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Summary: This Circular contains the relevant details for entering the Australian Interstate Surf Life Saving Championships, Friday 20 January 2017.

This Circular should be used as reference information by all State/Territory centres and Championship Officials appointed to the event.

The format for the 2017 Interstate Championships will be similar to that of 2015 & 2016, Only the bottom four (4) ranked States/Territories (from 2016's results) shall be permitted drafts.

As in previous years SLSA, will be hosting a function for all State teams, whose attendance is required. This dinner will take place on Thursday 19th January prior to competition. It will include the presentations for the Alan Whelpton Shield for the overall Interstate Championships pointscore in 2016 and an overview of the Interstate Championships rules, format etc. for the following day of competition.

The dinner is to encourage all competitors and teams to get together prior to competition and network amongst each other.

All medal & trophy presentations for the Ocean/Beach Interstate Championships will occur at the conclusion of racing on Friday 20 January.

Gear & equipment insurance is the responsibility of the individual competitor or State Team Management. Surf Life Saving Australia will not accept the responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

Key Information in the following circular includes.

- Team size and composition
- Event list
- Drafting process
- Point scoring
- Power Play
- Key entry timelines and process

FURTHER INFORMATION

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KEY INFORMATION FOR INTERSTATES 2017

SUMMARY

This Circular provides the instructions relating to the conduct of the Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Interstate Championships 2017 together with details of the conditions governing each event in the program.

1. TEAM TRAVEL, EQUIPMENT & DRESS

- States will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and making arrangements for travel and accommodation.
- As per last year, SLSA at its own cost, is putting on an 'Interstates' function for the enjoyment and participation of all teams **before the Championships on Thursday, 19 January 2017**. Please note that attendance at this dinner is expected by all teams and will be held at the Bluff Bar at Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club.
- States are also responsible for making the appropriate arrangements regarding equipment, outfitting, etc. for their teams.
- A shirt, shorts, headwear, costume and competition cap is the recommended uniform for each team.
- SLSA will provide an athlete "Hi-Vis" Lycra singlet for each athlete. It is compulsory that these singlets be worn in each event.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

- The Interstate Championships 2017 is conducted in two components – Open and Youth.
- The Interstate Champions will be the team with highest cumulative points for the two components of the competition.
- Each Open State team will consist of a maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members (a total of 12 team members).

Note: To be eligible for an Open State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2016 (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.

- Each Youth State team will consist of a maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members from the U17 and U19 age categories (a total of 12 team members). A minimum of 2 U17 males and 2 U17 females must be in each Youth State team.

Note: To be eligible for a Youth State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years (i.e. Under 17 age group and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety) and a maximum age of 18 years on or before midnight 30 September 2016.

- Please also note that an U15 competitor is not permitted to participate at the SLSA Interstate Championships 2017.
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Interstate Championships in either the Open or Youth Competition. They are not permitted to compete in both divisions.
- All competitors must have their appropriate division (Open (O) or Youth (Y)) and competitor number (e.g. 1- 12) clearly marked on their arms.
- Team managers are to nominate their team and category prior to the competition commencing on the relevant team configuration forms to be provided by SLSA.



3. EVENTS TO BE CONDUCTED

The following are the events and the order in which they will be conducted, with appropriate Youth teams followed by Opens in each event:

