



Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016 Entry Conditions

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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KEY INFORMATION FOR COATES HIRE COOLANGATTA GOLD 2016

- Entries for the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016 open June 8 2016. All entries can be completed at <https://sls.com.au/coates-hire-coolangatta-gold/>.
- Once the initial entry form is completed competitors will be emailed a confirmation of entry along with a medical form to complete. This medical form must be completed before Friday September 9.
- All individual competitors and teams will be emailed a handler and board paddler form to complete on Monday 12 September and handler information to complete prior to the close of late entries on Friday 23 September 2016.
- If either medical or handler information is not complete competitors will not be allowed to start the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016.
- Competitors **will not** be allowed to start the race unless medical and handler information is completed.
- Please refer to the next page for a list of important dates leading up to the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016.
- All athletes and at least one handler must attend the compulsory race briefing as per the dates listed on the following page.
- The Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016 offers the below age categories;

LONG & SHORT COURSE AGE CATEGORIES	
Individuals	Teams
Elite Male	U19 Male (Short Course option only)
Elite Female	U19 Female (Short Course option only)
U19 Male & Female (Short Course option only)	U19 Mixed (Short Course option only)
20-29 Male & Female	Open Male
30-39 Male & Female	Open Female
40-49 Male & Female	Open Mixed
50+ Male & Female	Masters Male (35+)
Mates Wave (Short Course option only)	Masters Female (35+)
	Masters Mixed (35+)



IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016.

JUNE 2016		
Thu, 9 Jun	9:00am	Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold Early Bird Entries Open
		Officials Nominations Open
JULY 2016		
Wed, 20 Jul	5:00pm	Officials Nominations Close
AUGUST 2016		
Fri, 12 Aug	5.00pm	Early Bird Entries Close
SEPTEMBER 2016		
Fri, 9 Sep	5.00pm	Normal Entries Close
		All Medical Forms Completed
Mon, 12 Sep	9:00am	Handler Forms sent to competitors to complete
Fri, 23 Sep	5:00pm	Late Entries Close
		All Handler Forms Completed
OCTOBER 2016		
Fri, 14 Oct	9:00am	First day for gear and craft trailer drop off
	3:00pm-4:00pm	Short Course Competitor Briefing: Option 1 – Location TBC
	4:30pm-5:30pm	Long Course Competitor Briefing: Option 1 – Location TBC
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Officials, First Aid, ARROs & Powercraft Briefing – Location TBC
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Short Course Competitor Briefing: Option 2 – Location TBC
Sat, 15 Oct	6:30am	Marshalling and Numbering Begins
	7:30am	Race Start – First Wave Departs
	1:00pm Approx.	Short Course Presentations
	5:00pm	Long Course Competitor Briefing: Option 2
Sun, 16 Oct	6:30am	Marshalling and Numbering Begins
	7:30am	Race Start – First Wave Departs
	1:00pm Approx.	Long Course Presentations

All above dates and times are subject to change



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ATHLETE ENTRY CONDITIONS

Age Eligibility

- Competitors can be either current members of SLSA or members of the general public. If team competitors are members of SLSA they are **NOT** required to be from the same Surf Life Saving Club.
- Competitors must be a minimum of **16 years of age** on the event day to be eligible to compete in individual events.
- Competitors must be a minimum of **14 years of age on the event day to be eligible to compete in the beach run legs of a team event, 15 years of age** to be eligible to compete in swim or board legs and **16 years of age** to be eligible to compete in the ski leg
- All competitors who are entering in any category enter of their own accord however must follow SLSA Competition Conditions outlined in the 35th edition of the [Surf Sports Manual](#).
- All competitors who are members of a Surf Life Saving Club must be entered in the Event with their respective Clubs listed, must be financial members and be eligible for competition under the current [Surf Sports Manual](#).
- The age that competitors are on race day (as at 12:01am Saturday 15 October 2016 or 12:01am Sunday 16 October 2016 for the short and long courses respectively) determines the category they are eligible to compete.

Race Requirements

- All individuals in any individual category will compete on the short course unless they can prove to SLSA's comfortable satisfaction:
 - a) Previously successfully completed the Coolangatta Gold long course; or
 - b) Successfully completed the Coolangatta Gold short course in 2014 or 2015; or
 - c) Can demonstrate proven capability to complete the long course.
- It is compulsory for each competitor to have a board paddler (minimum proficient Surf Rescue Certificate award holder) with them in the swim leg and they must wear a fluoro shirt/rash vest of their own. The competitor's board paddler must also visibly wear their competitor's number and dependent on conditions must be tagged by their competitor as they enter the water. The board paddler's details are to be provided in the handler section of the entry form
- It is compulsory for each competitor to wear a fluoro pink coloured swim cap during the swim leg which will be provided in their competitor pack.

