

2018 NSW Best of the Best Surf Boat Interbranch Championship: Event Guide (18/12/17)

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INTRODUCTION:

This event guide contains information in reference to the conduct of the 2018 NSW Best of the Best Surf Boat Interbranch Championships to be held at North Narrabeen SLSC on Saturday 24 March 2018.

A final event memo will be released 1 week prior to the Championships, including the final timetable.

The Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge has been revised to achieve 2 main outcomes:

1. Provide a representative opportunity pathway for our Surf Boat competitors to support member retention.
2. Create a sustainable member centred event showcasing the best of the best in our Branches for the sport of Surf Boat rowing in NSW.

EVENT INFORMATION:

Branches will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and make their own arrangements regarding equipment, transportation of teams and outfitting.

Insurance for all competition equipment including tents, trailers and surf craft is the responsibility of the individual competitors or Branch Team Management. SLSNSW will not accept the responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

BRANCH ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES:

The entry fee for each competitor is \$30.00 (incl GST) per competitor including Sweeps.

Entries for each Branch are to be entered at this link: <http://sportnsw.srv01.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport>

Each Branch has been given a Username and Password.

1 representative from each Branch (i.e. Team Manager) will need to contact SLSNSW on (02) 9471 8000 to obtain Branch Username and Password should they no longer have it.

SLSNSW will invoice each Branch after the Championships (including for any drafted competitors).

Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if the event is cancelled or suspended.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2017/18 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

It is a Branch requirement to ensure that all competitors are compliant. SLSNSW will conduct a competitor audit to ensure compliancy.

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

2018 NSW BEST OF THE BEST SURF BOAT INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

The 2018 NSW Best of the Best Interbranch Championships Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The Competition Committee may, subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual (35th edition) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Circular, postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all events, and alter the venue of the competition.

Carnival Referee (Chair)	Greg Heard
Carnival Deputy Referee	TBC
Director of Surf Sports, SLSNSW	Donald van Keimpema
Local Organising Committee, North Narrabeen SLSC	Steve Maxwell
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	TBC
Sport Manager, SLSNSW	Rob Pidgeon
Sport Events Coordinator, SLSNSW	Luke Stigter

2018 NSW BEST OF THE BEST SURF BOAT INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMITTEE:

The 2018 NSW Best of the Best Interbranch Championships Safety and Emergency Committee (SEC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition.

A Safety Operations Manual (SOM) is in place to ensure appropriate procedures are in place if an emergency occurs during a competition.

The objectives of the plan are to:

- Outline the facilities that will be utilised during the event.
- Identify those persons with the authority to initiate the plan.
- Outline command and control functions.
- State the activation methods for internal and external agencies and services.

The SEC shall determine the response to hazards as they occur, or otherwise as required and provide safety advice to the Competition Committee. The sole responsibility for suspension, cancellation, postponement or relocation of part or all of the competition rests with the Competition Committee.

The decision to enact the Contingency Plan is the responsibility of the Competition Committee. The Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator is solely responsible to the Competition Committee for recommendations concerning competition safety.

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair)	TBC
Powercraft Coordinator	TBC
Sport Manager, SLSNSW	Rob Pidgeon
Carnival Deputy Referee	TBC
First Aid Coordinator	TBC

EVENT CONDITIONS:

The general competitive conditions as detailed in the current edition of the SSM and any subsequent Bulletins shall apply to the conduct of these events except where amended by these Championship rules.

a) **Entry Condition:**

If a Member has been injured & processed through iCare (WorkCover Authority New South Wales) & wishes to compete in a SLSA Competition or returning to SLSA Surf Patrol Duties etc, then they MUST complete & submit a Return to Surf Duties Form BEFORE returning to ensure full medical clearance.

b) **Distance:**

As per 35th Ed. SSM 5.2.1 (c)

c) **Branch of Origin:**

There are no Branch of Origin selections for the NSW Surf Boat Interbranch Championships.

d) **Composite Crews:**

There are no composite crews accepted for this event.

e) **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

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

Notes

Note 1: Refer to SLSA Policy 5.4 “Proficiency and Patrol Hour Requirements for Competition Eligibility”. All selected competitors must be proficient to the relative SLSA Award for their age group and, as appropriate, have satisfied the patrol requirements as specified by their Clubs. Competitors and Team Management must also be current financial members of their respective surf club.

