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2022 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships – Entry Circular Version 2 28-30 January 2022 – Cape Hawke SLSC

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.

Actioned by: Persons responsible for club entries.

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Summary:	Provides information for entering the 2022 NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships.
Action:	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via SEMS by Sunday, 9 January at 11.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Online late entries close Wednesday, 19 January at 11.00pm (<i>late fees apply</i>). NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events)* <input type="checkbox"/> SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online late entries close. Do not pay until the invoice is received. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Team Manager Declaration Form by Sunday 23 January at 11.00pm .
Summary of Changes	Section 8.1

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2022 SLSNSW Country Championships attracts Country Branch competitors from the Under 8's to Masters, providing an opportunity to unite over a three day period showcasing one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held at Cape Hawke SLSC, located in the Mid Coast Local Government Area from Friday, 28 January to Sunday, 30 January 2022.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2022 NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships. Please note that SLSNSW may issue subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in this Circular.

2. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reference is made to:

- The current [37th Edition Surf Sports Manual](#)
- The proficiency competition requirements for 2021/22 Season:
 - [Memo: Changes to Award Dates Country and State Championships](#)
 - [SLSNSW Regulation 5.c.](#) with respect to minimum patrol hours. (Note: these have been varied for season 21/22 due to the impact of COVID-19 Restrictions).

3. GENERAL CONTENT

Entries are to be completed online using the [Sports Events Management System \(SEMS\)](#).

- **Entries close on Sunday 9 January at 11:00pm.**
- Online late entries close **Wednesday 19 January at 11.00pm** (late fees apply).
- **No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events*).**
- SLSNSW will send invoices to all Clubs after online late entries close. Do not pay until the invoice is received.
- Clubs are reminded to complete the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) by **Sunday 23 January at 11.00pm**. This Team Manager Declaration Form includes Clubs logging their team manager contact details. This is to ensure all event communications such as changes to timetables, re-locations etc. can be sent via SMS and Email. Details about the Team Managers meeting format will be available soon.
- **Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of late entries on Wednesday 19 January for any omissions and errors.**
 - **Note: SLSNSW will only respond to calls or emails from Team Managers/Club Registrars regarding entries. SLSNSW will be reverting all calls and emails from individual members back to clubs.**

4. COVID-19

SLSNSW will run this event in accordance with NSW Government and NSW Health guidelines, which are subject to change.

SLSNSW reserves the right to alter event competitor eligibility & attendance and spectator & official attendance should the Public Health Orders in force during the event place limits on the number of attendees and/or the vaccination status of attendees.

5. 2022 NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2022 Country Championships Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may (subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual [37th Edition] and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Circular) postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports	Donald van Keimpema
Carnival Referee	Debbie Pawsey
Local Organising Committee Representative, Cape Hawke SLSC	Mal Flew
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Peter Hogarth
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Jim Pinnington

6. 2022 NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2022 Country Championships Safety Emergency Committee (SEC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each CCSEC meeting:

- Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- Injury management statistics
- Current weather predictions
- Competition statistics

The SEC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The SEC will then advise the CC.

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

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair)	Peter Hogarth
Deputy Carnival Referee	Garry Howe
Powercraft Coordinator	Scott Rayson
First Aid Coordinator	TBC
Water Safety Coordinator	Andrew Martin
SLSNSW Senior Competitions Coordinator	Jess Mensforth

7. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Officials

There will be a quota system for clubs to provide accredited officials based upon the number of competitors entered. Officials, as a minimum requirement, must have a current Core Official accreditation.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
0 to 8	Nil
9 to 15	1 Official
16 to 25	2 Officials
26 to 35	3 Officials
36 to 50	4 Officials
51 to 65	5 Officials
66+ Competitors	6 Officials

If sufficient Officials are not provided according to the above quotas SLSNSW reserves the right to impose a monetary penalty or request the offending club to show cause why that club should or should not compete at the Championships.

Clubs are reminded before entering their competitors into the entry system that they meet the quota.

Please note that quotas are based on the number of competitors entered into the Championships, not the number of starters.

7.2 Water Safety

All clubs are required to provide a minimum of two (2) water safety personnel per day on a roster system. SLSNSW will release the water safety roster prior to the Country Championships (after late entries close).