Lifejackets

- It is compulsory for all competitors to wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 lifejacket whilst completing the ski leg.
- Please note the Type 3 or Level 50S lifejacket will **not** be accepted unless they meet the meet the conspicuous colour requirements. There are many styles and stockists of the Level 50 lifejacket and we recommend you choose a paddle vest that has a lower cut under your arms to maximise paddling comfort.
- If competitors wish they are permitted to wear certified AS4758 Level 100, Level 150 or Level 275 Lifejackets in conspicuous colour of which are of a higher safety standard however are known to be bulkier and limit paddling performance.
- All skis and boards must have the competitor's number placed on them as a sticker to help identify their craft. Stickers will be provided in competitor packs and should be applied to clean, dry craft in the locations identified in the Personal Sponsorship Policy. Competitors will receive sufficient stickers for 2x on the ski, 1x on the board and 1x on the board paddler's board for the swim leg.
- On the Ski leg of the course there will be buoy gates which will be approximately 4km apart and maximum 350m offshore. It is compulsory for every competitor to pass through every gate; failure to do so may result in penalty or disqualification.



- Ski competitors in both short and long course must either have a water storage device securely attached to their surf ski and filled with a **minimum of two litres of water or other suitable liquid** or have another similar water carrying device on their person.
- **Every competitor MUST listen and adhere to the SLSA Referee/Officials in regards to the course and any changes that may occur on the day due to conditions.**

ENTRY FEES

The Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016 entry fees are as follows:

Price Level	Dates	Competitor Category	Price (incl GST)*
Early Bird Entry	Thu 9 June 2016 – 5:00pm Fri 12 Aug 2016	Individuals	\$281
		Teams	\$587
		Youth Challenge	\$46
Normal Entry	Fri 12 Aug – 5:00pm Fri 9 Sep 2016	Individuals	\$357
		Teams	\$663
		Youth Challenge	\$46
Late Entry	Fri 9 th Sep – 5:00pm Fri 23 Sep 2016	Individuals	\$551
		Teams	\$1173
		Youth Challenge	\$46

Entry fees include the following:

- Entry into the relevant event that the participant has registered for at the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016
- Competitor lycra
- Competitor swim cap
- 2x handler bibs
- Finisher medallion for each competitor who successfully completes the course in the required time frame.

ATHLETE RACE BRIEFINGS

Date	Time	Briefing	Location
Friday 14 th October 2016	3:00pm	Short Course Briefing	TBC
	4:30pm	Long Course Briefing	
	7:30pm	Short Course Briefing	
Saturday 15 th October 2016	5:00pm	Long Course Briefing	TBC

- Location for athlete briefings are TBC. **All** athletes and at least **one** handler are required to attend one race briefing prior to competing in the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016. Non-attendance will result in individual competitor/team entries being withdrawn.
- Competitor packs will be distributed following these briefings once athletes have signed for their attendance.



HANDLERS

- Each competitor or team in the Event must have a minimum of two (2) handlers, whose duties will be to assist in the deployment, and collection of the competitor/s equipment. The handlers do not need to be members of a Club or hold a bronze medallion but must be wearing the bib provided. Each competitor and team will be provided with two (2) handler bibs and these must be shared if more than two (2) handlers are assisting.
- At no time during the progress of the Event, may a handler, coach or other person in a competitor's team or Club, cause an advantage, or appear to cause an advantage, to or for, a competitor by any means. Such "advantage" may not be limited to, but will include:
 - pacing;
 - travelling alongside of; and/ or
 - push starting.

Handlers are not permitted to:

- enter the water except to retrieve craft, or to take part in a rescue;
- leave the competition area in the immediate preceding 'change over' area, or the next 'change over' area, except to travel directly between such areas.

Note: Penalties incurred by persons in this rule will be applied to the competitor/s as if the competitor/s had committed the infringement.

- It is compulsory for each competitor to have a board paddler to accompany them throughout the swim leg.
 - The board paddler must remain 5 metres in front of or to the side of the swimmer at all times.
 - The board paddler must be a proficient, financial member of a Surf Life Saving Club, and hold a current Bronze Medallion.
 - Competitors and team captains will be required to provide the names and contact numbers of their handlers, and club details of their board paddler.

Event Rules

The Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold ("Event") is conducted under the authority and regulations of Surf Life Saving Australia Limited ("SLSA").

These rules for the Event ("Event rules") must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, SLSA's Constitution and Regulations, the 35th Edition of the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) (Downloads > Sport > Surf Sports Manuals) (SSM) and any Bulletins, Circulars or other publications as issued by SLSA from time to time.

Further regulations for the Event will be sent to competitors who have been accepted for entry. Those regulations will be supplementary to these Event rules but will have the same effect and obligation as these Event rules.

1. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The Competition Committee as referred to in these regulations will include: Competition Committee Chair, SLSA Chair (Sport), Event Manager, Referee, Area Referee 1, Area Referee 2, Area Referee 3, Area Referee 4 and Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator
- 1.2 The Event will be under the control of the Competition Committee which will have absolute authority on all aspects of the Event.
- 1.3 The Competition Committee reserves the authority to amend the course and/or postpone and/or cancel Event and/or category start times as deemed necessary in the interests of safety or for any other reason.
- 1.4 The Competition Committee reserves the authority to postpone the announcement of official Event places, and distribution of prizes, until after all protests, Carnival Disciplinary reports, or other matters of competing unfairly have been determined and finalised.



2. SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Safety and Emergency Committee as referred to in these regulations will be: Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator, Referee, Emergency Services Officer – Area 1, Emergency Services Officer – Area 2, Emergency Services Officer – Area 3, Emergency Services Officer – Area 4, Deputy Referee, First Aid/ Medical Coordinator, Powercraft Coordinator, Coolangatta SLSC Representative

3. EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The Event Organising Committee as referred to in these Regulations will be: Chair, SLSA Sport, Event Manager, National Event Officer, SLSA Technical Adviser, Venue Manager, Referee, Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator, Area Referee 1, Area Referee 2, Area Referee 3, Area Referee 4, Powercraft Coordinator, Media & PR Manager, Partnerships Manager, Marketing Manager, First/Aid Medical Coordinator, Coolangatta SLSC Representative

4. GENDER

- 4.1 Any reference to male, or female gender ('his' / 'her' etc.) in this document shall be deemed to simply refer to a competitor, irrespective of gender.

5. ENTRY CRITERIA

- 5.1 All competitors who are members of a Surf Life Saving Club must be entered in the Event with their respective Clubs listed, must be Bronze Medallion Holders who are current proficient members of good standing and must not be in patrol default or in breach of any other SLSA or Club obligation. They must be eligible for competition under SLSA conditions outlined in the SLSA 35th Edition [Surf Sports Manual](#) and any Bulletins, Circulars or other publications as issued by SLSA from time to time.
- 5.2 Members of the public who are entering in any category enter of their own accord however must follow SLSA competition conditions.
- 5.3 All competitors, while competing in the ski leg, must be 16 years of age on the date of the event.
- 5.4 Members of kindred associations affiliated with the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) should be in good standing with their own association and must have the endorsement and an opinion of their capacity to complete the event from their national association to be eligible to enter the Event.
- 5.5 **Event Categories:**
- 5.5.1 All individual short and long course categories are age based categories (e.g.: 30-39 Female) with the exception of Elite Male, Elite Female and the Mates Wave which are 'open' categories, meaning any eligible competitor may enter. Competitors cannot compete for both Elite or Mates Wave and their own age group (e.g.: Elite Male and 20-29 Male).
- 5.5.2 All team short and long course categories are age based categories (e.g.: Masters Teams – Male 35+) with the exception of Open Teams – Male/Female/Mixed which each team member can be of any eligible age.
- 5.6 Athletes that wish to compete in both the short and long courses can apply to do so if they compete only in the following combination of events (separate entry fees apply to all combinations):
- Individual Short Course & Team Long Course
 - Team Short Course & Team Long Course
 - Team Short Course & Individual Long Course

Please note competing in any combination of the above is subject to approval by SLSA and will be assessed on a case by case basis. To seek approval, email events@slsa.asn.au. SLSA retains the right to refuse approval at its sole discretion and is not required to provide any reasons for any refusal.

6. DEFINITION OF A TEAM

- 6.1 A team entered into the Event will consist of any competitor combination of minimum 2, maximum 4 people. Each leg must be completed by one individual only e.g. the swim leg must be completed by one competitor only. In teams that are made up of 2 or 3 individuals, the same person can complete more than one leg, for example person 1 does the ski and the run leg, person 2 the board and the swim leg.
- 6.2 Teams must also have a minimum of 2 handlers, however only 2 handler shirts will be provided per team.
- 6.3 Teams can either be:
- Female teams – 2 to 4 females;
 - Male teams – 2 to 4 males; or
 - Mixed teams – any combination of 2 to 4 competitors with a minimum of 1 male and 1 female
- 6.4 Team members can be either current members of SLSA or members of the general public. If team



competitors are members of SLSA they are **NOT** required to be from the same Surf Life Saving Club.

- 6.5 Individual competitors who, due to unforeseen circumstances after entering the event, are unable to compete the entire course on their own, (e.g. need a runner due to ankle injury) are eligible to transfer their entry to a team category prior to the close off of late entries (5pm Friday 23 September 2016). The competitor will be required to pay the difference in entry fee between the individual and team categories for the period in which their initial entry was submitted.
- 6.6 Team changes and withdrawals are permitted at any time up until 5pm (AEST) Friday 23 September 2016. Please contact the events team at SLSA at events@slsa.asn.au or 02 9215 8000 to discuss the changes. All new team members have to fill in the entry form and accept the consent form.

Note: No guarantee for correct lycra sizes can be given for team changes.

7. RACE START

- 7.1 Unless otherwise advised by SLSA, the race start time is 7.30am from Coolangatta both Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.2 The race start will be a deep water start on both days.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding, the Competition Committee reserves the authority to amend the course and/or postpone and/or cancel Event and/or category start times as deemed necessary in the interests of safety or for any other reason.

