

Circular

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Summary: This Circular contains the relevant details for entering the Surf Life Saving Australia Interstate Pool Rescue Championships to be conducted on 7-9 August 2015.

Following a major review of the Surf Lifesaving Australia Interstate Championships a number of changes have been made including the separation of the Pool and Ocean Divisions of the Championships into two separate events.

These details have previously been communicated to all State and Territory centres.

This Entry Circular details the Interstate Pool Rescue Championships and entry arrangements.

Key details to bring to your attention relate to:

- Team size and composition.
- The event list.
- The drafting process (for relay events only).
- Point scores.
- Key entry timelines and process

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

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KEY INFORMATION FOR POOL RESCUE INTERSTATES 2015

SUMMARY

This Circular provides the instructions relating to the conduct of the Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2015 (Interstate Championships) together with details of the conditions governing each event in the program.

1. TEAM EQUIPMENT & DRESS

- States will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams.
- States are also responsible to make the appropriate arrangements regarding equipment, outfitting, etc. for their teams.
- Insurance is the responsibility of the individual competitors or State Team Management. Surf Life Saving Australia will not accept the responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

- The Interstate Championships 2015 is conducted for the ages U14 to Open.
- The Interstate Pool Rescue Champions will be the team with highest cumulative points.
- Each State team will consist of a maximum of 24 athletes as per the following:
 - U14 - male and female (2 males/2 females)
 - U15 - male and female (2 males/2 females)
 - U17- male and female (2 males/2 females)
 - U19 - male and female (2 males/2 females)
 - Open - male and female (4 males/4 females)
- To be eligible for a State Team a member must be in the appropriate age group on or before midnight 30 September 2014 and hold a proficient award relevant to their age group and have satisfied the conditions detailed in Section 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 of the *35th Edition Surf Sports Manual*.
- Please also note that an U13 competitor is not permitted to participate in the SLSA Interstate Championships.
- Competitors must compete for their state for the whole of the Interstate Championships in their age category for individual events. However, participation in relay events shall be as per the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and any subsequent Bulletins.
- State 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 CONTESTED

- The following are the team relay events to be contested:
 1. U15 Male 4 x 25m Manikin Relay
 2. U15 Female 4 x 25m Manikin Relay
 3. U19 Male 4 x 25m Manikin Relay
 4. U19 Female 4 x 25m Manikin Relay
 5. Open Male 4 x 25m Manikin Relay
 6. Open Female 4 x 25m Manikin Relay
 7. U15 Male 4 x 50m Medley Relay
 8. U15 Female 4 x 50m Medley Relay
 9. U19 Male 4 x 50m Medley Relay
 10. U19 Female 4 x 50m Medley Relay
 11. Open Male 4 x 50m Medley Relay

12. Open Female 4 x 50m Medley Relay
13. All Age Male 10 x50m Relay
14. All Age Female 10 x 50 m Relay

Note 1: The U15 relays shall be a combined U14 and U15 age Group. Competitors may swim in any order.

Note 2: The U19 relays shall be a combined U17 and U19 age Group. Competitors may swim in any order.

Note 3: The Open relays shall consist of any athletes between U17 and Open

Note 4: The 10 x 50m Relays are to be swum in a set age order oldest – to youngest as follows:

- 2 x Open – Manikin with fins (in water start)
- 2 x U19 – Rescue Tube with fins
- 2 x U17 – Rescue Tube with no fins
- 2 x U15 – Freestyle with fins
- 2 x U14 – Freestyle no fins

Note 5: The rules for 10 x50m Relays shall be resembling the individual races for the disciplines involved.

- The relay events shall be conducted with club events on Friday, 7 August 2015 commencing at 11:00am as per Pool Rescue Champs 2015 Entry Circular.
- The following individual events will also be contested as part of the Interstate competition. Please check Pool Rescue Champs 2015 Entry Circular for full event listings.

Individual Events	U14	U15	U17	U19	Open
50m Freestyle Swim with fins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
200m Obstacle Swim	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50m Manikin Carry	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓
100m Rescue Medley			✓	✓	✓
100m Manikin Tow with fins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100m Manikin Carry with fins		✓	✓	✓	✓
200m Super Lifesaver			✓	✓	✓

* U14 (individual) Manikin Carry (50m) - modified event - The pickup will occur at 35m.

4. TEAM MANAGEMENT

- For event management purposes SLSA will recognise three (3) state team management officials. The positions to be recognised are:
 - Manager (1)
 - Coach (1)
 - Medical (1)

Note: The team management composition must contain both male and female appointees. In this regard it is further recommended that the state appoint males and females proportionately.

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** for the state/territory where the member’s current club is if the member so wishes. 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.

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 individual member’s choice whether they wish to be considered for selection by their “State of Bronze Medallion origin” or their “Current State of Membership”. It is the role of the State to confirm this with athletes. This must be included in the Pool Rescue Interstate Team Details sheet.

- All team selections and individual event allocations will need to be received by SLSA no later than close of business (AEST) Friday, 24 July 2015. An electronic form will be provided to assist this process.