Water safety personnel will need to supply their own orange rash vest, cap, fins, rescue tube. All water safety personnel must have a minimum current proficient SRC. Rescue boards for water safety will be used at the discretion and direction of the Water Safety Supervisor in the respective competition area. In this instance boards will be made available by Cape Hawke SLSC.

7.3 Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the Championships, a Powercraft roster will be implemented. Clubs will be identified based on the average number of entries from the 2020 & 2022 Championships.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

- **IRB Driver:** Be a current financial SLS member and be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
- **IRB Crewperson:** Be a current financial SLS member, be a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.
- **RWC Operator:** Be a financial SLS member and hold a proficient RWC Operator Certificate.
- **Both IRB and RWC:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and competent to deal in all surf conditions.

As the Powercraft requirements will be based on figures calculated after entries close for the 2022 event, **the Powercraft Roster will not be available until after normal entries close on Sunday 9 January 2022.**

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel via the Powercraft Form which will be available on Tuesday 10 January. All IRB Drivers and Crew personnel must also bring with them their current SLSNSW Powercraft licence.

Some Clubs may also be required to bring IRB equipment to the Championships. All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2021/2022 Gear and Equipment Inspection process and be entered on SurfGuard.

8. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2021/22 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

Reference is made to the following documents which apply to this event:

- SLSA Policy 1.02 – Use of SLSA Equipment
- [Memo: Changes to Award Dates Country and State Championships](#)
- [SLSNSW Regulation 5.c.](#) with respect to minimum patrol hours. (Note: these have been varied for season 21/22 due to the impact of COVID-19 Restrictions).

The Proficiency requalification must be completed by close of “normal” entries to be eligible to participate in a SLS Championship or other event i.e. late entries will not be accepted for members who have not completed their proficiency requalification by the normal close of entries.

Late proficiency exemptions are required to be endorsed by both Club and Branch (on letter head) before being received by SLSNSW. This can be sent to countrychampionships@surflifesaving.com.au and will be forwarded to the State Director of Lifesaving for consideration. Any late proficiency exemptions should be received no later than Sunday 9 January, 2022.

As per previous advice around flexibility for proficiency due to COVID-19 restriction impacts, clubs should advise SLSNSW of any requests for flexibility as soon as possible. Notwithstanding any flexibility/extension, all members must be proficient to participate in the Championships

8.1 Age

For the 2022 Country Championships, the Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group and SRC Award requirements will be waived to be completed as a pre-requisite.

8.2 Opens & Masters

Reference is made to the following documents which apply to this event:

- [Memo: Changes to Award Dates Country and State Championships](#)
- SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility
- SLSA Policy 1.02 Use of SLSA Equipment

9. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2022 NSW Country Championships is **\$45.20** (incl. GST).

SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online late entries close. Clubs must not pay their entry fees prior to the Championships. Payment terms are as stated on the invoice.

Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships, or if events or the entire Championships are cancelled.

Late Entries:

All online late entries received after the initial closing date will incur a late fee of \$98.10 **including** the original entry of \$45.20 (i.e. \$52.90 + \$45.20 = \$98.10) incl. GST).

No individual late entries will be taken at the Administration Centre – Cape Hawke SLSC. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of SLSNSW e.g. a competitor must be a team member replacing another team member in a team already entered. It is suggested that Clubs still enter members if there is a chance that they will be competing and then withdraw their entry prior to the close of late entry.

Additional Events:

When additional events are entered for competitors (individual and / or team) a fee of \$20.30 per event / per competitor will be charged. Note: **The competitor must be already entered into the Carnival.**

Additional individual event entries must be received no later than one hour before the start of the particular event at the Carnival Administration.

For team events a substitution form is required (Finals only) and is required to be handed into the Carnival Administration. No late fees will be charged for team event substitutions if the substitute is already entered into the carnival.

10. ENTRIES – SEMS

Club entries to the 2022 Country Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into SEMS:

<https://sems.sls.com.au/>

Online entries will close at **11pm on Sunday, 9 January 2022.**

Online late entries close **Wednesday, 19 January at 11.00pm** (*late fees apply*).

Please refer to the [SEMS User Guide](#) and [SEMS Club Entry Webinar](#), before and during the entry process.