Note 2: Any substitution/s required by a Branch, can only be made from within the nominated team and can only be substituted from the competitor’s same age group.

TEAMS:

Branch Team

A Branch Team (40) will consist of the following (8) crew divisions:

Division/Event	Female	Male
Under 19	✓	✓
Under 23	✓	✓
Reserve	✓	✓
Open	✓	✓
Surf Boat Relay		✓

With the exception of Surf Boat Sweeps, competitors must compete for the whole of the Interbranch Championship in their nominated division

Team Management

1x Manager

2x Assistant Team Managers

Each Sweep must hold a current Development Coach – Surf Boat Sweep Accreditation

Note 1: The minimum Team Management composition should contain both Male and Female appointees. In this regard it is recommended that Branches appoint males and females proportionate to the team management size. There is no limit on the Team Management however only 1x Branch representatives will be nominated and permitted to act as Team Manager (for meetings etc.).

Drafting Arrangements

SLSNSW will facilitate a competitor draft to ensure:

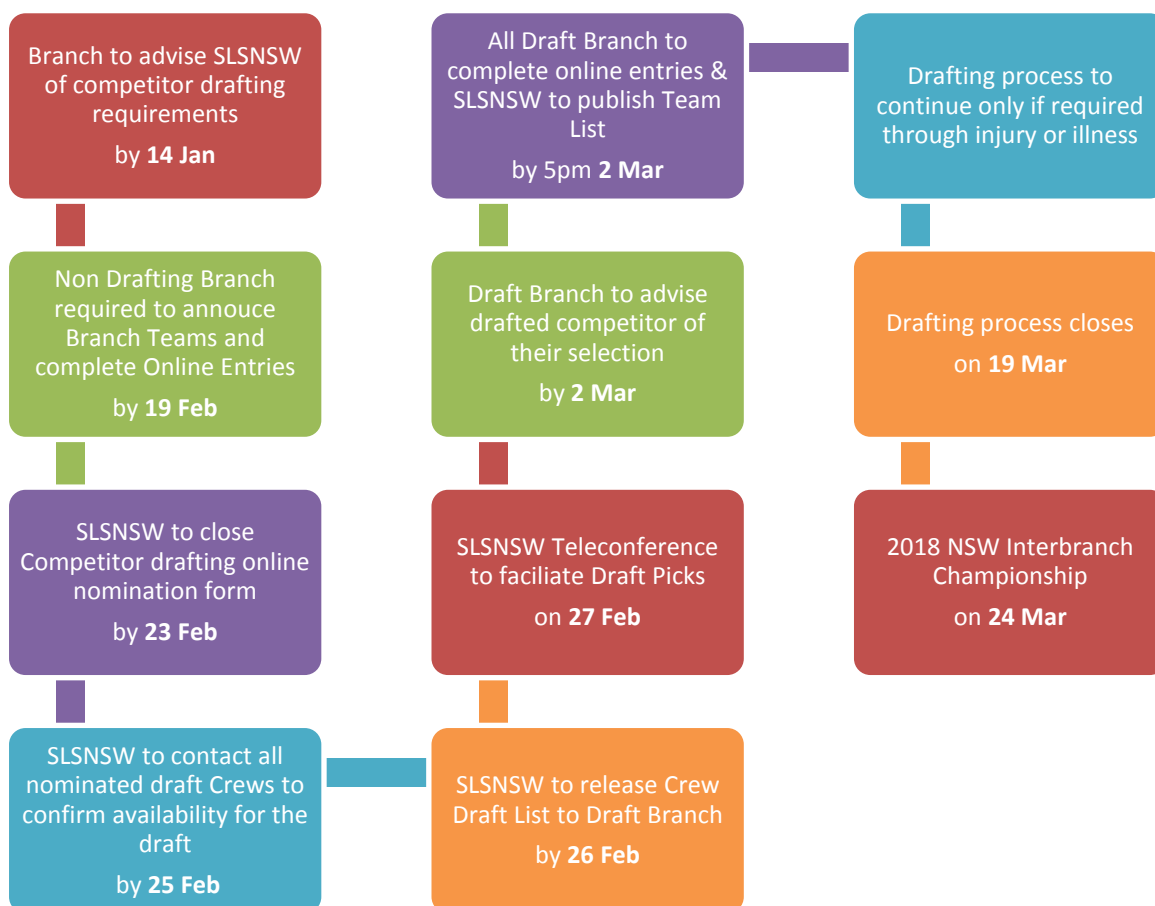
- Each Branch has the opportunity to field a crew in each division
- That non-selected (from primary Branch) athletic talent is spread around teams requiring draft competitors.
- It is desirable; over time Branch teams become less reliant on drafting to fill the team.