Open/Youth Male Ocean	Open/Youth Female Ocean	Open/Youth Male Beach	Open/Youth Female Beach	Details
	Youth Ironwoman			2 competitors per state/territory
	Open Ironwoman			2 competitors per state/territory
Youth Ironman				2 competitors per state/territory
Open Ironman				2 competitors per state/territory
	Youth Surf Race			2 competitors per state/territory
	Open Surf Race			2 competitors per state/territory
Youth Surf Race				2 competitors per state/territory
Open Surf Race				2 competitors per state/territory
Youth Mixed Board Relay				1 team per state/territory (2 competitors, 1 male & 1 female per team)
Open Mixed Board Relay				1 team per state/territory (2 competitors, 1 male & 1 female per team)
Youth Mixed Surf Ski Relay				1 team per state/territory (2 competitors, 1 male & 1 female per team)
Open Mixed Surf Ski Relay				1 team per state/territory (2 competitors, 1 male & 1 female per team)
			Youth Beach Flags	1 competitor per state/territory
		Youth Beach Flags		1 competitor per state/territory
			Open Beach Flags	1 competitor per state/territory
		Open Beach Flags		1 competitor per state/territory
Youth Mixed Surf Teams Race				1 team per state/territory (4 competitors, 2 male & 2 female.)
Open Mixed Surf Teams Race				1 team per state/territory (4 competitors, 2 male & 2 female.)
	Youth Surf Ski Race			2 competitors per state/territory
	Open Surf Ski Race			2 competitors per state/territory
Youth Surf Ski Race				2 competitors per state/territory
Open Surf Ski Race				2 competitors per state/territory
	Youth Board Race			2 competitors per state/territory
	Open Board Race			2 competitors per state/territory
Youth Board Race				2 competitors per state/territory
Open Board Race				2 competitors per state/territory
			Youth Beach Sprint	1 competitor per state/territory



		Open Beach Sprint	1 competitor per state/territory
		Youth Beach Sprint	1 competitor per state/territory
		Open Beach Sprint	1 competitor per state/territory
	Youth Rescue Tube Race		1 Team per state/territory (4 competitors)
	Open Rescue Tube Race		1 Team per state/territory (4 competitors)
Youth Rescue Tube Race			1 Team per state/territory (4 competitors)
Open Rescue Tube Race			1 Team per state/territory (4 competitors)
		Youth Beach Relay	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors)
		Open Beach Relay	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors)
		Youth Beach Relay	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors)
		Open Beach Relay	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors)
	Youth Board Rescue		1 team per state/territory (2 competitors)
	Open Board Rescue		1 team per state/territory (2 competitors)
Youth Board Rescue			1 team per state/territory (2 competitors)
Open Board Rescue			1 team per state/territory (2 competitors)
	Youth Taplin Relay		1 team per state/territory (4 competitors per team)
	Open Taplin Relay		1 team per state/territory (4 competitors per team)
Youth Taplin Relay			1 team per state/territory (4 competitors per team)
Open Taplin Relay			1 team per state/territory (4 competitors per team)



4. TEAM MANAGEMENT

For event management purposes SLSA will recognise four (4) team management officials per Open and Youth Division. The positions to be recognised are:

- Manager (1)
- Coach (1)
- Medical (1)
- Chaperone (1)

Note: The team management composition must contain both male and female appointees. In this regard it is further recommended that states appoint an equal number of males and females.

5. TEAM SELECTION

- States/Territories are responsible for the selection of their teams.
- States/Territories are permitted to select “State of Bronze Medallion Origin” athletes based on where the member first gained their Bronze medallion award, **OR** select for the state/territory on the basis of where the member’s current club is (if the member wishes to be selected). Each state will be required to confirm which eligibility status each athlete is being selected under on the team registration form. SLSA will complete an audit of each team to ensure all teams are complying with these rules.
- All team selections and individual event allocations will need to be received by SLSA no later than close of business (AEST) Friday, 6 January 2017. An electronic form will be provided to assist this process.
- Only athletes eligible to compete for Australia can be selected as part of these Championships.

Note 1: “Current Club and State” This means the club and state in which the member currently has his/her competitive rights.

Note 2: It is the member’s choice whether they wish to be considered for selection by their “State of Bronze Medallion origin” or their “Current State of Membership”.

6. DRAFTING

SLSA will facilitate an athlete draft to ensure:

- a) Each affiliated State/Territory has a full team roster (where possible).
- b) That non-selected (from primary nomination) athletic talent is spread across teams requiring draft athletes.
- c) That over time State/Territory teams become less reliant on drafting to fill teams.