Note: Entries are restricted to Clubs from the Country Branches of NSW only. No interstate or metropolitan branch competitors can enter the Carnival.

11. EVENTS

The following events shall be conducted in their respective age group areas in accordance with the requirements of the 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual and amending Bulletins and Circulars.

11.1 Age Events

Under 14 Events	
1613	Male Surf Race
2613	Female Surf Race
3623	Surf Teams
1686	Male Board
2686	Female Board
1665	Ironman
2665	Ironwoman
3696	Board Relay
1716	Male Beach Sprint
2716	Female Beach Sprint
3725	Beach Relay
1738	Male Beach Flags
2738	Female Beach Flags
179	Male Board Riding *
279	Female Board Riding *
1744	Male 2km Beach Run
2744	Female 2km Beach Run

Under 13 Events	
1614	Male Surf Race
2614	Female Surf Race
3624	Surf Teams
1687	Male Board
2687	Female Board
1666	Ironman
2666	Ironwoman
3697	Board Relay
1717	Male Beach Sprint
2717	Female Beach Sprint
3726	Beach Relay
1739	Male Beach Flags
2739	Female Beach Flags
180	Male Board Riding *
280	Female Board Riding *
1745	Male 2km Beach Run
2745	Female 2km Beach Run

Under 12 Events	
1615	Male Surf Race
2615	Female Surf Race
3625	Surf Teams
1688	Male Board
2688	Female Board
1667	Ironman
2667	Ironwoman
3698	Board Relay
1718	Male Beach Sprint
2718	Female Beach Sprint
3727	Beach Relay
1740	Male Beach Flags
2740	Female Beach Flags
1746	Male 1km Beach Run
2746	Female 1km Beach Run

Under 11 Events	
1616	Male Surf Race
2616	Female Surf Race
3626	Surf Teams
1689	Male Board
2689	Female Board
1668	Ironman
2668	Ironwoman
3699	Board Relay
1719	Male Beach Sprint
2719	Female Beach Sprint
3728	Beach Relay
1741	Male Beach Flags
2741	Female Beach Flags
1747	Male 1km Beach Run
2747	Female 1km Beach Run

Under 10 Events	
1617	Male Surf Race
2617	Female Surf Race
3627	Surf Teams
1690	Male Board
2690	Female Board
3700	Board Relay
1720	Male Beach Sprint

Under 9 Events	
1618	Male Surf Race
2618	Female Surf Race
3628	Surf Teams
1691	Male Board
2691	Female Board
3701	Board Relay
1721	Male Beach Sprint

2720	Female Beach Sprint
3729	Beach Relay
1742	Male Beach Flags
2742	Female Beach Flags

2721	Female Beach Sprint
3730	Beach Relay
1743	Male Beach Flags
2743	Female Beach Flags

Under 8 Events	
1634	Male Wade
2634	Female Wade
3645	Wade Relay
1722	Male Beach Sprint
2722	Female Beach Sprint
3731	Beach Relay
1737	Male Beach Flags
2737	Female Beach Flags

Special Events	
3673	Senior Board Rescue (U14, U13)
3674	Junior Board Rescue (U12, U11)
3680	Senior Cameron Relay (U14, U13)
3681	Junior Cameron Relay (U12, U11)
3712	Junior March Past
3735	All Age Beach Relay
3695	All Age Board Relay
3800	Buchanan Relay (U8-U10)

R&R Events			
3609	U13-U14 2 Person R&R*		U10-U12 2 Person R&R*
3608	U14-U15 2 Person R&R*		U12-U14 5 Person R&R*
3610	U13-U15 5 Person R&R*		

* These events will only go ahead if entry numbers are sufficient to require the resources that are needed for these events.

