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2020 NSW Age Championships – Entry Circular Version 2 as at 12/02/2020 Proudly Supported by Your local club

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.
Actioned by: Persons responsible for club entries.
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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2020 NSW Age Championships.
Key Strategic Goals:	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.
Action:	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via https://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/114 by Monday 3 February at 11:00pm.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Online late entries close Sunday 16 February at 11.00pm (<i>late fees apply</i>). NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes team events)*</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 Team Manager Registration Form by Monday 10 February at 11.00pm.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Powercraft Form by Monday 10 February at 11.00pm.</p>

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2020 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 28 February to Sunday 1 March, 2020.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2020 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 \(36th\) Edition Surf Sports Manual](#) (revised August 2019):

3. GENERAL CONTENT

Entries are to be completed online at: <https://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/114>

- Usernames and passwords have been issued to clubs. If you require these please contact SLSNSW at surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au
- **Entries close on Monday 3 February at 11.00pm.**
- Online late entries close **Sunday 16 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 Registration Form](#) (which is replacing the previous paper declaration form) as soon as possible. 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 personnel by **Monday 10 February at 11.00pm.**
- **Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of late entries on Sunday 16 February for any omissions and errors.**

4. 2020 NSW AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2020 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 [36th 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	Darren Moore
SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports	Donald van Keimpema
Carnival Referee	Jennifer Kenny
Local Organising Committee Representative	TBC
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Joel Wiseman
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	TBC

5. 2020 NSW AGE SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2020 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)	Joel Wiseman
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	Jade Berry

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 2020 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 2019 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 Championships Quota

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.

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 2020 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, and Officials requirements:

The following is the 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 (2019/20).

Please refer to the 2020 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships Changes to First Aid and Water Safety, Volunteer Requirements and Entry Fees Circular for more information here:

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/circulars/circular-3630-2020-nsw-surf-life-saving-championships-changes-first-aid-and-water-safety>

Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2020 NSW Age Championships, a Powercraft roster has been implemented. Clubs have been identified based on the average number of entries from the 2017, 2018 & 2019 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 Form](#) by **Monday 10 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 2019/20 Gear and Equipment Inspection process and be entered on SurfGuard.

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First Aid

This year all first aid will be provided by SLSNSW's Australian Event Safety Services (AESS). This means there is **NO** requirement on clubs to supply any volunteers for these roles.

7. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2019/20 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued - [Member Resources](#)

Entrants from U9 age group and over are eligible to compete at these championships. Our most junior competitors can look forward to their first State Championships when they become an U9 competitor.

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 and will be forwarded to the State Director of Lifesaving for consideration. Any late proficiency exemptions should be received no later than **Monday 17 February, 2020**.

8. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2020 NSW State Age Championships is **\$44.06** (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 shall be charged at \$96.95 *including* 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.

Surf Life Saving Event Management

Display Carnivals - date range: 25/10/2017 to 25/04/2018 Status: All Go

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

Legend

- Taking Normal Entries
- Late Entries (additional fee may apply)
- Closed to Entries
- Past Event

Options

[Force SurfGuard Member List Update \(Last updated: 25/10/2017 8:35am\)](#)

Entry Registrations

Club entries to the 2020 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

Under 13 Events

115	Male Surf Race	1614	Male Surf Race
215	Female Surf Race	2614	Female Surf Race
1623	Male Surf Teams	1624	Male Surf Teams
2623	Female Surf Teams	2624	Female Surf Teams
168	Male Board	1687	Male Board
268	Female Board	2687	Female Board
1673	Male Board Rescue	1674	Male Board Rescue
2673	Female Board Rescue	2674	Female Board Rescue
129	Ironman	1666	Ironman
229	Ironwoman	2666	Ironwoman
1696	Male Board Relay	1697	Male Board Relay
2696	Female Board Relay	2697	Female Board Relay
1716	Male Beach Sprint	1717	Male Beach Sprint
2716	Female Beach Sprint	2717	Female Beach Sprint
1744	2km Male Beach Run	1745	1km Male Beach Run
2744	2km Female Beach Run	2745	1km Female Beach Run
1725	Male Beach Relay	1726	Male Beach Relay
2725	Female Beach Relay	2726	Female Beach Relay
3725	Mixed Beach Relay	3726	Mixed Beach Relay
1738	Male Beach Flags	1739	Male Beach Flags
2738	Female Beach Flags	2739	Female Beach Flags
3669	Under 14 Cameron Relay	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
2746	1km Female Beach Run
1727	Male Beach Relay
2727	Female Beach Relay
3727	Mixed Beach Relay
1740	Male Beach Flags
2740	Female Beach Flags
3671	Under 12 Cameron Relay