Draft Process:

- Athletes may elect to nominate to the draft should their primary nomination for a State Team be unsuccessful. All those who are not selected in their State squad must contact their State Sport Manager to confirm their place in the draft.
- Each State/Territory centre will be required to select its team by **Friday, 6 January 2017**
- Each State/Territory centre shall forward all athlete nominations into the draft to SLSA by **Friday, 6 January 2017** (open and youth).
- Each State/Territory centre shall confirm any draft requirements to SLSA by **Friday, 6 January 2017**.
- Any drafted athletes shall be the financial responsibility of the drafting State/Territory.
- SLSA will release a list of draft athletes to each State/Territory team manager eligible to pick from the draft by **Monday, 9 January 2017**.
- There will be a draft teleconference facilitated by the SLSA Chair of Selectors (or their nominee) and State Team Head Coach and Manager on **Wednesday, 11 January 2017** to complete the draft picks.
- The lowest ranked state team from 2016 will have first pick, followed by 6th, 5th and 4th until the first rotation is complete.
- The rotation shall continue until all teams have a complete roster.
- SLSA will issue a press release of all team lists **Friday, 13 January 2017**.
- No team changes are permitted unless an injury occurs prior to the start of the first race and a medical certificate is provided, or evidence of an exceptional circumstance is provided.
- There shall be no penalties for drafting. States/Territories are advised there will be a sinking lid on



draft athlete allowances in the coming years.

- Only the bottom four (4) ranked States/Territories shall be permitted drafts for each team.
- For 2017, each State/Territory may draft as follows:
 - **Queensland** – No drafted athletes permitted
 - **New South Wales** – No drafted athletes permitted
 - **Western Australia** - No drafted athletes permitted
 - **Victoria** – 1 draft athletes per youth and open team
 - **South Australia** – 2 draft athletes per youth and open team
 - **Tasmania** - 3 draft athletes per youth and open team
 - **Northern Territory** - 3 draft athletes per youth and open team

7. EVENT CONDITIONS

- The general competitive conditions as detailed in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and any subsequent Bulletins shall apply to the conduct of these events except where amended by these Championship rules.
- The primary amendments are:
 - Water Courses:
All individual and team water events will be conducted around the buoy courses set for the individual legs of the Ironman/Ironwoman events.

- Water Event Starts:
Unless otherwise advised, all water events, with the exception of the Mixed Ski Relay, Individual Surf Ski, Rescue Tube Rescue and Board Rescue races, shall be started on the beach approximately 15 metres from the water's edge (run start). Craft will be placed in front of the start line and as close as practicable to the water's edge. Handlers are not required for the start of events.

Note: *The individual Ski and Ski Relay, Rescue Tube Rescue and Board Rescue races shall start as per the SSM rules for these events.*

- Water Event Finishes:
Unless otherwise advised, all water events, with the exception of the Individual Surf Ski, Rescue Tube Rescue and Board Rescue races, shall finish as per the Ironman/woman races (run finish). Craft and paddles may be abandoned after rounding the last turning buoy of the swim course. Handlers are to be used to remove craft and paddles from the course.

Note: *The individual Ski, Rescue Tube Rescue and Board Rescue races shall finish as per the SSM rules for these events. The mixed ski relay shall finish as per the SSM rules for ski relays.*

Note: *All Beach events shall be the standard courses and distances*

Note: *The rules for the conduct of the Mixed Board Relay and Mixed Ski Relay events are contained in Appendix 1.*

8. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPECIFICATIONS

- Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own equipment including boards, skis, paddles, rescue tubes and fins.
- All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications.
- Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the 2017 Interstate Championships.

9. PROTESTS

- All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based. Protest Forms will be available from the administration centre.
- An appeals fee of \$115.00 (Inc. GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.



10. ARENAS

- The competition arena for the 2017 Interstate Championships shall be compact to maximise spectator viewing and shall consist of one water arena, one beach track and two beach flag pits.
- A site map of the competition venue will be provided by SLSA.

11. TIMETABLE

- Events shall be conducted in the order listed on the event schedule.
- It may be necessary to run ocean and beach events at the same time if required.
- The Open and Youth components of the Interstate Championships shall be conducted concurrently with youth competitors competing first in each event followed by the Open age competitors. If there are time constraints the beach flag events may be conducted concurrent with the ocean events,
- Similar to 2015 & 2016 the event will commence at 8:00AM with a brief opening ceremony.

Note: The SLSA Interstate Championships Competition Committee reserves the right to add or delete any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant.

