



## 2019 NSW Age Championships – Entry Circular Proudly Supported by Your Local Club

**Attention:** Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.  
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<b>Summary:</b>	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2019 NSW Age Championships.
<b>Key Strategic Goals:</b>	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.
<b>Key Strategies:</b>	<p><b>8.1</b> Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grassroots level through structures and appropriately tiered programs.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life.</p> <p><b>8.3</b> Establish best practice event management for the delivery of surf sports events.</p> <p><b>8.4</b> Deliver surf sports events to our members which appeal to a broad participation base.</p> <p><b>8.5</b> Strengthen development and high performance activities in surf sport events and activities.</p>
<b>Action:</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via <a href="https://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/99">https://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/99</a> by <b>Monday 4 February at 11:00pm</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Online late entries close <b>Sunday 17 February at 11.00pm</b> (<i>late fees apply</i>).</p> <p><b>NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes team events)*</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online late entries close. Do not pay until the invoice is received.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the <a href="#">Team Manager - Declaration Form</a> by <b>Monday 11 February at 11.00pm</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the <a href="#">Powercraft and First Aid Form</a> by <b>Monday 11 February at 11.00pm</b>.</p>

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The 2019 NSW Age Championships attracts competitors from the under 9's to 14's, providing opportunity for young surf lifesavers to unite over a three-day period, showcasing one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will again be held at Blacksmiths Beach (Swansea Belmont SLSC), in Lake Macquarie City Council from Friday 1 to Sunday 3 March, 2019.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2019 NSW Age 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 (35<sup>th</sup>) Edition Surf Sports Manual (revised August 2018):  
<http://sls.com.au/downloads>
- The Proficiency Competition Requirements in the 2018/19 Pre-Season Pack:  
<http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/resources/administration>

### 3. GENERAL CONTENT

Entries are to be completed online at:

- Usernames and passwords have been issued to clubs. If you require these please contact SLSNSW at [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au)
- **Entries close on Monday 4 February at 11.00pm.**
- Online late entries close **Sunday 17 February at 11.00pm** (late fees apply).
- **No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes team events\* - pg.6 for more info).**
- 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 [Team Manager - Declaration Form](#) (which is replacing the previous paper Declaration Form) by **Monday 11 February at 11.00pm**. This involves Clubs supplying their team manager contact details and a back-up contact for each club. 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 Manager's meeting format will be available soon.
- Clubs are reminded to complete the online [Survey Monkey Form](#) to input Powercraft and First Aid personnel by **Monday 11 February at 11.00pm**.
- **Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of late entries on Sunday 17 February for any omissions and errors.**

### 4. 2019 NSW AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2019 NSW Age 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 [35th revised 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.

Competition Committee Chairperson	TBC
SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports	Donald van Keimpema
Carnival Referee	Jennifer Kenny
Local Organising Committee Representative	TBC
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	TBC
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Rob Pidgeon

### 5. 2019 NSW AGE SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2019 NSW Age 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 SEC meeting:

- a) Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- b) Injury management statistics
- c) Current weather predictions
- d) 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)	TBC
Lake Macquarie City Council Representative/Lifeguard	Paul Stone
Assistant Safety and Emergency Management Coordinators	TBC
Deputy Carnival Referee	Michael Bate
Powercraft Coordinator	TBC
First Aid Coordinator	Australian Event Safety Services
WHS Coordinator	TBC
Water Safety Coordinator	TBC
SLSNSW Sport Event Coordinator	Jessica Langham

## 6. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

### Officials

A quota system for clubs to provide Accredited Officials based upon the number of competitors entered (not the number actually competing) is in place for the 2019 NSW Age Championships. March Past and R&R teams are included in this quota system. Online late entries will be added to the total number of competitors entered to ensure that the clubs obligation is satisfied.

The Officials quota is the same as 2018 and this replaces any previous versions of the Officials quota from previous years. Officials, as a minimum requirement, must have a current Junior Officiating or Core Official accreditation.

