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2019 Midford NSW Board Riding Championships
August 2 – 4 | North Narrabeen SLSC

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Secretaries/CEOs and Branch Presidents

Actioned by: Person/s responsible for competitor entries

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2019 Midford NSW Board Riding Championships.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clubs to advise and circulate this information to Board Riding Competitors. ▪ Entries close 11pm Sunday 21 July 2019 (entered through the SLS Carnival Manager System). No late entries will be accepted. ▪ Competitors will also need to join the '2019 Midford NSW Board Riding' Team App Group by Sunday 28 July 2019 at the latest to ensure they don't miss any important updates. Instructions have been included below.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Midford NSW Board Riding Championships will once again see the State's best board riders represent their respective Surf Life Saving clubs at one of the most iconic surfing locations in Australia. No pre-qualification is required via the Branch.

The Midford NSW Board Riding Championships will be held from **Friday 2 August to Sunday 4 August 2019** at **North Narrabeen SLSC** in the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch.

Entries are to be completed online:

- Entries close **11pm Sunday 21 July 2019**. Any late exemption entries approved after this date will incur a late entry fee.
- Entries close 2 weeks from the event to allow the draw to be determined and for competitor compliance checks.
- Competitors will also need to join the '**2019 Midford NSW Board Riding**' Team App Group by **Sunday 28 July 2019** at the latest to ensure they don't miss any important updates. Instructions have been included below.

Timeline:

Event	Dates / Deadlines
SLNSW Entry Circular released	28 June 2019
Entries Close	21 July 2019
Entry invoices sent to Clubs	22 July 2019
Competitors join TeamApp by	28 July 2019
SLNSW populates the draw	31 July 2019
Date of event	2 – 4 August 2019

Reference is made to:

- The Current 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM):
[SLSA Members Portal](#) (log in and password required)
- The 2018/19 Proficiency Competition Requirements which includes Policy 5.4:
<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/downloads/slsa-504-eligibility-compete-slsa-competition-october-2016>
- The Surfing Australia Rulebook:
[Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#)

2. 2019 NSW BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The NSW Board Riding 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 current edition of the SLSA Surf Sport Manual and event rules, postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each CC 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 CC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The CC is responsible for enacting the Contingency Plan for the Championships.

Championship Referee:	Carlo Villanti
SLSNSW Event Coordinator:	Jessica Langham
Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator:	TBC
Club Organising Committee Representative:	Alan Rose

3. DAY OF COMPETITION

This event will be staged at North Narrabeen SLSC. The specific location will be advised in the final event memo with contingency locations identified. Competitors will be communicated via Team App if any changes are to occur (regarding location, start time etc.).

4. TEAM APP

Team App will be used throughout and in the lead up to the 2019 Midford NSW Board Riding Championships as a platform to communicate important information and timetable changes. **All competitors are required to join the online Team App group by Sunday 28 July 2019.**

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

1. Download the "Team App" application from the App Store or Google Play
2. Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications
3. Once logged in search "2019 Midford NSW Board Riding "
4. Click the "Become a member of this team app" icon at the top of the screen then select the "Competitors" group.

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 be aware that SLSNSW is trialing team app as a communication tool. It is an individual's/Clubs obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a TeamApp update is not an excuse for missing events.

5. QUALIFICATION PROCESS

There is no branch qualification process. This event has been largely affected by competitors dropping out or no shows which affects the and integrity of the event. Please ensure entries are completed for those members who are committed to turn up and surf regardless of the conditions

6. 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 ([Policy 5.4](#)).

As the competition season is 2018/19, the age group of the competitor is the same as they have been in for the entire season e.g. Branch, Country or State Championships.

7. DOUBLE DIPPING

Double dipping is permitted in certain age groups as per Section 2.3.4 of the SSM. Masters competitors can only compete in one master's age division but can also compete in the Opens category.

8. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2019 Midford NSW Board Riding Championships is **\$39.30** (incl. GST). Clubs will be directly invoiced for entries the day after entries close.

Please note, entry fees are not refundable regardless if a member takes part in the Championships or if the event is cancelled.

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 action a 'forced SurfGuard update' to make sure all club athlete information in Carnival Manager is up-to-date.
- Usernames and passwords have been issued to clubs. If you require these please contact SLSNSW.
- Competitors must be entered into Carnival Manager by their Club **by Sunday 26 August**.

10. JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging will be as per Surfing Australia rules as set out in the Surf Sports Manual. Please see Section 7 starting from page 46 from this link: [Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#)

11. BOARD RIDING CRAFT CRITERIA

Please see Section 7.2 starting from page 48 from this link: [Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#)

As per Surfing Australia Competition the longboard specifications are:

- The board length is minimum 9 feet measured from the nose to the tail on the deck of the surfboard.
- The width dimensions are to be a total minimum 47 inches in aggregate. This is the total of the widest point, plus the width 12 inches up from the tail and 12 inches back from the nose.

12. TAG TEAM EVENTS

Due to the success at the Aussies Board Riding Championships a Tag Team event may be trialed on the Sunday morning of competition (if time allows). This will be a non-championship event. The event will be a 4 team straight final (The configuration of the team will be 5 members (with consideration given to 4) any combination of Male or Female Shortboard surfers from U13 to Masters. Please email your clubs' expression of interest to compete in the Tag Team event to jlangham@surflifesaving.com.au by close of entries.

13. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

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

Parents or supporters deemed to be assisting competitors during the competition either stationary on the beach or in the water near the competition area will result in immediate disqualification from the competition (at the discretion of the carnival referee).

Please refer to 35th (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 Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

14. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Board Riding 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 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.

Event Hashtag:

The official hashtag for the event is #NSWBoardRiding19

APPENDIX 1 - DIVISIONS

180 Open Male Long Board
280 Open Female Long Board
1320 30 – 39 Yrs. Male Long Board
2320 30 – 39 Yrs. Female Long Board
1321 40 – 49 Yrs. Male Long Board
2321 40 – 49 Yrs. Female Long Board
1386 50 – 59 Yrs. Male Long Board
2386 50 – 59 Yrs. Female Long Board
1388 60 – 69 Yrs. Male Long Board
2388 60 – 69 Yrs. Female Long Board
1389 70+ Yrs. Male Long Board
2389 70+ Yrs. Female Long Board

175 Open Male Short Board
275 Open Female Short Board
176 Under 19 Male Short Board
276 Under 19 Female Short Board
177 Under 17 Male Short Board
277 Under 17 Female Short Board
167 Under 15 Male Short Board
267 Under 15 Female Short Board
168 Under 14 Male Short Board
268 Under 14 Female Short Board
172 Under 13 Male Short Board
272 Under 13 Female Short Board

1322 30 – 39 Yrs. Male Short Board
2322 30 – 39 Yrs. Female Short Board
1323 40 – 49 Yrs. Male Short Board
2323 40 – 49 Yrs. Female Short Board
1387 50 – 59 Yrs. Male Short Board
2387 50 – 59 Yrs. Female Short Board
1390 60 – 69 Yrs. Male Short Board
2390 60 – 69 Yrs. Female Short Board
1391 70+ Yrs. Male Short Board
2391 70+ Yrs. Female Short Board

APPENDIX 2 - TIMETABLE

* Report Times: 0700 for 0730 start (subject to change)

* Depending on competitor numbers, timetable may be adjusted.

* Draws and event/ category times will be communicated closer to the event.

* Heats for Youth and Open are 15 mins unless communicated by the Referee

DAY	DIVISION	FORMAT (Male and Female on separate banks)
Friday 2 August	Masters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 – 39 • 40 – 49 • 50 – 59 • 60 – 69 • 70+ 	<p>70+ M/F Long Board 60 - 69 M/F Long Board 50 - 59 M/F Long Board 40 - 49 M/F Long Board 30 - 39 M/F Long Board 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Long Board Semi Finals 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Long Board Finals</p> <p>70+ M/F Short Board 60 - 69 M/F Short Board 50 - 59 M/F Short Board 40 - 49 M/F Short Board 30 - 39 M/F Short Board 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Short Board Semi Finals 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Short Board Finals</p>
Saturday 3 August	Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U13 • U14 • U15 	<p>U13 M/F Heats U14 M/F Heats U15 M/F Heats U13, U14, U15 2nd Round U13, U14, U15 Semi Finals U13, U14, U15 Finals</p>
Sunday 4 August	<p>Tag Team Final</p> <p>Opens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U17 • U19 • Opens <p>Open Longboards</p>	<p>5 members U17 M/F Short Board Heats U19 M/F Short Board Heats Open M/F Short Board Heats</p> <p>U17, U19 & Open 2nd Round U17, U19 & Open Semis U17, U19 & Open Finals</p> <p>Open M/F Long Board Heats Open Long Board Semis Open Long Board Finals</p>