8. COURSE

- 8.1 Every competitor must negotiate the course in the manner determined and presented by the Competition Committee and in accordance with Event rules.
- 8.2 Competitors must follow the directions and instructions of all suitably identified race officials. A failure to do so may result in disqualification. It is the competitor's responsibility, however, to have a complete understanding of the course.
- 8.3 Drinks stations will be provided along the Event course. Competitors must either have a water storage device securely attached to their surf ski and filled with a **minimum of two litres of water or other suitable liquid** or have another similar water carrying device on their person.
- 8.4 No competitor, handler, or other person whether associated with a competitor or a competitor's team or club or not, shall (if judged by an official) impede the performance of other competitor/s.
Note: Competitors will be deemed to be responsible for the actions of their handlers, or other persons in their team, and the competitor shall be penalised for any actions of such handlers and other persons as if the offence was committed by the competitor.
- 8.5 It is the competitor's responsibility to follow the event referee's exact instructions given at the athlete briefing of how to wear the timing chip so that a time will be recorded when going through the transition points.

9. REFUND POLICY

- 9.1 Entry cancellations for any reason made up until **5pm (AEST) Friday, 12 August 2016** will be awarded a 90% refund of the paid entry fee.
- 9.2 Entry cancellations made with a doctor's certificate up until **5pm (AEST) Friday, 9 September 2016** will be awarded a 70% refund of the paid entry fee.
- 9.3 Entry cancellations made with a doctor's certificate up until **5pm (AEST) Friday, 23 September 2016** will be awarded a 20% refund of the paid entry fee.
- 9.4 No refunds of paid entry fees will be awarded to competitors after **5pm (AEST) Friday, 23 September 2016**.
- 9.5 All entry cancellations are to be submitted in writing by contacting the SLSA events team on events@slsa.asn.au.
- 9.6 Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- 9.7 There are **NO** refunds for non-starters or non-finishers.
- 9.8 If the Competition Committee cancels the Event due to safety reasons a refund of entry fees may be provided to competitors at SLSA's discretion.
- 9.9 Those teams who have not entered all competitors in the entry system prior to the close of entries will not be eligible for a refund (regardless of the number of competitors nominated for the team), only those entered, will be eligible to compete. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that all members are entered correctly.

10. RETIREMENT FROM THE EVENT

- 10.1 Competitors may retire from the Event at any point if they so choose. In some instances, the Referee, Officials or Medical Officers will determine that a competitor cannot continue and will be advised to retire. This will be communicated to the competitor and/or the competitor's handler/s who shall **immediately** remove or cause



the removal of the competitor's equipment from the competition area.

- 10.2 **Medical Officials have full authority** to prevent and/or restrain a competitor from continuing in the Event if, in their opinion, a competitor is physically incapable of continuing the race without the danger of severe physical damage, loss of life, adversely affecting other competitors or adversely affecting the safety conditions of the Event.
- 10.3 Further to paragraph 11.2, competitors who fail to finish legs within a period of time stipulated by the Competition Committee, **must** retire from the Event. SLSA accepts no responsibility for those competitors who fail to meet the cut off times and refuse to leave the course. The competitors will be automatically disqualified from the Event ('**Disqualification**') and their timing chip will be removed by officials. If after Disqualification the competitor continues to participate in the Event, they do so at their own risk and SLSA (and its members and officials) take no responsibility for the safety and welfare of that competitor.
- 10.4 **Any competitor who does not adhere to the directions of the Medical Officers, Event Referee or designated Officials in regards to retirement from the race will be automatically disqualified from the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016 and may have their matter referred to the Competition Committee for disciplinary action or a penalty. Where a Competitor and or a Team choose to ignore the directions from the Medical Officers, Event Referee or designated Officials and continue to compete they do so at their own risk.**

11. ANTI-DOPING

- 11.1 The Event shall be conducted under the SLSA Anti-Doping Policy. (A copy of this Policy can be found [here](#).) Drug testing may be conducted at any competition that is conducted under the authority of SLSA and all competitors are reminded to Check Your Substances at checksubstances.asada.gov.au.

12. RACE COSTUMES/NUMBERS

- 12.1 Each competitor and handler/s **must wear** their assigned number/s on both front/side upper arms and outer thighs and back of calves. The numbers will be applied using numbered tattoos provided by SLSA in competitor race kits. Numbers must remain visible at all times during the race and cannot at any stage during the race be covered with swimming costumes.
- 12.2 During the swim leg, a fluoro pink swimming cap must be worn by all competitors.
- 12.3 SLSA members' Surf Life Saving Club caps are optional for Ski, Board and Run legs only.
- 12.4 Costumes must be SLSA approved as designated in the 35th Edition of the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) (refer to sections 2.4 & 2.5). (This Manual is available on the SLSA website at www.sls.com.au/downloads). Any variance to SLSA's approved costumes may be approved for use by the Referee prior to the commencement of the Event.
- 12.5 Swimming costumes are to be worn at all times along with the Event lycra supplied by SLSA. Competitors are allowed to wear clothing that substitutes a swimming costume such as bike pants, or compression garments for comfort or for weather protection provided that such garments do not provide additional floatation assistance in the swim leg (refer also Section 13.10 for wetsuit usage). SLSA has sole discretion to determine the question of whether there is or could be additional floatation assistance in any particular situation. The Event lycra **MUST** remain the outer garment throughout the duration of the Event, except during the ski leg when the lifejacket will remain the outermost garment.
- 12.6 Costumes must not carry any commercial identification except garment manufacturer's identification of costumes and their Surf Life Saving Club. Further to this, appropriate personal sponsor identification on clothing and the Athlete's body is outlined in the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold Personal Sponsor Policy (A copy of this policy appears below).
- 12.7 **Under SLSA Regulations the Event Referee has the authority to require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes and/or other garments which the Referee considers to be offensive.**
- 12.8 Further, the SLSA Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee, SLSA Chair, Sport and/or the Referee may require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes and/or other garments which contain commercial identification not deemed to be in the interests of the official Event Sponsor (for more information please refer to the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016 Personal Sponsorship Policy).
- 12.9 Footwear is optional on the running legs of the Event. Swim goggles, and or face masks may be worn on the swim leg. Swim flippers or any other performance enhancing swimming aids or equipment are **not permitted**.
- 12.10 **Use of Wetsuits:** Approved wetsuits may be worn if at 30 minutes prior to the Event commencing the water temperature is below 18 degrees Celsius. If the water temperature is 18 degrees Celsius or above wetsuits will not be permitted.
- 13.10.1 Water temperature will be taken approximately 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Event. The temperature reading will be taken behind the broken wave line, or approximately 75 metres off shore, and 30 centimetres below the surface.
- 12.10.2 The Competition Committee reserves the right to examine wetsuits and refuse permission for a suit