#### Age and Opens Championships Only

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
0 to 4	—
5 to 10	1 Official
11 to 20	2 Officials
21 to 30	3 Officials
31 to 40	4 Officials
41 to 50	5 Officials
51 to 70	6 Officials
71 to 90	7 Officials
91 to 120	8 Officials
121 to 150	9 Officials
151+	10 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 be able to compete at the Championships.

**Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered into the event, not the number of competitors starting.**

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

Officials undertaking duties to meet clubs quotas, who have not already been appointed, will be requested to report to the Deputy Referee at Swansea Belmont SLSC each morning of competition – by 7.00am. Procedure for this to be confirmed.

Please refer to the '2019 NSW State Championships – Officials Quota' for further information - [Officials Quota](#).

It is essential that clubs work with their officials to ensure that they (the officials) understand the effect on the championships if they do not communicate with SLSNSW re non-attendance or changes to the Official's Appointments. Clubs should check that officials appointed are attending on the days that they are appointed for, as this could have a significant impact on whether children can compete or not.

### **Water Safety**

The following quota will apply for water safety during the 2019 NSW Age Championships. Water Safety relates to the personnel responsible for the 'in water' support during events. This is a separate quota requirement to the Powercraft, First Aid and Officials requirements:

The following is the revised water safety ratio. This replaces any previous versions of the Water Safety quota from previous years.

Competitors Entered	Water Safety Required
1 to 9	0
10 to 19	1
20 to 29	2
30 to 39	3
40 to 49	4
50 to 65	5
66 to 79	6
80 to 95	7
96 to 109	8
110 to 124	9
125 to 140	10
141 to 155	11
156 to 170	12
171 to 185	13
186 to 200	14
<i>Note: There is no longer any cap on the water safety ratio. For every 15 competitors above 200, 1 more water safety personnel are required.</i>	

The Water Safety roster will be finalised, distributed to all team managers and able to be downloaded from the State Championships event web page once the online late entries for the Age Championships have closed. [Please refer to the State Championships Important Dates](#)

Water Safety personnel are required to hold the following minimum requirements (as per SLSA Water Safety Policy 1.2):

- A proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) and be a current financial SLS member (2018/19).

Please refer to the '2019 NSW State Championships – Volunteer Safety Requirements' for further information - [Volunteer Safety Requirements](#)

## **Powercraft**

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2019 NSW Age Championships, a Powercraft roster has been implemented. Clubs have been identified based on the average number of entries from the 2016, 2017 & 2018 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 current 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.

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel via the [Powercraft and First Aid Form](#) by **Monday 11 February, 11.00pm**. All IRB Drivers and Crew personnel must also bring with them their current SLSNSW Powercraft licence.

Clubs that fail to meet their requirements or to attend rostered shifts at the Championships will be suspended from competition until such a time that requirements are met.

Some Clubs may also be required to bring IRB equipment to the Championships. All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2018/19 Gear and Equipment Inspection process and be entered on SurfGuard.

Please refer to the '2019 NSW State Championships – Powercraft Roster' for further information - [Powercraft Roster](#)

## **First Aid**

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2019 NSW Age Championship a First Aid quota will be implemented for the third time at the 2019 State Championships.

Clubs have been identified based on the average number of entries from 2016, 2017 & 2018 State Championships.

First Aid personnel are required to hold the following minimum requirements:

- A proficient First Aid Certificate (Provide First Aid – HLTAID003), be a current financial SLS member (2018/19) and must be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for First Aid personnel via the [Powercraft and First Aid Form](#) by **Monday 11 February, 11.00pm**.

Please refer to the '2019 NSW State Championships – First Aid Roster' for further information - [First Aid Roster](#)

## **7. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2018/19 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued - [Member Resources](#)

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 [ctwine@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:ctwine@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 **Monday 18 February, 2019**.

## **8. ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee per competitor at the 2019 NSW State Age Championships is **\$39.10 (incl. GST)**.

In previous years Clubs have been required to pay the Club's entry fees prior to the Championships via cheque or online banking.

**This year 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 **\$91.40 including** the original entry of \$39.10 (i.e.;  $\$52.30 + \$39.10 = \$91.40$ ) incl. GST).