12. DRAWS AND BALLOTS

- Prior to the Championships SLSA will undertake one draw of team positions for the first event conducted in each of the water/craft and beach sections of competition. Subsequent draws will be of the 'rolling draw' format where all States/Territories will move sideways and up one beach position in each event conducted in the area. The same draw shall be used for both the Open and Youth component of the Championship.
- Copies of the first draws will be available at the Team Manager's briefing.
- After the first run through of the beach flags event in each division, separate draws are to be undertaken in each age division for lane positions for all subsequent run throughs.
- A draws for order of the legs for the Ironman, Ironwoman and Taplin Relay events will be undertaken at the Team Manager's briefing.
- Team Managers will be required to submit their entry list for their team prior to the conclusion of the Team Managers briefing.
- The referee will undertake any other ballots required on the beach on the day of the competition.

13. COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

- A briefing for Team Managers and key officials will be conducted by the Event Referee on the morning of Friday, 20 January 2017 (approx. 06:45hrs). The location of the briefings shall be at Alexandra Headland SLSC on the Club Balcony (south/east corner of the club).
- The officials to be in attendance include the Event Referee, Deputy Referee, Sectional Referees, Safety and Emergency Services Coordinator, Appeals Committee Convener and key SLSA personnel.
- States/Territories should have a maximum of three personnel attend the briefing.

14. POINTSCORE

- All events conducted shall be worthequal points and the State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points earned in the Youth and Open divisions combined will be declared the SLSA Interstate Champions 2017.
- Points shall be allocated on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 7th for each event contested. Nil points will be earned in the case of disqualification or Did not finish (DNF).
- Dead heats in events shall be declared as such with teams sharing the placing points for the placing attained, e.g. equal 3rd receives 5 points each with 5th placing receiving 3 points.
- In individual events the results of 1st competitor and 2nd competitor are added to determine finishing position effectively making all events 'team' events. To determine winners in each event the State/Territory with the highest aggregate points in an event shall be the winner i.e. they will receive 7 points towards their point score etc.

Note: If a State/Territory only has one competitor in an event, or if a competitor is disqualified or does not complete the event, the State/Territory may still earn placing points based on the satisfactory completion of the race by one competitor.



The occurrence of a tie in the in the youth, open or overall and/or pointscore at the conclusion of the competition will result in a count back of best finishes in the respective pointscore (that is, number of 1sts; if still equal, number of 2nds and so on until a winner/placing is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners/placings will be declared.

Note: Drafted competitors are eligible to earn 100% of their placing points in both individual and team events for their adopted State/Territory point score.

15. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

- All presentations will occur at the conclusion of competition on Friday afternoon in front of Alexandra Headland SLSC.
- Teams will be competing for the Ocean Events Trophy (a cumulative point score for all water and beach events for both Open and Youth Divisions).
- In addition, teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the overall Youth and Open point score shall receive Interstate Championship medallions for all team members.
- Recognition by way of a team trophy will also be given to the team(s) who scores the highest points in each of the Open and Youth divisions.

Note 1: As detailed in the SLSA Sponsorship Policy, teams may be asked to wear sponsor's apparel during the presentation of medals and trophies. Apart from any SLSA sponsorship no items with commercial identification shall be worn during the official presentation ceremony.

Note 2: The Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall point score of Ocean, Pool, Surf Boat and IRB Interstate Championships for the previous season) shall be awarded at the Interstate Championship Function prior to competition on Thursday 19 January 2017.

The point score for this Shield shall be determined by the overall placing result recorded by States/Territories in each of the Interstate Championships. In this regard States/Territories shall be allocated points on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for their relative 1st – 7th placing in each Interstate Championship (Beach/Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB). The State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points shall be declared winner of the Shield.)

In the event of tied points a count back of best overall results in the four championships (Beach/Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB) will determine the winning State/Territory (that is, number of 1st overall placings. If still equal, number of 2nd placings and so on until a winner is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners will be declared.

16. POWER PLAY

- A power play is a nominated event by both a youth team and an open team. Each team can nominate **one** event to have a power play attached to it.
- Any points accumulated during the power play will be awarded **double points** for that team (i.e. 14 points for 1st, 2 points for 7th)
- Each youth team and each open team can nominate **ONE** power play event. The power play process is as follows:
 - Team Managers will be required to submit a power play form to the referee 30 minutes before the scheduled start of competition.
 - A team is not able to change their allocated power play during the competition.
 - Commentators will announce when a power play is being used in the preamble to that race and profile the competitors involved.

