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## 2021 NSW Age Championships – Entry Circular V2 Proudly Supported by Your local club

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**Attention:** Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.

**Actioned by:** Persons responsible for club entries.

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<p><b>Summary:</b></p>	<p>Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the following 2021 NSW Age Championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ U9, U10 &amp; U11 Water Championships at Swansea Belmont SLSC</li> <li>▪ U9, U10 &amp; U11 Beach Championships at Redhead SLSC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ U12, U13 &amp; U14 Water Championships at Swansea Belmont SLSC</li> <li>▪ U12, U13 &amp; U14 Beach Championships and R&amp;R at Redhead SLSC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Action:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entry nominations via Carnival Manager by <b>Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 11pm</b> – See <a href="#">GENERAL CONTENT</a></li> <li><b>NOTE: No late entry nominations will be accepted after this date including at the Championships. Exemptions may be granted under exceptional circumstances.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online late entry nominations close. Do not pay until the invoice is received.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the <a href="#">Team Manager Registration Form</a> by 11pm on Wednesday 20 January 2021.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Powercraft Form as required. Details to follow in Powercraft Memo.</li> </ul>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The 2021 NSW Age Championships attracts competitors from the under 9's to 14's age groups and provides an opportunity for young surf lifesavers to showcase their skills in one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

Due to COVID safety protocols, including restriction to the maximum attendance numbers, there will be a number of changes to the structure and procedures at the 2021 NSW Age Championships. While these changes are not ideal, they are necessary in order to be able to hold the event and comply with the current Public Health Order issued by NSW Health.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2021 NSW Age Championships including changes made for COVID safety. Please note that SLSNSW may issue subsequent Bulletins, Memos or Circulars which may supersede information provided in this Circular.

Information contained in this Circular is subject to change in accordance with COVID safety recommendations and restrictions issued by the NSW Government.

## 2. IMPORTANT UPDATES SUMMARY

### 2.1. Bio-zones, Dates and Locations:

- All water events will be run at Blacksmiths Beach (Swansea Belmont SLSC) and all beach events will be run at Redhead Beach (Redhead SLSC).
- There will be 2 distinct time blocks of Thursday/Friday and Saturday/Sunday.
- Competitors will only be permitted to attend 1 bio-zone during the 2021 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships, from 25<sup>th</sup> February until 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The only exceptions to this rule will be Lifesaving events and R&R events that carry across 2 bio-zones across separate weekends. These competitors will be permitted to compete in 2 bio-zones only.
- Each location for each time block of the 2021 NSW Age Championships will be considered its own bio-zone (i.e. 4 distinct bio-zones aka event bubbles)
- The 4 Bio-zones will be as follows:
  - **U9, U10 & U11 Water Championships:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Swansea Belmont SLSC
  - **U9, U10 & U11 Beach Championships:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Redhead SLSC
  - **U12, U13 & U14 Water Championships:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Swansea Belmont SLSC
  - **U12, U13 & U14 Beach Championships and R&R:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Redhead SLSC
- For more details, please see the draft timetables on the [event webpage here](#)

### 2.2. Entries

- Entries in Carnival Manager will be accepted as "Entry Nominations"
- This year clubs are required to only enter members into events that they intend to race
- SLSNSW may request clubs to self-select a smaller team if maximum event numbers are exceeded
- Please note, there will be no fee charged if an entry nomination is declined
- The entry system will be broken into smaller collections of Entry Nominations than previous years
- Entry Nominations will close earlier than previous years on 20th January 2021 at 11pm
- No late Entry Nominations will be permitted (exceptions may be made in exceptional circumstances)
- Competitors will only be permitted to enter 1 age group (i.e. not permitted to compete up an age for team events).

### 2.3. Rules

- Competitors will not be permitted to compete up an age group, (with the exception of R&R - see [Scheduled Events](#) for more details).
- Attendees will not be permitted to attend more than one bio-zone i.e. attendees are permitted to attend 1 location for one of the 2-day time blocks only.
- This year, competitors will need to choose between Beach or Water due to attendance restrictions.

### 2.4. Relay Teams (See [RESTRICTION OF EVENTS](#) for more details)

- Cameron Relay Teams will consist of 3 person teams. The Cameron is considered a water event for the purpose of the bio-zones
- Members who compete in their age group beach relay (male/female) are not eligible to compete in the mixed beach relay.