No individual late entries will be taken at the Administration Centre – Swansea Belmont. 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.

Please Note: Any changes after the closing of entries will also incur this fee.

## 9. ENTRIES - CARNIVAL MANAGER

Please ensure your club notes the following points, in addition to the Carnival Manager Guide, before and during the entry process. Before you start your club entries, ensure you have done a **'forced SurfGuard update'** to make sure all club athlete information in Carnival Manager is up-to-date.

The screenshot shows the 'Surf Life Saving Event Management' interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'Display Carnivals - date range: 25/10/2017 to 25/04/2018' and 'Status: All' with a 'Go' button. Below this is a table with the following data:

Name	Carnival Date	Entries Close	Late Entries Close	Status
2017 NSW Interbranch Championships	09/12/2017 8:00am	09/12/2017 5:00pm	09/12/2017 5:00pm	Open

Below the table is a legend with four categories: 'Taking Normal Entries' (green), 'Late Entries (additional fee may apply)' (yellow), 'Closed to Entries' (orange), and 'Past Event' (grey). At the bottom, there is an 'Options' section with a link for 'Force SurfGuard Member List Update (Last updated: 25/10/2017 8:35am)'. A blue arrow points to this link.

### Entry Registrations

Club entries to the 2019 State Age Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into Carnival Manager.

**To complete entries, clubs must complete the following:**

- Complete entries online as outlined above and generate the pro-forma invoice (save for future reference).

- Sign and complete the Team Managers Declaration Form.
- Refer to the Entry and Payment Flowchart on last page of this Circular.

## 10. EVENTS

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

### Under 14 Events

115 Male Surf Race  
 215 Female Surf Race  
 1623 Male Surf Teams  
 2623 Female Surf Teams  
 168 Male Board  
 268 Female Board  
 1673 Male Board Rescue  
 2673 Female Board Rescue  
 129 Ironman  
 229 Ironwoman  
 1696 Male Board Relay  
 2696 Female Board Relay  
 1716 Male Beach Sprint  
 2716 Female Beach Sprint  
 1744 2km Male Beach Run  
 2744 2km Female Beach Run  
 1725 Male Beach Relay  
 2725 Female Beach Relay  
 3725 Mixed Beach Relay  
 1738 Male Beach Flags  
 2738 Female Beach Flags  
 3669 Under 14 Cameron Relay

### Under 13 Events

1614 Male Surf Race  
 2614 Female Surf Race  
 1624 Male Surf Teams  
 2624 Female Surf Teams  
 1687 Male Board  
 2687 Female Board  
 1674 Male Board Rescue  
 2674 Female Board Rescue  
 1666 Ironman  
 2666 Ironwoman  
 1697 Male Board Relay  
 2697 Female Board Relay  
 1717 Male Beach Sprint  
 2717 Female Beach Sprint  
 1745 1km Male Beach Run  
 2745 1km Female Beach Run  
 1726 Male Beach Relay  
 2726 Female Beach Relay  
 3726 Mixed Beach Relay  
 1739 Male Beach Flags  
 2739 Female Beach Flags  
 3670 Under 13 Cameron Relay

### Under 12 Events

1615 Male Surf Race  
 2615 Female Surf Race  
 1625 Male Surf Teams  
 2625 Female Surf Teams  
 1688 Male Board  
 2688 Female Board  
 1667 Ironman  
 2667 Ironwoman  
 1675 Male Board Rescue  
 2675 Female Board Rescue  
 1698 Male Board Relay  
 2698 Female Board Relay  
 1718 Male Beach Sprint  
 2718 Female Beach Sprint  
 1746 1km Male Beach Run

### Under 11 Events

1616 Male Surf Race  
 2616 Female Surf Race  
 1626 Male Surf Teams  
 2626 Female Surf Teams  
 1689 Male Board  
 2689 Female Board  
 1668 Ironman  
 2668 Ironwoman  
 1676 Male Board Rescue  
 2676 Female Board Rescue  
 1699 Male Board Relay  
 2699 Female Board Relay  
 1719 Male Beach Sprint  
 2719 Female Beach Sprint  
 1747 1km Male Beach Run