17. SPONSORSHIP

- In the event of States/Territories/individuals having conflicting sponsorship with the event sponsor, the association sponsorship policy must be adhered to.
- Teams, when entering the marshalling arena and competing, must be 'clean' in competition gear with no sponsor's identification unless the State/Territory has given naming rights to their event naming rights sponsor. Should the event naming rights sponsor provide Lycra singlets or other competition apparel for the series, then teams will be required to wear the event naming rights sponsor's



competition apparel or in the event of conflict with a State/Territory team sponsor, compete in SLSA branded apparel.

- At the conclusion of events, placegetters may be offered items of apparel identified with the event sponsor. It may be possible that TV interviews will be undertaken with prominent competitors, and in such cases, they may be asked to wear one of the official sponsor T-shirts and/or caps. Further, competitors may be required to carry the event sponsor's logos on craft, boats and equipment. Where physically possible, no existing signage will be covered. Those craft with rival sponsors to the event sponsor will not be required to display the event sponsors signage and/or to cover the rival sponsor's signage.

17. CODE OF CONDUCT

- SLSA expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.
- The SLSA code of conduct is contained in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and any subsequent Bulletins.
- Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA's Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

18. MEDIA STATEMENTS

- States/Territories shall be permitted to promote the event and or their State/Territory team within their own state (subject to SLSA approval). However, no competitor, Team Manager, official or spokesperson for a State/Territory shall make media statements that could bring the Interstate Championships, its sponsor, or officials, into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.
- Complaints regarding the organisation of the championship, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

19. THEFT

- Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia, the hosting authority, states or another individual may be immediately reported to police and that person/s be brought before a SLSA Disciplinary Committee.
- Please note that automatic disqualification of the team from the Championship will occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

20. SLSA ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an anti-doping policy, which will be adhered to for this event.
- Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the 2017 Interstate Championships.
- It is highly recommended each State/Territory team member (including management and staff) complete the ASADA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is: <http://elearning.asada.gov.au/>. Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activities as a group.
- It is recommended each State/Territory team member (including management and staff) utilise the ASADA [Check Your Substances](#) reference site, or phone 13000 ASADA (1300 027 232).

21. TEAM SHEETS

- Team Managers are required to complete the team summary, team management and event configuration in the attached electronic template (excel spreadsheet) and send to SLSA (events@slsa.asn.au) no later than close of business (AEST), **Friday, 6 January 2017**.

Note: Changes after this date (other than draft athletes being added) will only be permitted subject to injury or



other unforeseen circumstances. No changes to any team sheet shall be permitted once the first event has commenced although teams may substitute within the team as required.

Appendix 1

Event 5: Mixed Board Relay Race and Event 6: Mixed Surf Ski Relay Race

General Conditions

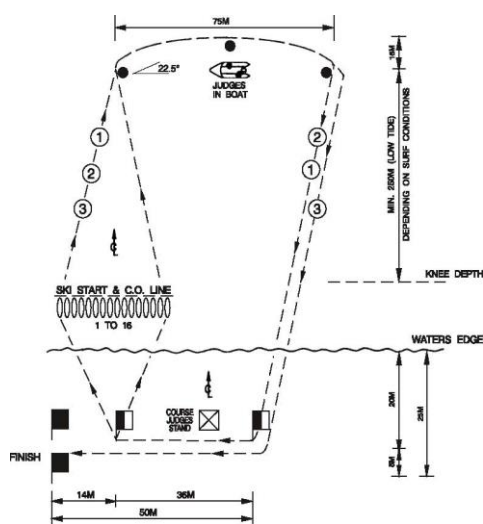
- The Mixed Surf Board and Surf Ski Relay events shall be conducted under the general rules of the Surf Board and Surf Ski events as per the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual). The events comprise two competitors (one male and one female). States/Territories may decide the order that their team members compete in.
- Team members may use the same craft. No member of a team shall be permitted to complete more than one leg of a race.
- A competitor not competing in a leg of the race can become a craft handler. Alternatively another team member may be a handler.
- Control of craft - A competitor can lose control or contact with their craft on the way out, provided they regain the craft, paddle around all buoys required and round the last course buoy in contact with the craft. A competitor must paddle their surf ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) around the last course buoy and shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy on the return journey.

