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## 2021 NSW Masters 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.

**Date:** 23 December 2020

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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2021 NSW Masters Championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Masters Beach &amp; Water Championships:</b> Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Swansea Belmont SLSC</li> </ul>
<b>Action:</b>	<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. Exemption may be granted under exceptional circumstances.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online 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 Wednesday 20 January 2021 at <b>11.00pm</b>.</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 State Masters Championships attracts competitors from the 30 – 70 + age groups, providing the opportunity to unite over a 2 day period and showcase 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 Masters Championships. While these changes are not ideal, they are necessary in order to be able to hold the event under the current Public Health Order issued by NSW Health.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2021 NSW Masters Championships. 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 advice and restrictions issued by the NSW government.

## 2. IMPORTANT UPDATES SUMMARY

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

- All Beach and Water events for the Masters Championships are intended to be run at Blacksmiths Beach (Swansea Belmont SLSC) as 1 bio-zone. Lifesaving events will also share this zone.
- 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. bio-zone
- 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. no “double dipping”).

### 2.3. Rules

- Competitors will not be permitted to compete up an age group
- Attendees will not be permitted to attend more than one bio-zone i.e. attendees are permitted to attend 1 location for the entire Championship block
- Competitors will need to choose between Beach and Water with no holding up of events.

### 2.4. 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
- One way beach entry and exits.

### 3. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reference is made to:

- The current edition of the [Surf Sports Manual](#) (36<sup>th</sup> Edition 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 Championship in the same bio-zone e.g. team substitutions).**
- Entry nominations are to be completed online through the following links:
  - **Masters Beach & Water Championships:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Swansea Belmont SLSC <https://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/130>
- 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 Registration Form 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 submit 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-COMPLAINEE 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:

- 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 MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

The 2021 NSW Masters 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 MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

The 2021 NSW Masters 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 is in place for the 2021 NSW Masters Championships. 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 accreditation.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
0 to 4	—
5 to 11	1 Official
12 to 24	2 Officials
25 to 37	3 Officials
38 to 50	4 Officials
51 +	5 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. 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 competitors can compete or not.

### **8.2. Powercraft**

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2021 NSW Masters Championships, a Powercraft will be implemented. A Powercraft memo detailing the requirements from clubs will be released shortly. Clubs have been identified Based on the average number of entries from the 2018, 2019 & 2020 Championships.

Club supply their own 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 and hold a proficient IRB Crew Award.
- ✓ **RWC Operator:** Be a current financial SLS member and hold a proficient RWC Operator Award.
- ✓ **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. More details to follow in the Powercraft memo.

### **8.3. 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.

## 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](#).

Reference is made to the following documents which apply to this event:

- SLSA Policy 5.04 – Eligibility to compete in SLSA competition – November 2017 version
- SLSA Policy 1.02 Use of SLSA Equipment

[SLSNSW Memo – Competition Eligibility Policy \(5.04\) – 2020/21 Season Service Hour Requirements](#)

The Proficiency requalification must be completed by close of “normal” entry nominations to be eligible to participate in a SLS Championship or other event i.e. late entry nominations will not be accepted for members who have not completed their proficiency requalification by the normal close of entry nominations.

Late proficiency exemptions are required to be endorsed by both Club and Branch (on letterhead) 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 17 February 2021**.

For reference to all SLSA Polices please download from the SLSA Members Area.

## 10. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2021 State Masters Championships is **\$55.62** (incl. GST which includes a \$4 levy for the provision of first aid to relieve clubs of their obligations to provide first aid coverage).

**This year SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online Entry Nominations close and competitor eligibility is confirmed. Clubs will not be required to 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 late entry nominations received after the initial closing date shall be charged at \$127.06 *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 required 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.**

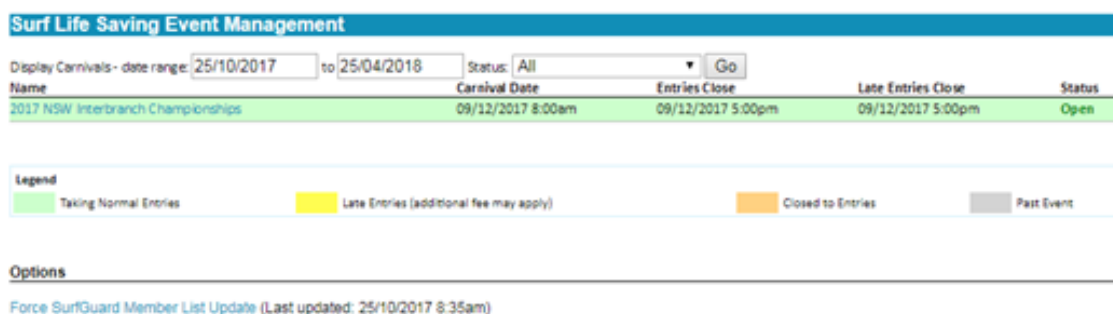


Additional individual event entry nominations must be received no later than one hour before the start of the particular event at the Carnival Administration. For team events a substitution form is required (Finals only) and is required to be handed into the Carnival Administration.