The draft process shall be as follows:

1. Branches will need to submit an Expression of Interest to SLSNSW as to their capability to nominate crews in each division. This will allow SLSNSW to plan the draft process.
2. All Branches shall advise SLSNSW of any drafting requirements by **14 January via the EOI process**. Branches not requiring drafts shall advise SLSNSW of the likely number and availability of crews for the draft.
3. Branches who will not be drafting must announce their teams by **19 February**. Crews not selected for their Primary Branch Team will need to OPT OUT of the NSW Interbranch Draft. To be clear the drafted crews will need to discuss with draft Branch as to which, if any costs are to be reimbursed. Branch shall supply a Team Competition cap as a minimum for use at the Interbranch. SLSNSW will invoice the draft Branch for the entry fee for any drafted crews
4. SLSNSW will create a pool of draft Interbranch crews from Branches and this will close on **Friday 23 February** at 11pm.
5. SLSNSW to email all nominated draft crews to confirm availability for the draft on **Sunday 25 February**
6. SLSNSW will release a list of the available draft competitors to each eligible Branch on **Monday 26 February**
7. There will be a teleconference facilitated by SLSNSW Chair of Selectors (or their nominee) on **Tuesday 27 February** with eligible Branch Director of Surf Sports and/or Manager to complete their draft picks.
8. SLSNSW will conduct a random draw for Branch order in the draft. With the first Branch drawn having first pick, second Branch drawn having second pick and so forth until the first rotation of picks is complete. The rotation will continue until all Branches have a complete team or until the draft pool is exhausted. If a Branch completes their Team, they will drop out of the draft at that point and the order of picks shall remain the same.
9. Should a drafted crew subsequently not be available the drafting rotation will not be recommenced but the position filled from the next available eligible crew.
10. SLSNSW will publish the list of all Team Lists on **Friday 2 March**. All Branches will need to have completed their online entries by 5pm on **Friday 2 March**.
11. The initial drafting process is to be completed by SLSNSW and crews advised of their selection by their selected Branch team manager.
12. Once a crew has been advised of their draft they will not be able to be selected for their own Branch unless injury or illness occurs. In such circumstances the Branch is to advise SLSNSW in writing of the need to reclaim a crew. The drafted Branch must release the crew to their Primary Branch.
13. It is permitted for the drafting process to continue up until 5pm **Monday 19 March**. After this time, any further drafts will be at the discretion of SLSNSW.
14. Any drafted competitors are eligible to earn 100% of their placing points towards their drafted Branch point score.



Drafting Process Flow Chart Summary



POINTSCORE:

Placing in Finals

The format will be 3 rounds of points score, then a final in each Division.

Placings in finals will be allocated points on an 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 11th, for each event contested.

Dead Heats

Dead heats in finals in both team and individual events shall be declared as per 35th Edition of the SSM. Placings shall be awarded as follows: Equal first will result in no second place being awarded with the next placed competitor or team being awarded third place etc. In the event of a three way dead heat for first the next placed competitor or team shall be awarded fourth place and so on.

Overall Branch Pointscore

The Branch with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner. Further to this when the event has concluded and if there is a tied pointscore, the Branch with the most 1st placings shall be declared the winner. Failing this, the Branch with the most 2nd placings to the last placing points awarded respectively will be taken into account to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the pointscore will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

PRESENTATIONS:

Branch Teams will be competing for the NSW Best of the Best Surf Boat Interbranch Plaque and the NSW Best of the Best Surf Boat Interbranch Country Point Score plaque

The Branch Teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the NSW Interbranch Championship will also receive Championship medals for all team members.