11.2 Open & Masters Events

Swimming Events			
32	Open 5 Person R&R *	34	Under 17 5 Person R&R *
110	Open Male Surf Race	210	Open Female Surf Race
111	Under 19 Male Surf Race	211	Under 19 Female Surf Race
112	Under 17 Male Surf Race	212	Under 17 Female Surf Race
113	Under 15 Male Surf Race	213	Under 15 Female Surf Race
1200	30-39 Male Surf Race	2200	30-39 Female Surf Race
1202	40-49 Male Surf Race	2202	40-49 Female Surf Race
1204	50-59 Male Surf Race	2204	50-59 Female Surf Race
1206	60 + Male Surf Race	2206	60 + Female Surf Race
316	Open Surf Teams	317	Under 19 Surf Teams
318	Under 17 Surf Teams	319	Under 15 Surf Teams

Ski Events			
154	Open Male Ski	254	Open Female Ski
155	Under 19 Male Ski	255	Under 19 Female Ski
156	Under 17 Male Ski	256	Under 17 Female Ski
1272	30-39 Male Ski	2272	30-39 Female Ski
1274	40-49 Male Ski	2274	40-49 Female Ski
1276	50-59 Male Ski	2276	50-59 Female Ski
1278	60 + Male Ski	2278	60 + Female Ski

4548	30+ Male Ski Relay
157	Open Male Ski Relay
158	Under 19 Male Ski Relay
159	Under 17 Male Ski Relay
160	Open Male Double Ski
361	Open Mixed Double Ski
262	Under 19 Female Double Ski
560	30+ Female Double Ski

4549	30+ Female Ski Relay
257	Open Female Ski Relay
258	Under 19 Female Ski Relay
259	Under 17 Female Ski Relay
260	Open Female Double Ski
162	Under 19 Male Double Ski
460	30+ Male Double Ski
362	30+ Mixed Double Ski

Board Events			
164	Open Male Board	264	Open Female Board
165	Under 19 Male Board	265	Under 19 Female Board
166	Under 17 Male Board	266	Under 17 Female Board
167	Under 15 Male Board	267	Under 15 Female Board
1303	30-39 Male Board	2303	30-39 Female Board
1305	40-49 Male Board	2305	40-49 Female Board
1307	50-59 Male Board	2307	50-59 Female Board
1309	60 + Male Board	2309	60 + Female Board
169	Open Male Board Relay	269	Open Female Board Relay
170	Under 19 Male Board Relay	270	Under 19 Female Board Relay
171	Under 17 Male Board Relay	271	Under 17 Female Board Relay
172	Under 15 Male Board Relay	272	Under 15 Female Board Relay
	30+ Male Board Relay		30+ Female Board Relay

Tube Events			
1218	30-39 Male Rescue Tube	2218	30-39 Female Rescue Tube
1220	40-49 Male Rescue Tube	2220	40-49 Female Rescue Tube
1222	50-59 Male Rescue Tube	2222	50-59 Female Rescue Tube
1224	60 + Male Rescue Tube	2224	60 + Female Rescue Tube
138	U15 Male Rescue Tube	238	U15 Female Rescue Tube

Beach Events			
186	Open Male Sprint	286	Open Female Sprint
187	Under 19 Male Sprint	287	Under 19 Female Sprint
188	Under 17 Male Sprint	288	Under 17 Female Sprint
189	Under 15 Male Sprint	289	Under 15 Female Sprint
1324	30-39 Male Sprint	2324	30-39 Female Sprint
1326	40-49 Male Sprint	2326	40-49 Female Sprint
1328	50-59 Male Sprint	2328	50-59 Female Sprint
1330	60 + Male Sprint	2330	60 + Female Sprint
192	Open Male Beach Relay	292	Open Female Beach Relay
193	Under 19 Male Beach Relay	293	Under 19 Female Beach Relay

194	Under 17 Male Beach Relay
195	Under 15 Male Beach Relay
	30+ Mal Beach Relay
198	Open Male Beach Flags
199	Under 19 Male Beach Flags
1100	Under 17 Male Beach Flags
1101	Under 15 Male Beach Flags
1343	30-39 Male Beach Flags
1345	40-49 Male Beach Flags
1347	50-59 Male Beach Flags
1349	60 + Male Beach Flags
1558	Open Male 2km Beach Run
1559	Under 19 Male 2km Beach Run
1560	Under 17 Male 2km Beach Run
1561	Under 15 Male 2km Beach Run
4020	30-39 Male 2km Beach Run
4022	40-49 Male 2km Beach Run
4024	50-59 Male 2km Beach Run
4026	60+ Male 1km Beach Run
383	Open March Past