6. DRAFTING

- Drafting is only permitted for the Relay events. SLSA will facilitate an athlete draft to ensure:
 - Each affiliated State/Territory has a full team roster for the relays (where possible).
 - That non-selected (from primary nomination) athletic talent is spread around teams requiring draft athletes.
 - It is desirable, over time State/Territory teams become less reliant on drafting to fill relay teams.
- The draft process shall be as follows:
 - Athletes may elect to nominate into the drafting for relay events should their primary nomination for a State team be unsuccessful.
 - SLSA will release athlete entries to State/Territory centre’s by Monday, 20 July 2015.
 - State/Territory centre's will be required to select its relay teams by Friday, 24 July 2015.
 - State/Territory centre's shall forward all athlete nominations and drafting requirements to SLSA by Friday, 24 July 2015.
 - Any drafted athletes shall be the financial responsibility of the individual seeking the draft. State will supply team caps to the drafted athletes as a minimum.
 - SLSA will release a list of the available draft athletes to each State/Territory team manager eligible to pick from the draft by Monday 27 July 2015.
 - There will be a teleconference facilitated by the SLSA Chair of Selectors (or their nominee) and State Team Head Coaches and Managers on Thursday, 30 July to complete the draft picks.
 - The lowest ranked state team from Ocean Interstate 2015 will have first pick, followed by 6th, 5th 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 Monday, 3 August 2015.
 - No relay team changes are permitted unless an injury occurs or evidence of an exceptional circumstance is provided.
 - There shall be no penalties for drafting. States/Territories are advised there may be reducing draft athlete allowances in the coming years.

- Drafting rules will be reviewed for the 2016 Interstate Championships.

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.

8. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPECIFICATIONS

- SLSA will supply manikins and rescue tubes that must be used in competition.
- Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their swim fins.
- All equipment used in competition is to comply with ILS specifications.
- Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the Interstate Championships 2015.

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.

11. TIMETABLE

- An opening ceremony shall be conducted at 10:30am on Friday, 7 August 2015 with a team parade, messages of welcome and competitor and officials oaths. Details shall be provided at the Team Managers' briefing
- Individual events will be conducted as part of the Club Competition.
- At the conclusion of competition on Sunday, 9 August 2015 a presentation of the Interstate Pool Rescue Trophy and team medallions shall be conducted at the pool.

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

12. DRAWS AND BALLOTS

- Prior to the event SLSA will undertake an initial draw positioning for each relay event and the heat and positions for the individual events.
- Initial draws for relay lane positions will be undertaken by SLSA prior to the Championships. Subsequent draws will be of the 'rolling draw' format where all States/Territories will move sideways and up one lane position in each event conducted in the area.
- The draw for individual events will be based on entry times submitted by the competitor's club. This means that state team competitors may compete in different heats and that a timed result will determine the relative state placings.
- Copies of the draws will be available at the Team Manager's briefing.
- The referee will undertake any other ballots that may be required on the day of the competition.

13. COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

- A briefing for Team Managers will be conducted by the Event Referee on the morning of Friday, 7 August 2015 (approx. 9:45am).

- The officials to be in attendance include the Event Referee, Sectional Referees, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, Appeals Committee Convener, Chief Steward and key SLSA personnel.
- States/Territories should have a maximum of two personnel to attend the briefing.

14. POINTSCORE

- All events conducted shall be of equal points and the State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points being declared the SLSA Interstate Pool Rescue Champions 2015.
- Point score 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 and/or a “did not enter” and/or “did not finish” results.
- The Interstate Relay events will be conducted separately to the Club Relay events.

Note: Teams with drafted athletes may earn 100% of their placing points in relays.

- The individual events will be conducted as part of the Club Championships. States will be required to nominate one athlete only from their selected team to represent them in the above events. The nominated athletes will compete concurrently for both their club and state in individual events and will would accumulate placing points for both.

Note: To achieve this two separate scores will be kept - one for the Interstate and one for the Club pointscore. As an example if a nominated athlete was 6th placed athlete overall in a race but were placed 3rd from the nominated state representatives they would come 6th in the club race and 3rd in the Interstate event and would be awarded placing and points for both accordingly.

- 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.
- The occurrence of a tie at the conclusion of the competition will result in a count back of best finishes (that is, number of 1st's, if still equal, number of 2nd's and so on until a winner is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners will be declared.

15. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

- At the Team Manager's briefing teams will be advised of the opening ceremony and presentation formats.
- Teams will be competing for the Interstates Pool Rescue Trophy (a cumulative point score for all events).
- No interstate medals will be awarded for placings in individual or relay events.
- State teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Interstate Pointscore shall receive Interstate Championship medallions for all team members.

Note 1: As per the SLSA Sponsorship Policy teams may be asked to wear sponsors apparel during the presentation of the trophies and medals. Apart from any SLSA sponsorship no items giving conflicting commercial identification (refer the SLSA Sponsorship Policy) shall be worn during the official presentation ceremony.

- The Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall point score of Ocean, Pool, Surf Boat and IRB Interstate Championships) shall be awarded at the SLSA Awards of Excellence evening. The pointscore 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. SPONSORSHIP

- SLSA may have an event sponsor. Details will be advised to States.
- In the event of States/Territories/individuals having conflicting sponsorship with the event sponsor, the SLSA sponsorship policy must be adhered to.

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 or the hosting authority 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 Interstate Championships 2015.
- 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 (gwoolgar@slsa.asn.au) no later than close of business (AEST), Friday, 24 July 2015. This form is also available on the Member's Portal as a downloadable excel

Note: Changes after this date (other than draft athletes for relays 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 with the team as required.