### 2.5. COVID Safety Requirements

COVID Safety Information and directions will be released closer to the date. Some of the changes to procedures attendees should be prepared for include:

- **STRICT SPECTATOR RESTRICTIONS.**
- Mandatory pre-registration of attendance for all attendees that have not been entered in competitor/official nominations.
- QR code check in and wristband process for each bio-zone access.
- One-way beach entry and exits.

## 3. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reference is made to:

- The [Current \(36<sup>th</sup>\) Edition Surf Sports Manual](#) (revised October 2020).

## 4. GENERAL CONTENT

- **Entry Nominations close on Wednesday 20 January at 11.00pm.**
- **No late Entry Nominations will be accepted after this date including at the Championships** (exceptions may be made for exceptional circumstances).
- **Please note, late amendments will be permitted provided the competitor is already entered in the Championships in the same bio-zone e.g. team substitutions).**
- Entry Nominations are to be completed online through the following links:
  - **U9, U10 & U11 Water Championships:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Swansea Belmont SLSC  
<https://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/123>
  - **U9, U10 & U11 Beach Championships:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Redhead SLSC  
<https://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/122>
  - **U12, U13 & U14 Water Championships:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Swansea Belmont SLSC  
<https://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/133>
  - **U12, U13 & U14 Beach Championships and R&R:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Redhead SLSC  
<https://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/134>
- 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).
- SLSNSW will send invoices to all Clubs after online entry nominations close. Do not pay until the invoice is received.

- Clubs are reminded to complete the [Team Manager Declaration online here](#) (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 Powercraft form in accordance with the Powercraft memo (to be released soon).
- **Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entry nominations prior to the close of Entry Nominations on Wednesday 20 January at 11.00pm for any omissions and errors.**

## 5. COVID-19

A number of precautions will be put in place to create a COVID Safe environment. SLSNSW will have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for this event. SLSNSW will run this event in accordance with NSW government guidelines. More details to follow.

All event attendees will be required to:

- Fill out a COVID Safe declaration including the submission of contact details
- Comply with the health directions of government and public health authorities as issued at the time
- Understand and act in accordance with COVID safety directions from SLSNSW and amendments as necessary
- Comply with any testing and precautionary measures implemented by SLSNSW
- Act with honesty and integrity in regard to the state of their personal health and any potential symptoms; and
- Monitor their health and take a cautious approach to self-isolation and reporting of potential symptoms.

**NON-COMPLIANCE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. OFFENDERS RISK DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THEMSELVES AND THEIR CLUBS.**

By attending the 2021 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships you:

You covenant and warrant that in SLSNSW inviting you to attend the event you:

- Acknowledge and will comply with the NSW Government Health Directives regarding hygiene and physical distancing requirements required of you to assist in the delivery of a COVID safe event.
- Acknowledge that you attend the event at your own risk.
- Release and indemnify SLSNSW from any claim you or any third party has or may have had related to the event or your attendance at the event.

## 6. 2021 NSW AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2021 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.

The Championship Competition Committee members will be announced closer to the event.

## 7. 2021 NSW AGE SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2021 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.

The Safety & Emergency Committee members will be announced closer to the event.

## 8. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

### 8.1. 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 2021 NSW Age Championships. R&R teams are included in this quota system. Any late Entry Nominations will be added to the total number of competitors entered to ensure that the club's obligation is satisfied.

The Officials quota is the same as 2020 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 club quotas, who have not already been appointed, will be requested to report to the Deputy Referee at Swansea Belmont SLSC or Redhead SLSC (based on the location of the appointment) each morning of competition – by 7.00am. Procedure for this to be confirmed. More details will be provided closer to the date.

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.

### 8.2. Water Safety

The following quota will apply for water safety during the 2021 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 a 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 Entry Nominations for the Age Championships have closed.

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 (2020/21).

Please refer to the 2021 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships Changes to First Aid and Water Safety, Volunteer Requirements and Entry Fees Circular for more information here:

### 8.3. Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2021 NSW Age Championships, a Powercraft roster will be implemented. A Powercraft Memo detailing the requirements from clubs will be released in the New Year. Clubs have been identified based on the average number of entries from the 2018, 2019 & 2020 Championships.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

<b>IRB Driver:</b>	Be a current financial SLS member and be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
<b>IRB Crewperson:</b>	Be a current financial SLS member and hold a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.
<b>RWC Operator:</b>	Be a current financial SLS member and hold a proficient RWC Operator Certificate.
<b>Both IRB and RWC:</b>	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. More details to follow in the Powercraft memo.

#### **8.4. First Aid**

As per last year's Championships, 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.

### **9. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2020/21 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 [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@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 15 February 2021**.