to be worn, if it is not deemed to be standard (i.e. Not Approved).

12.10.3 The only wetsuit as approved as standard must:

- a) Be a maximum thickness of 3.00mm at any location of the wetsuit, with a tolerance of 0.3mm.
- b) Contain no additional flotation or buoyancy assistance.

12.10.4 Wetsuits **must not** carry any commercial or sponsorship identification other than that of the wetsuit manufacturer. This wetsuit manufacturer identification can only be the size which is standard to off-the-rack wetsuits of that company.

13. SPONSOR STICKERS

- 13.1 If supplied, compulsory sponsor stickers must be affixed to craft prior to, or during scrutineering and other stickers may be required to be removed or otherwise covered.
- 13.2 Competitors may be called upon to remove from craft all other identification, save for personal and/or official Club sponsor identification, which is considered to be of a conflicting nature to a potential Event sponsor.
- 13.3 The Competition Committee will nominate the approximate area on the craft for such numbers or identification.
- 13.4 For the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016 all athletes are required to affix their competitor number and may be required to affix a major sponsor's stickers as provided to their board and ski for the duration of the race. Please refer to the Personal Sponsorship Policy for details.

14. GEAR & EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS & SCRUTINEERING

- 14.1 Surfboards, surf skis and lifejackets must meet current specifications of SLSA. Copies of those specifications can be found [here](#).
- 14.2 All competitor craft and lifejackets are subject to scrutineering at any time prior to, during or after the Event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the Event scrutineer, and present their craft or lifejacket for scrutineering at requested times and places.

15. MEDIA/PUBLICITY

- 15.1 No competitor, handler, coach, officer or spokesperson for a competitor's Club may make media statements which brings or may bring the Event, its Sponsors or SLSA into controversy, ridicule, contempt or disrepute.
- 15.2 Competitors will not participate in, or undertake, any commercial or publicity activity with any event resembling or being portrayed as "Ironman and/or Ironwoman Competitors" without the prior permission of SLSA.
- 15.3 Competitors will not undertake any commercial or publicity activity with companies in commercial rivalry with any of the Event sponsors.

16. PENALTIES

16.1 The Referee, Competition Committee and SLSA shall have the authority to apply penalties to competitors and/or their Clubs (when the competitor and/or members of a team are members of SLSA) for infringements of these rules. Non-members of SLSA will be subject to same penalties.

Note: Some Event Officials shall be designated as course judges for the determination of any breaches of event rules (e.g. competitors passing course markers incorrectly, interference between competitors, competition assistance to competitors, gear and equipment, and dress etc.).

16.2 Penalties (as detailed in Section 20.4) for rule infringements incurred during the Event may be applied and may also count towards a 'three (3) strikes and you are out' principle. Each 'strike' will receive the following penalties:

- 1st penalty = three (3) minutes;
- 2nd penalty = three (3) minutes (cumulative of 6 minutes); and
- 3rd penalty = disqualification.

Note: 3 minutes is the minimum time penalty for strikes 1 and 2. If the Referee considers that this time penalty is insufficient for the breach then an additional time penalty may be imposed. Such additional time penalty may be protested or appealed by the competition or team.

The above penalties apply to individual competitors and/or teams, e.g.: if three (3) different team members in the same team receive one (1) penalty each, the entire team will be disqualified.

Where practical, competitors will be notified that they are disqualified from the Event and asked to exit the course. However, in some instances this may not be communicated until the conclusion of the race.

16.3 Where practical, competitors will be notified of penalties through a card system (yellow for penalty, red for disqualification), a verbal notification, and/or a notice board at the finish line of the event. Time penalties will be applied at the conclusion of the race.