294	Under 17 Female Beach Relay
295	Under 15 Female Beach Relay
	30+ Female Beach Relay
298	Open Female Beach Flags
299	Under 19 Female Beach Flags
2100	Under 17 Female Beach Flags
2101	Under 15 Female Beach Flags
2343	30-39 Female Beach Flags
2345	40-49 Female Beach Flags
2347	50-59 Female Beach Flags
2349	60 + Female Beach Flags
2558	Open Female 2km Beach Run
2559	Under 19 Female 2km Beach Run
2560	Under 17 Female 2km Beach Run
2561	Under 15 Female 2km Beach Run
4021	30-39 Female 2km Beach Run
4023	40-49 Female 2km Beach Run
4025	50-59 Female 2km Beach Run
4027	60+ Female 1km Beach Run

Multi-Discipline Events			
125	Open Ironman	225	Open Ironwoman
126	Under 19 Ironman	226	Under 19 Ironwoman
127	Under 17 Ironman	227	Under 17 Ironwoman
128	Under 15 Ironman	228	Under 15 Ironwoman
4028	30-39 Ironman	4029	30-39 Ironwoman
4030	40-49 Ironman	4031	40-49 Ironwoman
4032	50-59 Ironman	4033	50-59 Ironwoman
4034	60+ Ironman	4035	60+ Ironwoman
130	Open Male Board Rescue	230	Open Female Board Rescue
131	Under 19 Male Board Rescue	231	Under 19 Female Board Rescue
132	Under 17 Male Board Rescue	232	Under 17 Female Board Rescue
133	Under 15 Male Board Rescue	233	Under 15 Female Board Rescue
4036	30-39 Male Board Rescue	4037	30-39 Female Board Rescue
4038	40-49 Male Board Rescue	4039	40-49 Female Board Rescue
4040	50-59 Male Board Rescue	4041	50-59 Female Board Rescue
4042	60+ Male Board Rescue	4043	60+ Female Board Rescue
140	Open Male Taplin Relay (3 person)	240	Open Female Taplin Relay
340	Open Mixed Taplin (6 person)	241	Under 19 Female Taplin Relay
141	Under 19 Male Taplin Relay	242	Under 17 Female Taplin Relay
142	Under 17 Male Taplin Relay	243	Under 15 Female Cameron Relay

143	Under 15 Male Cameron Relay
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345	Lifesaver Relay*
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Surf Boats			
148	Open Male Surf Boat	248	Open Female Surf Boat
149	Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat	249	Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat
152	Under 23 Male Surf Boat	252	Under 23 Female Surf Boat
151	Under 19 Male Surf Boat	251	Under 19 Female Surf Boat
1263	120+ Male Surf Boats	2263	120+ Female Surf Boats
1265	180+ Male Surf Boats	2265	180+ Female Surf Boats
1135	Open Male Surf Boat Short Course	2135	Open Female Surf Boat Short Course
1136	Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat Short Course	2136	Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat Short Course
1138	Under 23 Male Surf Boat Short Course	2138	Under 23 Female Surf Boat Short Course
1137	Under 19 Male Surf Boat Short Course	2137	Under 19 Female Surf Boat Short Course
	120+ Male Surf Boats Short Course		120+ Female Surf Boats Short Course
	180+ Male Surf Boats Short Course		180+ Female Surf Boats Short Course

Board Riding *			
175	Open Male Board Riding *	275	Open Female Board Riding *
176	Under 19 Male Board Riding *	276	Under 19 Female Board Riding *
177	Under 17 Male Board Riding *	277	Under 17 Female Board Riding *
178	Under 15 Male Board Riding *	278	Under 15 Female Board Riding *
4000	30-39 Male Long Board *	4001	30-39 Female Long Board *
4002	40-49 Male Long Board *	4003	40-49 Female Long Board *
4004	50-59 Male Long Board *	4005	50-59 Female Long Board *
4006	60-69 Male Long Board *	4007	60-69 Female Long Board *
4018	70+ Male Long Board *	4019	70+ Female Long Board *
4008	30-39 Male Short Board *	4009	30-39 Female Short Board *
4010	40-49 Male Short Board *	4011	40-49 Female Short Board *
4012	50-59 Male Short Board *	4013	50-59 Female Short Board *
4014	60- 69 Male Short Board *	4015	60 - 69 Female Short Board *
4016	70+ Male Short Board *	4017	70+ Female Short Board *

* These events will only go ahead if entry numbers are sufficient to require the resources that are needed for these events.