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
2747	1km Female Beach Run
1728	Male Beach Relay
2728	Female Beach Relay
3728	Mixed Beach Relay
1741	Male Beach Flags
2741	Female Beach Flags
3672	Under 11 Cameron Relay

Under 10 Events

Under 9 Events

1617	Male Surf Race	1618	Male Surf Race
2617	Female Surf Race	2618	Female Surf Race
1627	Male Surf Teams	1628	Male Surf Teams
2627	Female Surf Teams	2628	Female Surf Teams
1690	Male Board	1691	Male Board
2690	Female Board	2691	Female Board
1700	Male Board Relay	1701	Male Board Relay
2700	Female Board Relay	2701	Female Board Relay
1720	Male Beach Sprint	1721	Male Beach Sprint
2720	Female Beach Sprint	2721	Female Beach Sprint
1729	Male Beach Relay	1730	Male Beach Relay
2729	Female Beach Relay	2730	Female Beach Relay
3729	Mixed Beach Relay	3730	Mixed Beach Relay
1742	Male Beach Flags	1743	Male Beach Flags
2742	Female 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 Ironperson, Board Rescue and Board Relay events. Branches are to submit entries via the form in the Memo dated Tuesday 11 February as per the conditions outlined in the Memo.

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 following the success of the 2019 NSW Age Championships Inclusion Event, SLSNSW has partnered with Your local club to deliver this event at the 2020 NSW Age Championships. We will be hosting junior (7-10yrs) and senior (11yrs+) inclusion events in swim, board, sprints and flags. These inclusive events welcome all members who participate in surf lifesaving, but who may not have had the opportunity to compete at the State Championships. 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 7 and above
- 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 program, and who are willing to assist with the organisation of these events are encouraged to submit their nomination [via JotForm](#).

13. GENERAL INFORMATION

Championships Point Score:

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

Results:

In the case of a dead heat for positions 1st, 2nd or 3rd each competitor will receive a respective medal and the following medal allocations will apply:

- **Dead heat for 1st place**
 - 2 gold and 1 bronze will be awarded (no silver will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, **dead heat for 2nd place**
 - 1 gold and 2 silver will be awarded (no bronze will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, one competitor in 2nd place, **dead heat for 3rd place**
 - 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze will be awarded

- **Dead heat for 1st place and dead heat for second 2nd place**
 - 2 gold and 2 bronze will be awarded (no silver will be awarded)

14. SCRUTINEERING

The onus of ensuring that all personal or club craft and equipment meeting safety and scrutineering specifications remains with the owner/user of the craft. SLSNSW scrutineers may undertake random scrutineering of all craft or equipment at the championships. Please refer to the Scrutineering Memo which will be released on the [event webpage](#).

15. SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2020 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 2020 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 until 5pm Friday 17 January 2019 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. SLSNSW and its telecast production contractors will be operating UAV's for both surveillance and capturing of event footage.

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/114/1>

All Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/114/0>

Event Hashtag:

The official hashtag for the event is #STATEChamps20

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 2020 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 Jake Lynch jlynch@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 Jake in order to be recognised.

For further information regarding the courses please contact Jake Lynch, Sports Officer (02) 9471 8090 or jlynch@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 36th (Revised) Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.05 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.05).

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 2020.

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, or freecall 1800 802 044 to order a free Lake Macquarie Visitor Guide and Map.



Swansea Channel, Lake Macquarie



Lake Macquarie Visitor Guide and Map

22. AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