- A yellow card penalty may be appealed (See Section 21. Appeals)



- If issued a red card, the competitor must immediately return to shore, if on water, or cease participation in the event.
- 16.4 The following actions may incur either a time penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the Referee/Competition Committee.
 - 16.4.1 Failure to follow the correct course. (i.e. proceed via markers, buoys or turning flags other than in the correct manner or sequence).
 - 16.4.2 Failure to round any course marker, buoy, or turning flag in the correct manner, e.g.: wrong way around.
 - 16.4.3 Severely impede another competitor.
 - 16.4.4 Give or receive competitive assistance.
- 16.5 Disqualification from the Event may occur from the following actions:
 - 16.5.1 Attempt to impersonate or take the place of another competitor after the commencement of the Event so as to gain a competitive advantage.
 - 16.5.2 Failure to correctly complete the course.
- 16.6 Incorrect equipment/craft penalties. The following penalties will apply if ineligible equipment or craft is used or attempted to be used:
 - 16.6.1 Disqualification of craft and potentially from the Event at the discretion of the Referee/Competition Committee:
 - presentation of ineligible craft at pre-event scrutineering. **Note:** *Minor discrepancies such as weight and safety may be corrected and re-presented for scrutineering prior to the Event.*
 - ineligible craft found before/during/after race by race officials (further disciplinary action may be taken by SLSA if the competitor is a member of SLSA).
 - ineligible lifejacket found before/during/after race by race officials (further disciplinary action may be taken by SLSA if the competitor is a member of SLSA).
 - attempt to cheat by presentation of ineligible craft with artificial means to assist performance i.e. easily removable weights etc. (further disciplinary action may be taken by SLSA if the competitor is a member of SLSA).
 - failure to present craft for scrutineering if requested at designated time and place by race official.
 - 16.6.2 Time penalty or disqualification from the Event at the discretion of the Referee/Competition Committee:
 - use of non-standard wetsuit.
 - failure to wear mandatory Lycra race singlets etc. during the Event (competitor and/or handler/s).
 - failure to remove commercial identification as directed from craft and/or garments.
 - failure to carry required sponsor identification, as stipulated.
- 16.7 A competitor or team may also receive a time penalty or be disqualified if a competitor, team or handler is deemed to otherwise compete unfairly as detailed in the [SSM Section 2.28](#).
- 16.8 Failure to wear mandatory cap, Lycra race singlets/race shirts at the presentation (competitor) as directed by SLSA may incur penalty or forfeiture of competitor's prizes from the Event.
- 16.9 Use of Prohibited Drugs will incur disqualification from the Event plus any further disciplinary action which may be taken by SLSA.
- 16.10 The making of any media statement, or otherwise bringing or likely to bring the Event, its sponsors, SLSA or other persons connected with the Event into controversy, ridicule, contempt or disrepute (as determined by SLSA) may incur a time penalty and/or forfeiture of competitor's prizes at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- 16.11 Participating in or undertaking any commercial or publicity activity with events being portrayed as ironman and/or ironwoman competitions without the written permission of SLSA may incur disqualification and as a serious breach of Association disciplines, such action may lead to cancellation of membership and all privileges for members of SLSA.
- 16.12 Undertaking commercial or other publicity activity in the same time sequence and general location of the Event contrary to the commercial interests of the Sponsors will not be permitted and may be referred to the Event Organising Committee or Competition Committee for consideration of appropriate action.
- 16.13 SLSA will publish the official results of the race via the [website](#).
- 16.14 The above penalties do not limit the scope of penalties that may be applied for infringements of the rules and regulations of the Event as now set out, nor do they preclude other disciplinary action and penalties that may be imposed for infringements of the regulations of SLSA as set out in SLSA's [Surf Sports Manual](#) (35th Edition), Constitution and By-Laws, Bulletins, and other publications.
- 16.15 Certain course Officials will be equipped with special infringement flags, or markers, which they will display to indicate that an infringement has occurred as soon as practicable. Those Officials will report the infringement to the Event Referee who will then take immediate steps to advise the competitor, or nominated handler, of



the infringement and the penalty applied.

17. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 17.1 A protest against a competitor or a team or against a decision of an official must be lodged verbally with the Referee (or their delegate) within 10 minutes of their completion of the event or the advice of a penalty being applied at their completion of the event. A written protest must then be lodged with the referee (or their delegate) within 30 minutes of the verbal protest being lodged. The result of an event will be withheld until the protest is decided. The Competition Appeals Committee will deal with all protests referred to it by the Referee under clause 14.3.3(a) and all appeals by competitors under clause 14.3.3(d) of the [Surf Sports Manual](#).
- 17.2 Appeals forms can be obtained from the Competition Liaison Officer.
- 17.3 Penalties specifically identified for a breach of regulations of the Event, or as set out in the SLSA Constitution and By-Laws, or SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) (35th Edition), Bulletins or other publications or instructions issued from time to time, will be applied by SLSA, the Event Organising Committee, the Competition Committee and/or the Referee as appropriate.
- 17.4 Competitors wishing to appeal against the outcome of a protest may do so by lodgment of an official "appeal" and the cash payment of fee of two hundred & fifty dollars (\$250.00 incl. GST).
- 17.5 Protests and/or appeals will only be accepted under the following conditions:
- 17.5.1 Protests and/or Appeals shall only be accepted from the competitor or the officially nominated handler and if signed by either one, or both of these persons.
- 17.5.2 Protests and/or Appeals must be in writing and appeals must be accompanied by the appeal fee of \$250.00 (cash only).
- 17.5.3 If the appeal is upheld, then the fee will be returned. If the appeal is dismissed then the fee will be forfeited.
- 17.5.4 The written protest must state the grounds for protest against the application of the penalty, or penalties.
- 17.5.5 A separate protest form and appeal fee (where applicable) must be lodged for each penalty.
Note: Notwithstanding the above, under circumstances where multiple penalties stem from the same incident, the Appeals Panel may deem such penalties to be covered by one (1) protest and therefore one (1) protest fee.
- 17.5.6 Protests must be handed to the Competition Liaison Officer, or the Referee (or their delegate) for immediate transmission to the Competition Appeals Committee who shall undertake their duties as detailed in the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) (35th Edition) (refer Section 22).
- 17.5.7 Penalties applied for infringements which take place during the progression of the Event will be notified as soon as practicable to the competitor or to the nominated handler for that competitor.
- 17.6 Other time limits for the lodgment of protests, shall be as follows:
- 17.6.1 For penalties applied & notified **prior** to the commencement of the Event.
- As soon as practicable and no later than one (1) hour after the official advice of the penalty.
- 17.6.2 For penalties applied & notified **during** the progression of the Event.
- Verbally within fifteen (15) minutes and in writing thirty (30) minutes after the competitor completes the course.
- 17.6.3 For penalties applied & notified **after** the conclusion of the Event.
- Verbally Fifteen (15) minutes and in writing thirty (30) minutes after notification.
- 17.6.4 For other penalties applied & notified per correspondence or other official advice from the Event Referee or the Competition Committee after the dispersal of competitors from the Event.
- Notice of intention to lodge a protest must be given within twenty-four (24) hours of notification of said penalty.
 - Advice of intention to lodge a protest must be signified in writing or by email or facsimile.
 - The formal protest must be received at SLSA office within a further twenty four (24) hours of the advice of intention to lodge an appeal and must be accompanied by the protest fee or fees.
- 17.7 Because of the immediacy & nature of the Event some penalties will be applied and made effective at the time of notification irrespective of a pending protest, such as, but not limited to:
- Removal of a competitor on medical grounds.
 - Refusal of a competitor being allowed to continue with ineligible equipment
- 17.8 In other cases, the submission of the formal penalty protest will have the effect to defer the application of the penalty until the matter is considered by the Competition Committee, such as, but not limited to:
- Application of penalty of exclusion and forfeiture of awards after the events.
 - Imposition of fines.

18. APPEALS PANEL

- 18.1 SLSA will appoint a Competition Appeals Committee for the Event under the authority and provisions of the 35th Edition of the [Surf Sports Manual](#) – Section 14. The decision of the Competition Appeals Committee is final and there is no right of appeal against that decision.
- 18.2 The composition of that Panel may be varied if necessary due to availability of members to act or for other circumstances.
- 18.3 All parties involved in an appeal hearing must make themselves available for immediate convening of the Competition Appeals Committee and deliberation of the protest.
- 18.3.1 At such Hearings the protesting competitor and / or handler must be present personally.
- 18.3.2 The Event Referee may be represented by other officials who will have full authority to represent those persons.
- 18.3.3 The Event Referee must, wherever practicable, make Officials immediately available to the Competition Appeals Committee to assist in their deliberations.
- 18.4 The Competition Appeals Committee shall consider the penalty protest and make a decision. It may uphold or dismiss a protest of appeal.

PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP POLICY

The following outlines the sponsorship policy for the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016, which you must comply with whilst participating in the Competition.

EVENT SPONSORS & CATEGORIES

The categories listed in the below table have exclusive rights at the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold 2016. No personal sponsorship can be worn by a competitor that is of the same category as the companies listed below.

Company	Exclusivity category
Coates Hire – Naming Rights Partner	Hire equipment
DHL – Major Sponsor	Logistics
Westpac – Major Sponsor	Financial Services
FINZ	Swimwear and Lycra supplier
BRP	SeaDoo water craft/Power craft
Kellogg's	Breakfast Cereal and Snacks

Current as of the 01/06/2016. SLSA has the right to update and change this at any time prior to the Event commencing.

PERSONAL

Competitors may be required to wear Event sponsor's branding whilst participating in the Event and during any pre or post event media attendances.

Upper arms of competitors must be uncovered for identification numbering.

Competitors are able to place 2 personal sponsor logos on both shoulders. They must be from the same sponsor and cannot be larger than 7.5cm x 7.5cm as per figure 1. Legs are to be free of any personal sponsor logos. Any personal sponsor logos must be pre-approved by SLSA prior to 9 September 2016 by emailing events@slsa.asn.au. SLSA retains sole discretion to withhold approval of any sponsor logos and is not required to provide any reasons for not giving approval.

During any presentations or media appearances competitors must wear





Event branded cap, lycra race singlet and/or a supplied Event shirt. Any personal sponsor branded gear must not be in conflict with Event sponsors (as listed above).