11.3 Restriction of Events

Please note that there is a restriction to the number of teams that can compete for certain events. Please see the list below:

- 3800 Buchanan Relay (U8-U10) – Three (3) teams per club
- 3673 Senior Board Rescue (U14, U13) – 3 teams per club
- 3674 Junior Board Rescue (U12, U11) – 3 teams per club
- 3680 Senior (U14, U13) Cameron Relay - 3 teams per club
- 3681 Junior (U11, U12) Cameron Relay - 3 teams per club
- 3735 All Age Beach Relay – 1 team per club
- 3695 All Age Board Relay – 1 team per club
- 345 Lifesaver Relay – 1 team per club

11.4 Supplementary Information

Open Mixed Taplin (6 person):

- Team to consist of 3 males and 3 females
- Each gender is to compete one leg of swim, board ski

Surf Teams:

- The U15, U17, U19 & Open Surf Teams is mixed and must have a minimum of 1 male and 1 female in each team

U8-U14 Relays:

- All U8-U14 Relays are mixed and must have a minimum of 1 male and 1 female in each team

Buchanan Relay:

- Buchanan Relays consists of 6 athletes:
 - Four U8 Competitors: 1x Wade & 3 x Runners
 - One U9 Competitor and One U10 Competitor who will either be the swimmer or board paddler

Cameron Relay:

- The Junior (U11-U12) and Senior (U13-U14) Cameron Relays will be run with three (3) person teams. The runner will complete two (2) run legs.
- In the Cameron Relays, as a minimum, a female must take the position of either board paddler or swimmer. The runner may be either Male or Female.

All Age Relays

- All Age Beach Relay: U8-U15
- All Age Board Relay: U9-U15

R&R

- All R&R teams must check in at the Team Managers meeting on Thursday 27 January in order for the event to go ahead. If teams do not check in, the event will be cancelled.

Lifesaver Relay

- All Lifesaver Relay teams must check in at the Team Managers meeting on Thursday 27 January in order for the event to go ahead. If teams do not check in, the event will be cancelled.

Short Course Boat Races

- Surf Boats will have normal length competition held on Saturday 29 January and a new short course race format on Sunday 30 January.

11.5 Restriction of Masters Events

Masters competitors may only compete in their own age group in individual events and in only one age category in each different team event entered.

Note: This section does not preclude a qualified Master competitor from participating in their Masters individual Age Group and also in Open age events. A minimum of one starter is required provided that the competitor/team correctly completes the course. Where Championship events are contested all place getters shall be awarded placing medals (1st, 2nd & 3rd).

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1 Championship Point Score

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for the championships (1st through to 6th).

12.2 Results

In the case of a dead heat for positions 1st, 2nd or 3rd each competitor will receive a respective medal and the following medal allocations will apply:

- Dead heat for 1st place: Two (2) Gold and One (1) Bronze will be awarded (no Silver will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, dead heat for 2nd place: One (1) Gold and two (2) Silver will be awarded (no Bronze will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, one competitor in 2nd place, dead heat for 3rd place
 - One (1) Gold, one (1) Silver and two (2) Bronze will be awarded
- Dead heat for 1st place and dead heat for 2nd place: Two (2) Gold and two (2) Bronze will be awarded (no Silver will be awarded)

12.3 Handlers

Handlers will not be required to be entered into the SEMS system. It is highly recommended that handlers are current financial members of a SLSNSW club. Those who handle for a competitor that are not financial members of a SLSNSW club will not be covered under the SLSNSW Insurance Policy. Handlers are required to wear a pink high visibility vest (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a pink high visibility bib/jacket type garment).

12.4 Boat Sweeps

All Surf Boat Sweeps entered in the Country Championships are required to have completed their Development Coach – Surf Boat Award, Sweeps Accreditation Assessment Tool and have been issued with a Sweeps Accreditation Number. SLSNSW will conduct an audit of all the sweeps entered into the carnival for compliance.