2746	1km Female Beach Run	2747	1km Female Beach Run
1727	Male Beach Relay	1728	Male Beach Relay
2727	Female Beach Relay	2728	Female Beach Relay
3727	Mixed Beach Relay	3728	Mixed Beach Relay
1740	Male Beach Flags	1741	Male Beach Flags
2740	Female Beach Flags	2741	Female Beach Flags
3671	Under 12 Cameron Relay	3672	Under 11 Cameron Relay

#### **Under 10 Events**

1617	Male Surf Race
2617	Female Surf Race
1627	Male Surf Teams
2627	Female Surf Teams
1690	Male Board
2690	Female Board
1700	Male Board Relay
2700	Female Board Relay
1720	Male Beach Sprint
2720	Female Beach Sprint
1729	Male Beach Relay
2729	Female Beach Relay
3729	Mixed Beach Relay
1742	Male Beach Flags
2742	Female Beach Flags

#### **Under 9 Events**

1618	Male Surf Race
2618	Female Surf Race
1628	Male Surf Teams
2628	Female Surf Teams
1691	Male Board
2691	Female Board
1701	Male Board Relay
2701	Female Board Relay
1721	Male Beach Sprint
2721	Female Beach Sprint
1730	Male Beach Relay
2730	Female Beach Relay
3730	Mixed Beach Relay
1743	Male Beach Flags
2743	Female Beach Flags

#### **Special Events**

3600	U12/U14 – 5 person R&R
3606	U10/U11 – 2 person R&R
3607	U12/U13 – 2 person R&R
3695	All Age Board Relay
3712	March Past
3735	All Age Beach Relay

#### **Inclusion Events**

3800	Surf Race
3802	Board Race
3804	Beach Flags
3806	Beach Sprint

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

During the Age Championships, all Cameron and Iron events will have a standard leg order of swim followed by board.

Teams entered in 'mixed gender' events (event code No. prefix '3') may contain a combination of both male and female competitors in each team. However the make-up of the Cameron and Mixed Beach Relays will be as follows:

##### Cameron Relay

- 2 males and 2 females
- 1 male and 1 female are to fill the positions of board paddler and swimmer. There must be one male and one female runner.

##### Mixed Beach Relay

- 2 males and 2 females

## 11. RESTRICTION OF EVENTS

- **Surf Teams** – 3 Male teams and 3 Female teams per club per age group (U9 to U14 years).
- **Ironperson – U11 to U14** - Branch selection via quota – **not included in carnival manager. To be sent to Branches.**
- **Beach Relays** – 3 Male teams and 3 Female teams per club per age group (U9 to U14 years).
- **Cameron Relay** – 2 teams per metropolitan club & 1 team per Country club.
- **Board Rescue – U11 to U14** – Branch selection via quota – **not included in carnival manager. To be sent to Branches.**
- **Board Relay** – 3 Male teams and 3 Female teams per club per age group (U9 to U14 years).
- **All Age Board relay** – 2 teams per metro branch & 1 team per Country branch (U9 to U14 years – any gender combination) **not included in carnival manager. To be sent to Branches.**
- **All Age Beach Relay** – 1 team per club (U9 to U14 – any gender combination).
- **All Age Board Relay** – The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5) & U14 (6). Competitor's arms must be marked with the number. A reminder that as this is an ALL AGE event, competitors must compete in their own age group and are not allowed to compete up an age. E.g. an U11 cannot do the U12 leg.
- **Mixed Beach Relay** – 2 teams per metropolitan club & 1 team per Country club.

**NOTE:** There will be a separate entry process for the restricted events of the Ironman, Board Rescue and Board Relay events. Branches are to submit a spreadsheet of their entries to Jack Chapman – [jchapman@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:jchapman@surflifesaving.com.au) by no later than **Wednesday 13 February.**

**NOTE:** No special consideration will be given to competitors who attempt to compete in more than one (1) area. (i.e. Events will not be delayed for this reason).

