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## 2017 Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge Entry

**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

**Date:** Friday 14 October 2016

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<b>Summary:</b>	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2017 Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge.
<b>Key Strategic Goals:</b>	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.
<b>Key Strategies:</b>	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.
<b>Action:</b>	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 via <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017BestoftheBestSurfBoat">www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017BestoftheBestSurfBoat</a> by <b>11pm, Sunday 8 January 2017</b> . 3. Invited Crews are required to complete entry via <a href="#">Carnival Manager</a> by <b>Sunday 22 January 2017</b> .

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## INTRODUCTION:

The “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 “Best of the Best” surf boat crew.

The Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge will be held on **Sunday 5 February 2017** hosted by **North Narrabeen SLSC** (Sydney Northern Beaches).

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 consist of a round robin point score with the top 6 crew’s in each division advancing to the final. The winner of each final will be awarded “Best of the Best” crew for 2017.

## 2017 BEST OF THE BEST SURF BOAT CHALLENGE COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

The 2017 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.

<b>Referee (Chair):</b>	TBC
<b>Deputy Referee:</b>	TBC
<b>Safety &amp; Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC):</b>	TBC
<b>Club Organising Committee Representative:</b>	Steve Maxwell
<b>SLSNSW Sport Staff:</b>	TBC

## 2017 BEST OF THE BEST SURF BOAT CHALLENGE SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The 2017 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.

<b>Safety &amp; Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair):</b>	TBC
<b>Deputy Referee:</b>	TBC
<b>SLSNSW Sport Staff:</b>	TBC

## ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2016/17 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

[www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/resources/administration](http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/resources/administration). Reference is made to: 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual.

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## COMPOSITE CREWS:

There are no composite crews accepted for this event.

## ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees for this event are \$20.00 per competitor and must be completed in the carnival manager system [sportnsw.srv01.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport](http://sportnsw.srv01.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport)

## TIMETABLE:

A timetable will be finalised in the Final Event Guide released no later than Monday 1 February 2017.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

Crews will be required to wear pink high visibility singlets in all races. These are not supplied.

## 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

([checksubstances.asada.gov.au](http://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 [elearning.asada.gov.au](http://elearning.asada.gov.au) 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](mailto:tpiper@surflifesaving.com.au) who will upload this to your surfguard profile as a recognised award.

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## **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 35<sup>th</sup> 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).

## **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 [elearning.sport.gov.au](http://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](mailto: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 8 January 2017
- 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 Friday 13 January 2017.
- 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 22 January 2017.

### Nomination

- Crews to submit an online nomination by Sunday 8 January
- Please nominate if you intend to attend

### Selection

- Crews to compete in Regional/Branch Boat Series
- Selectors to nominate Wild Cards to SLSNSW

### Invitations

- SLSNSW will issue invitations to nominating Crews in each division from each Region/Branch Boat Series by Friday 13 January 2017
- Invited Crews to complete online entry via Carnival Manager by Sunday 22 January 2017

### Best of the Best

- Invited Crews compete on Sunday 5 February 2017 at North Narrabeen
- Round Robin

## CREW ENTRY ALLOCATIONS:

The Crew entry numbers by division are taken from the 5x Regional/Branch 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
Streets Surf Boat 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

\* Note: SLSNSW is aware that the Reserve Grade and U19 divisions have been split to gender based divisions. However due to this being recently approved in 16/17 and the likeness that Regional/Branch Boat Series may have few or no starters in these divisions, SLSNSW will run the traditional grades. However applications will be considered from Crews and if there is sufficient depth in numbers, SLSNSW will consider implementing the new divisions as a pilot in anticipation of the 17/18 season. 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).

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