13. SCRUTINEERING

All craft and equipment being used at the 2022 NSW Country Championships will be required to carry a valid Scrutineering Sticker (**dated 20 -22**). Scrutineering should have been completed in Branches prior to the Championships.

Random scrutineering of craft and equipment will take place throughout the duration of the carnival. Finalists may be required to have their craft scrutineered prior to racing in event finals. Scrutineering will be available for all members at no cost however members should expect to experience significant delays.

14. SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2022 NSW Country Championships will be issued an official high visibility pink competition lycra vest. It is a requirement for all competitors to wear the supplied Lycra vest in competition at the 2022 NSW Country Championships. See SSM 2.5.1.

Clubs must ensure that competitors wear the approved lycra vest in competition, no other branded vests may be worn. Competitors may be requested to wear the approved lycra vest as part of medal presentations.

More information on rash vest distribution will be available soon.

15. TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by TeamApp.

TeamApp will be used in the lead up to and throughout the NSW Country Championships as a platform to communicate information, documentation and updates including timetable changes to Team Managers and Competitors.

It is highly recommended that everyone planning to attend any NSW State Championships event download TeamApp when Entry Nominations are submitted. If you cannot download the App onto a phone or tablet, you may also access TeamApp in a web browser on any computer.

To register for these event updates please follow the below instructions:

- 1) Download the “TeamApp” application from the App Store or Google Play
- 2) Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications
- 3) Once logged in search “2022 NSW Country Championships”
- 4) Click the “Become a member of this TeamApp” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate group you wish to receive notifications from

By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive notifications and email updates as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information.

PLEASE NOTE: It is an individual's/Club's obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a TeamApp update is not an excuse for missing events.

16. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

16.1 Drones

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public. SLSNSW and its telecast production contractors will be operating UAV's for both surveillance and capturing of event footage.

16.2 Photography

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW.

SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or Clubs. Professional photographers will be attending and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Clubs are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area.

Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

16.3 Links for Results

<https://surfsports.sls.com.au/results/events>

16.4 Event Hashtag

The official hashtag for the event is #CountryChamps22

16.5 Media Statements

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the State Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding the State Championships will be made by authorised spokespeople.

17. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors is of paramount importance and athletes or their parent / guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at the 2022 Country Championships **MUST** seek medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition, SLSNSW may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and Surf Life Saving NSW are not placed at risk.

18. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete both the [Sport Integrity Australia](#) Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport. Moving

forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great addition to the structure of any touring team and/or squad and is vital for elite competition and athlete development.

SLSNSW fully supports the new SLSA Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Area > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1 1 & 5.02). Following the completion of each course, a completion certificate/email must be forwarded to Surf Sports surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au. SLSNSW have organised with SLSA to have these courses uploaded on to SurfGuard as an award. Once completed, the courses do not have to be completed again, unless there is an update in information from the organisations. If anyone has previously completed either course, proof must be sent through to Surf Sports in order to be recognised.

For further information regarding the courses please contact Surf Sports, on (02) 9471 8000 or surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

19. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct while at the Championships will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the Championship. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters, particularly those appointed as Officials, are not allowed to assist competitors during the competition. Any breach of this policy may result in the disqualification of an athlete from the remainder of the competition and is at the discretion of the Referee.

Parents or supporters must also understand that they are role models for young athletes. Clubs should make sure that parents and supporters understand that abuse of officials, other competitors or clubs will not be tolerated. Team Managers and Club Presidents should ensure that their parents and supporters understand their role at this competition and that expected standards of behaviour are clearly explained.

Please refer to 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.05 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.05).

20. PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based.

Protest Forms are available from the Liaison Officer. An “Appeals Fee” of \$110.00 must accompany all documentation when the process is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

21. MIDCOAST COUNCIL

MidCoast Council proudly welcomes the 2022 SLSNSW Country Championships!

There are plenty of accommodation options on offer for competitors and guests from caravan parks, hotels/motels and self-contained homes.

Book your accommodation through MidCoast Council Destination Services:

Booking Enquiries: P - 1800 692 805, E – tourism@midcoast.nsw.gov.au

Why not extend your stay and further explore this unique and scenic coastal region of NSW?

For more information please visit - <https://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Home>

22. COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

