



## **2018 State Open Championships – As at 6 March 2018**

The following information relates to the conduct of the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships proudly supported by Your local club.

### **SWANSEA BELMONT SLSC**

The Club is extremely excited to host the State Championships yet again at Blacksmiths Beach. The Club will have 3 BBQs set up throughout the event site – make sure you support this! The Club will also be open for refreshments (upstairs) and live music in the afternoon and after each competition day. Visit the Swansea Belmont SLSC Facebook Page for entertainment times & dates - [Swansea Belmont Facebook Page](#)

### **ENTRY CIRCULARS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Reference is made to the following:

#### **a) NSW State Championships Webpage**

The below resources can be downloaded from the - [2018 State Championships](#)

- Entry Circular
- Event Timetable
- Marshaling Sheets (alpha and random draws)
- Powercraft Roster
- First Aid Roster
- Area Map
- Lycra Vest Information
- Surf Boats Draw Split
- Team substitution forms (finals only)

#### **b) Iron Draw**

The order for all Iron Person Races will be confirmed at the team managers meeting.

**c)** As per the entry circular no individual late entries will not be accepted at the Championships.

**d)** While every effort is made to ensure the results are accurate, it is the competitors' own responsibility to ensure that they have their name, club and position correctly recorded.

**e)** SLNSW as the event organiser, reserves the right to add or delete, change any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant to do so.

## TEAM MANAGERS

Thank you to all team managers who have completed the online survey to register your contact details. If you still require to register your details please click here – This will close on Wednesday 7 March.

[Team Manager - Declaration Form](#)

SLSNSW will implement an SMS service in the event of relocation or major timetable changes etc.

**A compulsory Team Managers meeting will be held in the Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club (upstairs) at 6pm on Thursday 8th March.** Team Managers or their representatives are asked to be there 5-10 minutes early. Clubs are permitted to send 1 representative ONLY from each club to the meeting.

## LYCRA VEST DISTRIBUTION

Thank you to all Clubs for completing the lycra vest order form. As a friendly reminder, these pink lycra vests are mandatory for all competitors throughout the entire Championships. Please ensure all competitors retain theirs for the duration of the competition.

Lycra vests will be able to be collected in the silver container located in the compound just north of the Surf Club between 3pm – 6pm or between 630am – 730am on Friday 9 March. Please note that one nominated person from your Club will be responsible for collecting the entire order of lycra vests for all competitors. Lycra vests will not be individually distributed to competitors.

More information can be found here - [Lycra Vest Distribution](#)

## COMPETITION AREA

The overview map of the competition area can be found on page 7 or downloaded from the event webpage.

Competition areas will be marked with star pickets and bunting to allow periodical movements of the fencing throughout the day.

Clubs are asked to set club tents along the beach in front of the dune area (where indicated by signage on beach) and by referring to the overview map. Please do not set up tents within the dune area unless otherwise indicated by signage and be aware of the dune systems by limiting your impact on the dunes.

Please be aware that there may be limited craft storage areas on the beach to enable adequate competition area.

The Presentation Area will be set-up within the Clubs NSW Activation Area approx. 50m south of the Club. Medals will be available for collection from 1:00pm on Friday and Saturday of competition and from 8:00am on Sunday.

### Warm up will be as follows:

- Orange, Red, Pink (single colours) Areas – Swim
- Yellow and Green, Black and White, (two colours) Areas – Board/Ski

No competitor should be within 50m of the water areas whilst the courses are being set by the SLSNSW IRB powercraft team. This is not only a safety issue but it ensures that the courses are correct. Any members/clubs that

do not adhere to this may face a disciplinary committee. It is recommended that all clubs continue with their risk assessments prior to entering the water for warm up activities. All competitors warming up must wear Pink High – Visibility Rash Vest. No Warm ups should occur prior to 7am.

### **CONTINGENCY LOCATION**

The contingency location for this event will be Caves Beach. As per usual the Competition Safety and Emergency Committee (SEC) will communicate any change or update via Club Team Managers.

### **Aim and Principles of Relocation:**

The aim of relocating part or all of an event is to attempt to ensure that the competition is safely conducted within the set timeframe.

### **Assessment of Conditions and Investigation of Alternative Venues:**

The Competition Committee is responsible for assessing the situation and making a decision as to whether part or the entire event is relocated.

### **Relocation Timings:**

The decision to relocate part or all of an event will be made as early as possible.

If the event is to be relocated, a decision must be made as to the following:

- The events to be moved
- The timings to commence the relocated events
- The alternative location to be used

### **Open Boats**

Contingency plans for Boat events are in place if required.

### **TRAFFIC FLOW / PARKING**

Please refer to the overview maps on pages 7 and 8.

**It is highly recommended that traffic coming north bound (from Sydney) takes the Gommara Street intersection at the lights and not the intersection prior (Bali Street). There will be a VMS board advising of this upon approach.**

Strictly no parking will be available at the designated car park areas close to the Club as these will be reserved pre-approved persons holding the correct pass.

Competitors are encouraged to park at the following sites: (map on the following page)

1. Blacksmiths Soccer Club - \$10 per vehicle (limited spaces available – 60 spaces)
2. Surrounding back streets

Please be respectful of the local residents and only park in designated areas. Parking will be enforced by Lake Macquarie City Council with fines issued to those people that do not park in the designated areas.