The Course

The courses shall be as detailed in the diagrams below.

Note: The beach positions are reversed for the first and second craft legs to assist with fairness of event conduct e.g. Teams drawn in position one commence their first craft leg from position one and their second craft leg from position 16.

Competitor's 1 st craft leg starting position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Competitor's 2 nd craft leg starting position	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9

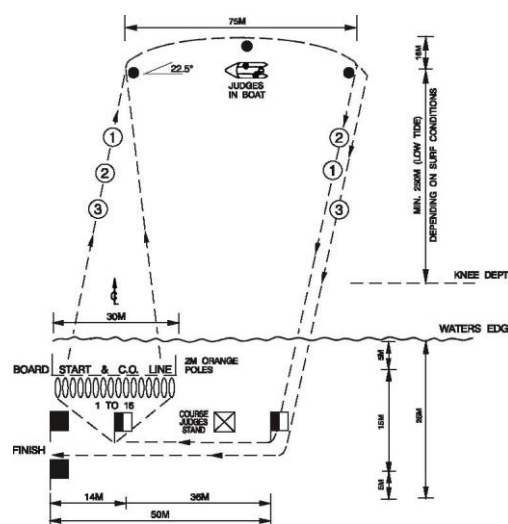


SKI RELAY RACE
(Distances approximate only)

LEGEND

- | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| GREEN FLAG | SKI AREA No. 1 | SKI AREA No. 2 |
| GREEN & YELLOW FLAG | ORANGE BUOY | DIFFERENT COLOURED BUOYS |

NOTE: THE BEACH SET UP RELATIVE TO THE POSITIONING OF THE BUOYS MAY BE ADJUSTED DEPENDENT ON THE SURF CONDITIONS.



BOARD RELAY RACE
(Distances approximate only)

LEGEND

- | | | |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| GREEN FLAG | GREEN & YELLOW FLAG | BLACK & WHITE BUOY |
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NOTE 1: THE BEACH SET UP RELATIVE TO THE POSITIONING OF THE BUOYS MAY BE ADJUSTED DEPENDENT ON THE SURF CONDITIONS.

NOTE 2: THE U/8 - U/14 + MASTERS BOARD RELAY SHALL COMPLETE THE DISTANCES PRESENTED IN THEIR RELEVANT INDIVIDUAL RACES AND THE BEACH COURSE AS DESCRIBED IN THIS DIAGRAM.



Procedure

- (a) Competitors for the first leg of the relay shall start as per the relevant individual events and proceed around the appropriate buoys. When the first competitor has rounded the last turning buoy, the competitor may leave their surf ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) at their discretion, return to the beach and round the two green and yellow turning flags and tag the second competitor, who is standing with their feet on or behind the designated surf ski or board (as appropriate) changeover line.
- (b) The second competitor then proceeds around the appropriate buoys. When the second competitor has rounded the last turning buoy, the competitor may leave their surf ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) at their discretion, return to the beach, round the two green and yellow turning flags and finish through the designated finish line..
- (c)
- (d) Competitors in the Surf Board and Surf Ski Relay events must commence their leg of the event from the (correct) position as allotted by the Marshall. If the Competitor does not comply with Officials' directions, their team may be disqualified.
- (e) Members of the team or other members authorised by the Referee shall ensure that any craft used by any of the other team members does not cause any interference to another team or competitor in the race. The craft shall be removed as soon as possible from the course to avoid congestion and possible damage.
- (f) If a competitor deliberately impedes the progress of another team the competitors in the offending team may be disqualified.
- (g) Replacing craft and/or paddles (as appropriate) is permitted during a race provided such replacement is effected before the competitor rounds the last course buoy. Team members shall be permitted to assist a competitor in replacing equipment, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement surf ski/paddle at the water's edge or the board on or behind the start line.
- (h) To assist with the safe conduct of competition it is permitted for any member to assist with the removal of any damaged or abandoned equipment from the competition course.