**NOTE:** Handlers will not be required to be entered into the carnival manager 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 provide their own and wear a pink high visibility vest (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a pink high visibility bib/jacket type garment).

## 12. INCLUSION EVENTS

SLSNSW is committed to the inclusion of people of different abilities and will stage for the first time at the upcoming Age Championships an inclusive surf, board, sprint and flag event. These inclusive events welcome all members who currently participate in Nippers but who may not have previously had the opportunity to compete at the State Championships. As this is the first year, these events will be run as 'all in' and therefore no separate class, age or gender categories will apply. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd but the events will not contribute to Age Championships Club Point Score.

Requirements:

- Participants must be financial SLS members;
- Children must be aged between 5 and 14 years; and
- Have a physical, intellectual or sensory disability; and
- If competing in water events; have completed a preliminary and a competition evaluation swim suitable for the individual's specific needs.

Clubs, members and families who currently participate in an inclusive beaches program and who are willing to assist with the organisation of these events and assist with additional requirements of water safety are encouraged to contact SLSNSW via [rpidgeon@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:rpidgeon@surflifesaving.com.au)

### 13. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Championships Point Score:

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for each championship (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and the highest overall Country Club point score (Age and Opens only).

#### Results:

In the case of a dead heat for positions 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, each competitor will receive a respective medal. In the case of a dead heat for 1<sup>st</sup> place, both winning competitors will receive a gold medal and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place competitor will receive a bronze medal – no Silver medal will be awarded. No Bronze medals will be awarded for a dead heat in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### 14. SCRUTINEERING

All craft and equipment being used at the 2019 NSW Age Championships will be required to carry a valid Scrutineering Sticker (**small Black and White**). 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 a cost of \$110.00 (incl. GST) and members will experience significant delays.

**To avoid paying this fee, SLSNSW encourages that all craft is scrutineered prior to the Championships through your Branch.**

### 15. SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2019 NSW State 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 2019 NSW State Championships. See SSM (12.1, d, xviii). 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.

Previously in team water events at large carnivals (i.e. the 2018 NSW Age Surf Life Saving and 2018 NSW Country Championships), every junior water based competitor in team events was required to wear a hi-visibility **pink** numbered (1, 2, 3) singlet. SLSNSW advises this no longer required but competitors must be clearly numbered (on upper arm).

The Rash Vest order form is available online and can be accessed by clicking link [here](#).

More information on rash vest ordering and distribution will be available soon.

### 16. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **Links for Results:**

Final Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/99/1>

All Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/99/0>

#### **Event Hashtag:**

The official hashtag for the event is #STATEChamps19

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 authorized 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 2019 State 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 ASADA 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 Chiara Nowland [cnowland@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:cnowland@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 Chiara in order to be recognised.

For further information regarding the courses please contact Chiara Nowland, Sports Development Officer (02) 9471 8028 or [cnowland@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:cnowland@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 35<sup>th</sup> (Revised) Surf Sports Manual 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 Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

## 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. LAKE MACQUARIE

Lake Macquarie City Council is proud to welcome to the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships back to Blacksmiths Beach in 2019.

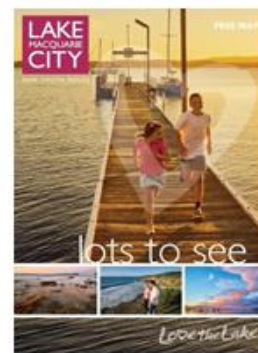
In Lake Macquarie, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer for competitors, officials, family and friends, with an option to suit every taste and budget. Choose from holiday parks, self-contained holiday houses and cottages, hotels, motels and more.

Make the most of this opportunity and extend your stay in the area. Explore the Southern Hemisphere’s largest coastal saltwater lake, over 30 kilometres of coastline and the breathtaking forests of the Watagan Mountains.

With a wealth of local knowledge and friendly service, Lake Macquarie Visitor Information Centre exists to help visitors make the most of their stay. View accommodation and destination information online at [visitlakemac.com.au](http://visitlakemac.com.au), or freecall 1800 802 044 to order a free Lake Macquarie Visitor Guide and Map.



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## 22. AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