### **Drop Off Area**

There will be a designated drop off area close to the Club.

### **Trailer Parking**

An area will be designated to trailer parking however this will be based on a first in first serve basis. Please be aware that this location is in a public area, without security fencing. All trailers, including gear left on trailers is the responsibility and care of Clubs. SLSNSW does not recommend craft being left on these trailers, especially overnight.

### **Surf Boat Transport**

Boats can be transported on and off the beach with the aid of a tractor prior to competition from approx. 6am and also on Thursday afternoon.

### **Bus Routes**

There will be one shuttle bus available for competitors that will assist with drop offs to and from Swansea Belmont SLSC. The shuttle bus will be circling around the suburb of Blacksmiths. This bus will start at 6am and finish later in the afternoon after competition has finished. The bus will leave Swansea Belmont SLSC from the main car park in front of the Club.

A second shuttle bus will be available for Officials to and from Swansea Belmont SLSC. Runs will be happening from Belmont and Swansea starting at 6.30am.

### **SECURITY**

There will be security on site for the duration of the carnival. Although security is present, any valuables and/or craft should not be left in Club tents or in the vicinity of the Club house. All craft are to be taken with you at the end of the day.

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLSNSW or its sponsors will immediately be brought before a Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLSNSW Judiciary for further action. Please note that automatic disqualification of the team/club from the championship may occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

Surf Life Saving NSW and/or Swansea Belmont SLSC takes no responsibility for gear and equipment if left on the beach and it is at your own risk.

### **ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**

The main carnival administration centre (marquee) will be located on the grassed area South of Swansea Belmont SLSC during the following times:

#### **Open Championships**

Thursday 8 March: 3:00pm – 6.00pm

Friday 9 March: 6:30am – 6.00pm

Saturday 10 March: 6.30am – 6:00pm

Sunday 11 March: 6.30am – 2:00pm

## **CLASHING OF EVENTS**

### **Note:**

**While every effort will be made by the Event Referees to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes will have to decide to contest one or the other.**

Competitor Liaison Officers have been appointed in each area to assist competitors.

Clashing of events is not anticipated in the finals however, some clashes may be experienced during the heats. Any competitor who finds that their event clashes with another event should consult their Team Manager, who in turn should consult the Competitor Liaison Officer in the relevant area.

Competitor Liaison Officers will liaise with the various Sectional Referees to arrange deferment of heats, if possible, to enable competitors to obtain the maximum possible opportunity to compete. These arrangements will only apply between areas and not between events in the one area.

***Events will not be held up for competitors competing outside their age group.***

## **FOLLOW THE EVENT**

SLSNSW will be posting selected results, updates and uploading pictures from the event on our Facebook, Twitter accounts and through the event manager entry system.

Follow us on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/events>

Follow us on Twitter – [www.twitter.com/SLSNSW](http://www.twitter.com/SLSNSW)

Follow results –

**Final Results:** <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/79/1>

**All Results:** <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/79/0>

## **PHOTOGRAPHY AND 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. Club 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 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 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. SLSNSW will be utilising the services of Little Ripper and Lifesaving UAVs to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.

### **COMPETITION AREA AND SPECTATOR ACCESS**

Entry to the competition arena will be via the marshalling areas. No member, Coach, or Team Manager will be permitted to enter the competition arena unless escorted by a Competition Official. The spectator area where possible, will be directly behind the competition arenas together with a pedestrian walkway. The competition arena will be "out of bounds" for everyone except the competitors in the events being conducted.

### **HANDLERS**

Only one handler per competitor (ironman etc) will be permitted in the competition arena during competition in progress. **All competitors and handlers must leave the arena with all equipment at the conclusion of their events. High visibility vests/Bibs and caps are required for handlers.**

### **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 will be readily available from the Liaison Officer. An Appeals Fee' of \$110.00 must accompany all when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

SLSNSW 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.

Any incidents or behavior likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of surf sports competition will be managed as described in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

As a reminder, all competitors, officials, parents should treat each other with respect. If this does not occur you will be subject to the disciplinary committee and may face further action.

### **MERCHANDISE / VENDORS**

Surf Life Saving NSW will be selling official merchandise during the Championships.

There are also a number of stallholders attending the event including Engine, Ohana, Bennett Boards, Kozzii, Catfish, Cannibal, Slix Swimwear, Fashion Fish, JoyIn Australia and Dolphin.

There will be an exciting Clubs NSW area. There is also a food and coffee vendors.

### **LAKE MACQUARIE**

Lake Macquarie City Council proudly welcomes the 2018 NSW Championships! Why not extend your stay and further explore this unique and scenic coastal region of NSW? For all the information please visit [www.visitlakemac.com.au](http://www.visitlakemac.com.au).

**2018 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships**  
 Opens: 9th-11th March

**Key**

-  Beach Area
-  Event Parking
-  VIP Parking
-  First Aid
-  Merchandise, Vendors
-  Presentation
-  Admin / Information
-  Food
-  Drop Off Zone
-  No Access/Entry
-  Event Compound

\*Provided for reference only.  
 Subject to change without notice.



**P** Free parking can be found in surrounding backstreets





Boats

Recommended:  
Gommer Street  
Intersection

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Not Recommended:  
Bali Street  
Intersection