

2018 Best of the Best Interbranch Surf Boat Championship FINAL Event Information as at 23/3/18

This document contains important final event information for all crews taking part in this inaugural surf boat event.

Contingency Location

After an assessment of current conditions and predicted forecasts, the Championships Committee with advice from the Boat Panel have decided to relocate the 2018 Best of the Best Interbranch Surf Boat Championship to Collaroy.

North Narrabeen SLSC

After the event on Saturday crews are also invited back to the Surf Club for refreshments. During the event North Narrabeen SLSC will have a BBQ set up on the beach.

Singlets

High visibility pink lycra vests must be worn for the event. No other colour will be accepted.

Competition Area and Competition Start Time

The proposed competition area will be in front of the Surf Club with the second option being north of the storm water pipe. Please report at 8am for an 830am start. If conditions are favourable the event should finish at approximately 1230pm.

Beach Access, Parking & Boat Trailers

Boat access to the competition area is from the grassed area north of Collaroy SLSC. Boat trailers will be able to be parked in this area and vehicles will then need to be moved to the designated parking bays. Please note that this car park is a paid council car park and as such parking will be enforced by local rangers.

Boats will need to be manually unloaded from trailers and carried down the beach to the water's edge (approx. 40m). There is no tractor or ATV available.

The retrieval process for boats will be in the same fashion. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please refer to the site map on page 4.

Key Times

Compulsory Team Managers Meeting	7.45am (location TBC – will be sent via SMS)
Crews to Report	8am
Event Start	8.30am
Event Finish	12.30pm (approximate)
Presentation	1.00pm
After Function	At North Narrabeen SLSC

Note the tides are:

- Low: 840am (0.52m)
- High: 240pm (1.29m)

Order of Events and Format

As with all event timetables, the schedule and start times are subject to change at the Referee's discretion.

The order of events is as follows:

- Reserve Men
- Reserve Women
- U23 Women
- U23 Men
- U19 Women
- U19 Men
- Open Women
- Open Men
- Surf Boat Relay

The event will be conducted according to the 35th revised edition of the SLSA competition Manual.

Draws

Alleys for the first race will be drawn at the Team Managers meeting. Each branch will then move up 1 alley for each subsequent race. This draw will then continue to rotate on this basis throughout the event.

Pointscore

The format will be 3 rounds of points score for each Division. The branch crew with the most points after 3 rounds will be awarded first place points, the branch crew with the second highest points after 3 rounds will be awarded second place points etc. Points are allocated 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 shall be declared as per 35th revised edition of the SLSA competition manual. 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.

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.

Warm Up Area

Warm ups can be conducted in the competition area once the course has been set. No warm ups should be conducted prior to this and crews must stay away from the cans.

Officials

We are still short of a few officials. If your team have any traveling officials it would be greatly appreciated if they could assist. The Event Referee may be required to call upon team management or competitors to assist with some official positions throughout the competition.

Inshore Search and Rescue

For boat crews in the opens category, please **nominate 1 crew member for inshore search and rescue**. The Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator will have a briefing with the crew members prior to the start of competition.

Presentation

Approximately 30mins after the conclusion of the event, the presentation will be held at Collaroy on the beach.

Photography & Media

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 team management. Professional photographers will be attending and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Branch Team Management 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.

Media:

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. 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 about the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

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 unless approved by SLSNSW, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.

Noise

Due to the close proximity to residential areas, please limit noise. No music should be played prior to 8am.

Event Area

2018 Best of the Best Collaroy		
1	Water Area	
2	Tents on Sand	Boat Access →
+	First Aid	Vehicle Access →
■	Patrol Flags	
●	PA Speaker	Admin Tent



Please note: The event area may change due to weather conditions and other factors such as sand movements and Council Lifeguards.