### **10. ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee per competitor at the 2021 NSW State Age Championships is **\$44.06** incl. GST which includes \$4 levy for the provision of first aid to relieve clubs of their obligations to provide first aid coverage.

**SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online entry nominations close and competitor eligibility is confirmed. Clubs must not pay their entry fees prior to the Championships. Payment terms will be as stated on the invoice.**

**If Entry Nominations are accepted, entry fees will be deemed not refundable should members choose to not take part in these Championships, or if events or the entire Championships are cancelled.**

#### **Late Entry Nominations:**

All late Entry Nominations received after the initial closing date shall be charged at \$96.95 *including* GST

**AT THIS STAGE LATE ENTRY NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATES OUTLINED IN THE ENTRY CIRCULAR DUE TO THE IMPACT ON PLANNING REQUIRED TO CREATE A COVID SAFE EVENT.**

**Exceptions may be made under exceptional circumstances. Some flexibility will be possible for clubs experiencing technical difficulties provided SLSNSW Surf Sports Team is notified PRIOR to entry nominations closing.**

**Late entry nominations may be accepted after the closing date, at the discretion of SLSNSW based on the entry nomination numbers at the time.**

### Additional Events:

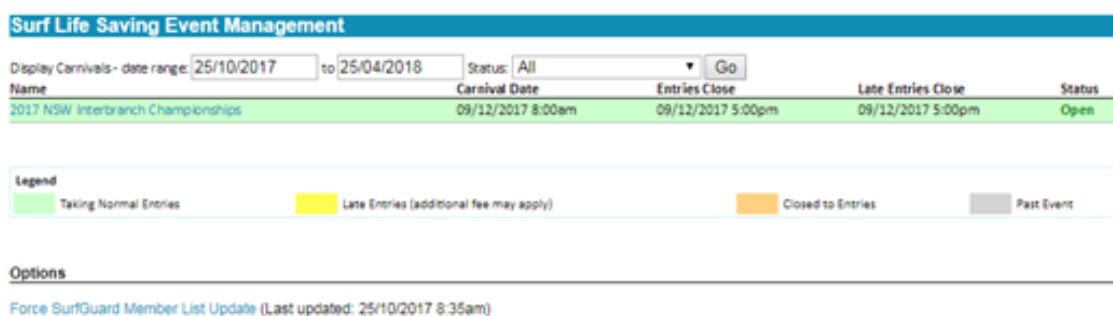
When additional events are entered for competitors (individual and / or team) a fee of \$20.30 per event / per competitor will be charged. Note: **The competitor must be already entered into the Carnival.**

Additional individual event entry nominations 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 entry nominations will also incur this fee.

## 11. ENTRY NOMINATIONS - 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 entry nominations, ensure you have performed 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 a 'Status: All' dropdown menu 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)'.



### Entry Registrations

Club Entry Nominations to the 2021 NSW Age Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into Carnival Manager.

### To complete entry nominations, clubs must complete the following:

- Complete entry nominations 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.

## 12. CANCELLED AGE EVENTS

Due to the impact of COVID-19, it will not be possible to hold some events. Events that will NOT be held at the 2021 NSW Age Championships are:

- 3695 All Age Board Relay
- 3712 March Past
- 3735 All Age Beach Relay

## 13. SCHEDULED EVENTS \*Subject to change

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.

### 13.1. Inclusion Events

*It is intended that Inclusion events will be run at Swansea Belmont SLSC during the 2021 Age Championships however SLNSW are exploring the requirements involved. Further information will be released shortly. At this stage, it is intended that the following inclusion events will be conducted:*

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

### 13.2. R & R

**R&R will be held at Redhead for the 2021 NSW Age Championships on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (U12, U13, U14 bio-zone). R&R events scheduled for this day are:**

3606	U10/U11 – 2 person R&R	<a href="#">ENTER HERE FOR U10/U11</a>
3600	U12/U14 – 5 person R&R	
3607	U12/U13 – 2 person R&R	<a href="#">ENTER HERE FOR U12/U14 and U12/U13</a>
3601	U14/U15 2 Person R&R	<a href="#">ENTER HERE FOR U14/U15</a>

Note: U15 competitors will be permitted to attend the 2021 NSW Age Championships on Saturday to compete in the U14/U15 R&R.