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 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 for 'Display Carnivals' with a date range from 25/10/2017 to 25/04/2018, a status dropdown set to 'All', and 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). Underneath the legend 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 entry nominations to the 2021 State Masters 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. SCHEDULED MASTERS 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.

### 12.1. Lifesaving Events

Champion Lifesaver, Patrol Competition and First Aid Competition will be conducted on Fri 12<sup>th</sup>, Sat 13<sup>th</sup> and Sun 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Masters Lifesaving events will contribute to the overall Masters Championship Pointscore.

For more information, please see the Lifesaving Championships Entry Circular on the [event webpage](#).

### 12.2. Surf Boat Events

Surf Boat Events will be conducted on Fri 19<sup>th</sup>, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> and Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Masters Surf Boat events will contribute to the overall Masters Championship Pointscore.

For more information, please see the Surf Boat Championships Entry Circular on the [event webpage](#).

**12.3. Masters Championships - Sat 13 - Sun 14 December 2021****Swimming Events**

1200	30-34 Years Male Surf Race	2200	30-34 Years Female Surf Race
1201	35-39 Years Male Surf Race	2201	35-39 Years Female Surf Race
1202	40-44 Years Male Surf Race	2202	40-44 Years Female Surf Race
1203	45-49 Years Male Surf Race	2203	45-49 Years Female Surf Race
1204	50-54 Years Male Surf Race	2204	50-54 Years Female Surf Race
1205	55-59 Years Male Surf Race	2205	55-59 Years Female Surf Race
1206	60-64 Years Male Surf Race	2206	60-64 Years Female Surf Race
1207	65- 69 Years Male Surf Race	2207	65-69 Years Female Surf Race
1208	70-74 Years Male Surf Race	2208	70-74 Years Female Surf Race
1209	75 Years & over Male Surf Race	2209	75 Years & over Female Surf Race
1212	110 Years min Male Surf Teams	2212	110 Years min Female Surf Teams
1213	130 Years min Male Surf Teams	2213	130 Years min Female Surf Teams
1214	150 Years min Male Surf Teams	2214	150 Years min Female Surf Teams
1215	170 Years & over Male Surf Teams	2215	170 Years & over Female Surf Teams

**Rescue Tube Events**

1218	30-34 Years Male Rescue Tube	2218	30-34 Years Female Rescue Tube
1219	35-39 Years Male Rescue Tube	2219	35-39 Years Female Rescue Tube
1220	40-44 Years Male Rescue Tube	2220	40-44 Years Female Rescue Tube
1221	45-49 Years Male Rescue Tube	2221	45-49 Years Female Rescue Tube
1222	50-54 Years Male Rescue Tube	2222	50-54 Years Female Rescue Tube
1223	55-59 Years Male Rescue Tube	2223	55-59 Years Female Rescue Tube
1224	60-64 Years Male Rescue Tube	2224	60-64 Years Female Rescue Tube
1225	65-69 Years Male Rescue Tube	2225	65-69 Years Female Rescue Tube
1226	70-74 Years Male Rescue Tube	2226	70-74 Years Female Rescue Tube
1229	75 and over Male Rescue Tube	2229	75 and over Female Rescue Tube

**Multi-Discipline Events**

1234	30-34 Years Ironman	2234	30-34 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1235	35-39 Years Ironman	2235	35-39 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1236	40-44 Years Ironman	2236	40-44 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1237	45-49 Years Ironman	2237	45-49 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1238	50-54 Years Ironman	2238	50-54 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1239	55-59 Years Ironman	2239	55-59 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1240	60-64 Years Ironman	2240	60-64 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1241	65-69 Years Ironman	2241	65-69 Years Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1242	70-74 Years Male Ironman (inc Ski)	2242	70-74 Years Female Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1243	75 Years & over Male Ironman (inc Ski)	2243	75 Years & over Female Ironwoman (inc Ski)
1245	110 Years min Male Taplin (3 person)	2245	110 Years min Female Taplin (3 person)
1246	130 Years min Male Taplin (3 person)	2246	130 Years min Female Taplin (3 person)
1247	150 Years min Male Taplin (3 person)	2247	150 Years min Female Taplin (3 person)
1248	170 Years min. Male Taplin (3 person)	2248	170 Years min. Female Taplin (3 person)

