNSW Surf Boat Commission (or proxy representative) will form part of the selection panel for Wild Cards.
- Wild Cards can also be nominated by the selectors to SLSNSW. Wild Cards may not necessarily be required to nominate.
- Please nominate if you intend to participate this invitational event.
- Once your Crew has received an invitation, you will be required to complete an online entry via Carnival Manager by 11pm Sunday 20 March 2016



CREW ENTRY ALLOCATIONS:

The Crew entry numbers taken from the 5x Regional Boat Series are detailed in the below table:

	Open Men	Open Women	Reserve Grade	U23 Men	U23 Women	U19 Mixed
North Coast Boat Series	1	1	1	1	1	1
Central Coast/Newcastle Streets Series	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sydney Northern Beaches	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sydney	2	2	2	2	2	2
South Coast Boat Series	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wild Card Entries	2	2	2	2	2	2

SLSNSW reserves the right to add Wild Card entries to this event if required for any reason (i.e.; if there are not nominations from a Regional/Branch Surf Boat Series in a particular division).