**Competitors choosing to compete in these events will not be permitted to compete in any other bio-zone for that weekend, however U15 competitors in the U14/U15 R&R will be permitted to compete in the U15 open events at Swansea Belmont on the following weekend.**

<b>13.3. Thursday &amp; Friday at Redhead SLSC</b>						
<b>Under 11 Events</b>		<b>Under 10 Events</b>			<b>Under 9 Events</b>	
1719	Male Beach Sprint	1720	Male Beach Sprint	1721	Male Beach Sprint	
2719	Female Beach Sprint	2720	Female Beach Sprint	2721	Female Beach Sprint	
1747	1km Male Beach Run	1729	Male Beach Relay	1730	Male Beach Relay	
2747	1km Female Beach Run	2729	Female Beach Relay	2730	Female Beach Relay	
1728	Male Beach Relay	3729	Mixed Beach Relay	3730	Mixed Beach Relay	
2728	Female Beach Relay	1742	Male Beach Flags	1743	Male Beach Flags	
3728	Mixed Beach Relay	2742	Female Beach Flags	2743	Female Beach Flags	
1741	Male Beach Flags					
2741	Female Beach Flags					

<b>13.4. Thursday &amp; Friday at Swansea Belmont SLSC</b>						
<b>Under 11 Events</b>		<b>Under 10 Events</b>			<b>Under 9 Events</b>	
1616	Male Surf Race	1617	Male Surf Race	1618	Male Surf Race	
2616	Female Surf Race	2617	Female Surf Race	2618	Female Surf Race	
1626	Male Surf Teams	1627	Male Surf Teams	1628	Male Surf Teams	
2626	Female Surf Teams	2627	Female Surf Teams	2628	Female Surf Teams	
1689	Male Board	1690	Male Board	1691	Male Board	
2689	Female Board	2690	Female Board	2691	Female Board	
1699	Male Board Relay	1700	Male Board Relay	1701	Male Board Relay	
2699	Female Board Relay	2700	Female Board Relay	2701	Female Board Relay	
3672	Under 11 Cameron Relay					
1668	Ironman *					
2668	Ironwoman *					
1676	Male Board Rescue *					
2676	Female Board Rescue *					

\* Restricted Entry (Not in Carnival Manager)

<b>13.5. Saturday &amp; Sunday at Redhead SLSC</b>							
<b>Under 14 Events</b>			<b>Under 13 Events</b>			<b>Under 12 Events</b>	
1716	Male Beach Sprint		1717	Male Beach Sprint		1718	Male Beach Sprint
2716	Female Beach Sprint		2717	Female Beach Sprint		2718	Female Beach Sprint
1744	2km Male Beach Run		1745	1km Male Beach Run		1746	1km Male Beach Run
2744	2km Female Beach Run		2745	1km Female Beach Run		2746	1km Female Beach Run
1725	Male Beach Relay		1726	Male Beach Relay		1727	Male Beach Relay
2725	Female Beach Relay		2726	Female Beach Relay		2727	Female Beach Relay
3725	Mixed Beach Relay		3726	Mixed Beach Relay		3727	Mixed Beach Relay
1738	Male Beach Flags		1739	Male Beach Flags		1740	Male Beach Flags
2738	Female Beach Flags		2739	Female Beach Flags		2740	Female Beach Flags

<b>13.6. Saturday &amp; Sunday at Swansea Belmont SLSC</b>							
<b>Under 14 Events</b>			<b>Under 13 Events</b>			<b>Under 12 Events</b>	
115	Male Surf Race		1614	Male Surf Race		1615	Male Surf Race
215	Female Surf Race		2614	Female Surf Race		2615	Female Surf Race
1623	Male Surf Teams		1624	Male Surf Teams		1625	Male Surf Teams
2623	Female Surf Teams		2624	Female Surf Teams		2625	Female Surf Teams
168	Male Board		1687	Male Board		1688	Male Board
268	Female Board		2687	Female Board		2688	Female Board
1696	Male Board Relay		1697	Male Board Relay		1698	Male Board Relay
2696	Female Board Relay		2697	Female Board Relay		2698	Female Board Relay
3669	Under 14 Cameron Relay		3670	Under 13 Cameron Relay		3671	Under 12 Cameron Relay
1673	Male Board Rescue *		1674	Male Board Rescue *		1675	Male Board Rescue *
2673	Female Board Rescue *		2674	Female Board Rescue *		2675	Female Board Rescue *
129	Ironman *		1666	Ironman *		1667	Ironman *
229	Ironwoman *		2666	Ironwoman *		2667	Ironwoman *

\* Restricted Entry (Not in Carnival Manager)

### 13.7. Supplementary Information:

During the NSW 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

- For 2021 only, the Cameron will be run with 3 person teams. The runner will complete 2 run legs.
- As a minimum, a female must take the position of either board paddler or swimmer. The runner may be either Male or Female.
- For the absence of any doubt, the runner (or any competitor) cannot have competed in the Beach Championships at the Redhead Bio-zone.