CLOTHING

SLSA will supply lycra race singlets which must be worn by competitors as outer garments on all of the legs of the Event, except the ski leg when a minimum of Level 50 lifejacket must be the outmost garment.

Handlers must wear mandatory Event handler bibs as outer garments for the whole duration of the Event.

Wetsuits, if permitted to be worn due to conditions, may not carry any commercial or sponsorship identification other than that of the wetsuit manufacturer. This wetsuit manufacturer identification can only be the size which is standard to off-the-rack wetsuits of that company.

Swimming costumes must be SLSA approved as designated in the 35th Edition of the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) . Any variance to SLSA approved costumes may be approved for use by the Referee prior to the commencement of the Event.

Under the entry conditions the SLSA Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee, SLSA Chair, Sport and/or the Referee has the authority to require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes and/or other garments which are considered to be offensive.

Further, the SLSA Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee, SLSA Chair, Sport and/or the Referee may require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes and/or other garments which contain commercial identification not deemed to be in the interests of the official Event Sponsors.

EYEWEAR

Competitors may wear sunglasses whilst competing in the competition providing that the brand of sunglasses does not conflict with any Event sponsors.

Competitors are not to place sunglasses over any Event sponsor, i.e. on peak of cap.

Competitors may wear their own swim goggles in the appropriate legs.

PENALTIES

As indicated in Section 20 – Penalties, the following apply:

- Failure to carry required Sponsor identification, as stipulated: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory Lycra race singlets (competitor)/race T-Shirt (handlers) during event: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory cap and Lycra race singlets at the presentation (competitor): penalty or forfeiture of competitor's total share of prize money.

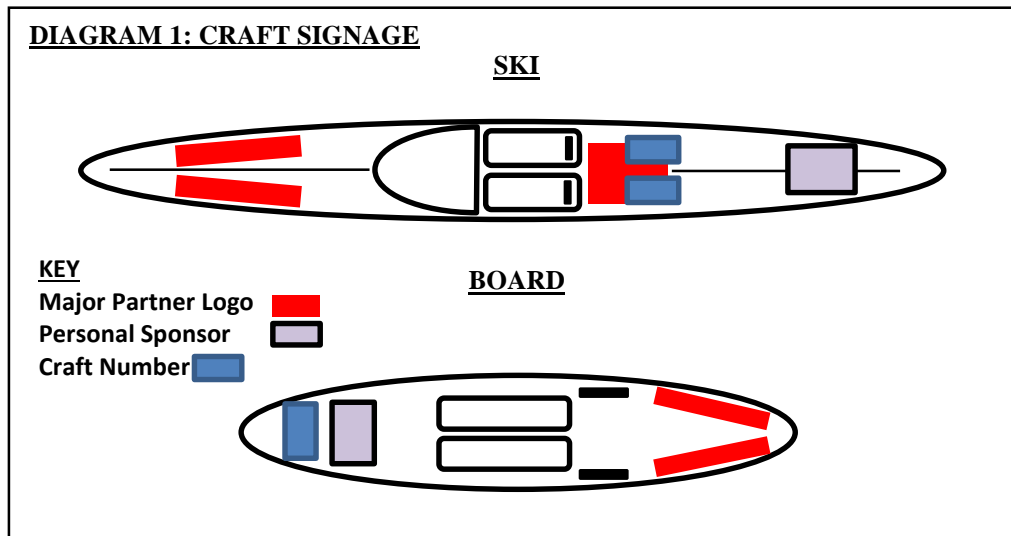
SURF CRAFT

Competitors may be required to compete with a Go Pro or similar device, within reason, attached to equipment for the purpose of obtaining the best possible footage to promote the sport; unless the competitor can prove to SLSA's comfortable satisfaction that such an attachment would hinder their performance.

If supplied, compulsory Event sponsor stickers must be affixed to craft prior to or during scrutineering and other stickers may be required to be removed or otherwise covered.

Competitors may be called upon to remove from craft all other identification, save for personal and/or official Club sponsor identification, which is considered to be of a conflicting nature to a potential Event sponsor.

Further, the Event Organising Committee and/ or the Competition Committee will nominate the approximate area on the craft for such numbers or identification.



Surf craft may be required to carry branding of the Event sponsors in accordance with the attached diagram above. In addition to the branding set out in the attached document, competitors may also carry personal sponsors only if:

- The signage/branding is positioned in the locations reserved for branding of sponsors or personal sponsors as shown in the Diagram 1 above, and specifications below.
- The branding does not conflict with the interest of a sponsor of the Event.

If your surf craft carries branding of sponsors which conflict with the Event sponsors, these will need to be covered up or removed before attending the Event.

If your surf craft is carrying any branding which is inconsistent with this policy or if you wish to discuss any aspect of this policy please contact the Events Team at Surf Life Saving Australia on 02 9215 8000 before 9 September 2016.

Personal Sponsor Dimensions:

Ski – 20cm x 20cm area located 70cm from the back of the seat

Board – 20cm x 10cm area located on the back of the board.

NOTE: Signage cannot cover mandatory compliance stickers.