Presentation will occur in the North Narrabeen SLSC, approx. 45mins after the conclusion of the Boat Relay.

DRAWS AND BALLOTS:

Prior to the event SLSNSW will undertake a draw positioning for each event.

Events may be run concurrently with another depending on the draw

COMPETITION AREAS:

The competition area will be made up of 1 area and competition

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS:

Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their Surf Boats.

All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications and have been scrutineered and passed for use in SLSNSW competition.

Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the Interbranch Championship.

***Note: Each team member must have a pink high visibility vest to be eligible to compete in any water based event. It is a Branch decision if this is to be provided by the Branch or if members must supply their own.**

PROTESTS:

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Competition Liaison Officer in accordance with the procedures set down in the SSM 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 will be readily available from the Referee Steward. An "Appeals Fee" of \$110.00 (incl GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication. If the appeal is upheld, then the Appeals Fee will be fully refunded.

MEDIA STATEMENTS:

Branches will be permitted to promote the event and their team within their Branch. However, no competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson shall make media statements, which could bring the event into controversy or disrepute. Complaints regarding the organisation of the Interbranch Championship, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSNSW channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or Officers. All official complaints will be acknowledged.

PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA:

SLSNSW will not be issuing any media/photography accreditation to any members. Clubs will be allowed to take photographs from **outside** of the competition area as per normal SLSNSW carnival procedures.

SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW prior to the Championships.

No Competitor, Team Manager, Official or Spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Statements to the media about the Championships will be made by SLSNSW media staff and any questions or comments can be directed to this department.

THEFT:

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLSNSW or its sponsors, will immediately be brought before Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLSNSW Judiciary for possible further action.

ANTI-DOPING:

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy & Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available online at SLSA Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.2 & 6.23). Members have a duty to avoid all prohibited substances and prohibited methods and should be aware of the policy if medication is required. If appropriate, advice should be obtained from medical practitioners, pharmacists, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority

(<https://checksubstances.asada.gov.au/> or 13000 ASADA (1300 027 232). SLSNSW fully supports these policies. It is strongly recommended that all managers and crew members complete the Anti-Doping Level 1 course via the ASADA website at <http://elearning.asada.gov.au/index.php> which will provide information on how to keep Australian sport clean from illicit and banned substances as well as how to keep updated with changes on the banned substances list. Once you have completed the course, please email the certificate to Tim Piper tpiper@surflifesaving.com.au who will upload this to your surfguard profile as a recognised award.

MATCH FIXING:

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.11 National Policy on Match-Fixing (available online at SLSA Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.11). To assist members understand what Match-Fixing is and how it can affect our sport, it is recommended to complete the Match-Fixing online course at <https://elearning.sport.gov.au/> This e-learning program is designed to help you understand what match-fixing is, its consequences, how to recognise it and report it. Once you have successfully completed the modules you will know how to effectively keep Australian sport honest and you will receive a congratulations email, please forward this on to Tim Piper tpiper@surflifesaving.com.au who will upload this to your surfguard profile as a recognised award.

Both the above ASADA and Match-Fixing online courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of Anti-Doping and Match-Fixing in sport. Moving forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great additive to the structure of any surf lifesaving competition and provides vital education for any athlete, coach and official.

BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT:

Misconduct before, during and after the Championship will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to SSM sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

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TIMETABLE:

Saturday 24 March 2018	
Time	Description
7 am	Officials Briefing
7.30am	Sweeps Meeting
7.45am	Competitor and Officials Oaths to be read
8 am	Start of Event (Note: The Order of Events will be included in the Final Event Memo)
	Boat Relay
3 pm	Estimated finish Day 1
	Championships Presentation



BRANCH COMPETITION CAPS:

Far North Coast	North Coast	Mid North Coast	Lower North Coast

Hunter	Central Coast	Sydney Northern Beaches

Sydney	Illawarra	South Coast	Far South Coast