#### Mixed Beach Relay

- Teams will comprise 2 males and 2 females
- Members who compete in their age group beach relay (male/female) are not eligible to compete in the mixed beach relay
- For the absence of any doubt, the competitors in the relay cannot have competed in the Water Championship at the Swansea Belmont bio-zone.

### 14. 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).
- 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. More information regarding restricted entries will be available soon.

**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).

## 15. INCLUSION EVENTS

SLSNSW is committed to the inclusion of people of different abilities and following the success of the 2019 & 2020 NSW Age Championships Inclusion Event, SLSNSW has partnered with Your local club to deliver this event at the 2021 NSW Age Championships. SLSNSW is exploring the requirements in within the current restrictions however we plan to host 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, 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

More information regarding the inclusion events will be available soon.

## 16. 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> place, **dead heat for 2<sup>nd</sup> place**
  - 1 gold and 2 silver will be awarded (no bronze will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1<sup>st</sup> place, one competitor in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, **dead heat for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

## 17. 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. More information regarding scrutineering will be available soon.

## 18. SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2021 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 2021 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).

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

## **19. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **19.1. 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.

### **19.2. 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.

### **19.3. Links for Results**

- **U9, U10 & U11 Water Championships:** Thursday 25th – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Swansea Belmont SLSC
  - Final Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/123/1>
  - All Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/123/0>
- **U9, U10 & U11 Beach Championships:** Thursday 25th – Friday 26th February at Redhead SLSC
  - Final Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/122/1>
  - All Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/122/0>
- **U12, U13 & U14 Water Championships:** Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th February at Swansea Belmont SLSC
  - Final Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/133/1>
  - All Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/133/0>
- **U12, U13 & U14 Beach Championships and R&R:** Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th February at Redhead SLSC
  - Final Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/134/1>
  - All Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/134/0>

### **19.4. Event Hashtag**

The official hashtag for the event is #STATEChamps21

### **19.5. Media Statements**

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.

## **20. 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 2021 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.

## **21. 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 Surf Sports [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@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 Surf Sports in order to be recognised.

For further information regarding the courses please contact Surf Sports on 9471 8000 or [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au)

## **22. 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 36<sup>th</sup> (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).

## 23. 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.

## 24. TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by TeamApp.

TeamApp will be used in the lead up to and throughout the NSW State Championships as a platform to communicate information, documentation and updates including timetable changes to Team Managers and Competitors.

It is highly recommended that everyone planning to attend any SLSNSW event download TeamApp when entry nominations are submitted. If you cannot download the App onto a phone or tablet, you may also access TeamApp in a web browser on any computer.

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

1. Download the “TeamApp” application from the App Store or Google Play
2. Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications
3. Once logged in search “**2021 NSW State Championships**”
4. Click the “Become a member of this TeamApp” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate groups you wish to receive notifications from.

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 trialling the new Team App functionality. It is an individual’s/Club’s obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a TeamApp update is not an excuse for missing events.

## 25. LAKE MACQUARIE

Lake Macquarie City Council is proud to welcome to the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships back to Blacksmiths Beach in 2021.

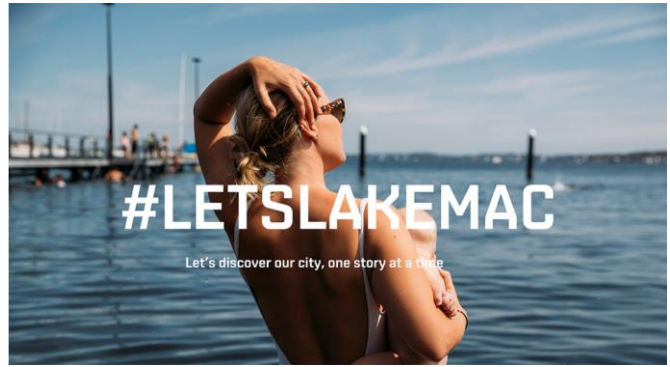
In Lake Macquarie, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer for competitors, officials, family and friends, with an option to suit every taste and budget. Choose from holiday parks, self-contained holiday houses and cottages, hotels, motels and more.

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 free call 1800 802 044 to order a free Lake Macquarie Visitor Guide and Map.



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**26. AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS**