**Board Rescue Events**

1252	30-34 Years Male Board Rescue	2252	30-34 Years Female Board Rescue
1253	35-39 Years Male Board Rescue	2253	35-39 Years Female Board Rescue
1254	40-44 Years Male Board Rescue	2254	40-44 Years Female Board Rescue
1255	45-49 Years Male Board Rescue	2255	45-49 Years Female Board Rescue
1256	50-54 Years Male Board Rescue	2256	50-54 Years Female Board Rescue
1257	55-59 Years Male Board Rescue	2257	55-59 Years Female Board Rescue

1258	60-64 Years Male Board Rescue		2258	60-64 Years Female Board Rescue
1259	65-69 Years Male Board Rescue		2259	65-69 Years Female Board Rescue
1260	70-74 Years Male Board Rescue		2260	70-74 Years Female Board Rescue
1261	75 Years & over Male Board Rescue		2261	75 Years & over Female Board Rescue

### Ski Events

1272	30-34 Years Male Single Ski		2272	30-34 Years Female Single Ski
1273	35-39 Years Male Single Ski		2273	35-39 Years Female Single Ski
1274	40-44 Years Male Single Ski		2274	40-44 Years Female Single Ski
1275	45-49 Years Male Single Ski		2275	45-49 Years Female Single Ski
1276	50-54 Years Male Single Ski		2276	50-54 Years Female Single Ski
1277	55-59 Years Male Single Ski		2277	55-59 Years Female Single Ski
1278	60-64 Years Male Single Ski		2278	60-64 Years Female Single Ski
1279	65-69 Years Male Single Ski		2279	65-69 Years Female Single Ski
1280	70-74 Years Male Single Ski		2280	70-74 Years Female Single Ski
1281	75 Years & over Male Single Ski		2281	75 Years & over Female Single Ski
1284	110 Years min Male Ski Relay		2284	110 Years min Female Ski Relay
1285	130 Years min Male Ski Relay		2285	130 Years min Female Ski Relay
1286	150 Years min Male Ski Relay		2286	150 Years min Female Ski Relay
1287	170 Years min Male Ski Relay		2287	170 Years min Female Ski Relay
1291	30-34 Years Male Double Ski		2291	30-34 Years Female Double Ski
1292	35-39 Years Male Double Ski		2292	35-39 Years Female Double Ski
1293	40-44 Years Male Double Ski		2293	40-44 Years Female Double Ski
1294	45-49 Years Male Double Ski		2294	45-49 Years Female Double Ski
1295	50-54 Years Male Double Ski		2295	50-54 Years Female Double Ski
1296	55-59 Years Male Double Ski		2296	55-59 Years Female Double Ski
1297	60-64 Years Male Double Ski		2297	60-64 Years Female Double Ski
1298	65-69 Years Male Double Ski		2298	65-69 Years Female Double Ski
1299	70-74 Years Male Double Ski		2299	70-74 Years Female Double Ski
1300	75 Years & over Male Double Ski		2300	75 Years & over Female Double Ski

### Board Events

1303	30-34 Years Male Board		2303	30-34 Years Female Board
1304	35-39 Years Male Board		2304	35-39 Years Female Board
1305	40-44 Years Male Board		2305	40-44 Years Female Board
1306	45-49 Years Male Board		2306	45-49 Years Female Board
1307	50-54 Years Male Board		2307	50-54 Years Female Board
1308	55-59 Years Male Board		2308	55-59 Years Female Board
1309	60-64 Years Male Board		2309	60-64 Years Female Board
1310	65-69 Years Male Board		2310	65-69 Years Female Board
1311	70-74 Years Male Board		2311	70-74 Years Female Board
1312	75 Years & over Male Board		2312	75 Years & over Female Board
1314	110 Years min Male Board Relay		2314	110 Years min Female Board Relay
1315	130 Years min Male Board Relay		2315	130 Years min Female Board Relay
1316	150 Years min Male Board Relay		2316	150 Years min Female Board Relay
1317	170 Years min Male Board Relay		2317	170 Years min Female Board Relay

### Beach Events

1324	30-34 Years Male Beach Sprint		2324	30-34 Years Female Beach Sprint
1325	35-39 Years Male Beach Sprint		2325	35-39 Years Female Beach Sprint
1326	40-44 Years Male Beach Sprint		2326	40-44 Years Female Beach Sprint

1327	45-49 Years Male Beach Sprint	2327	45-49 Years Female Beach Sprint
1328	50-54 Years Male Beach Sprint	2328	50-54 Years Female Beach Sprint
1329	55-59 Years Male Beach Sprint	2329	55-59 Years Female Beach Sprint
1330	60-64 Years Male Beach Sprint	2330	60-64 Years Female Beach Sprint
1331	65-69 Years Male Beach Sprint	2331	65-69 Years Female Beach Sprint
1332	70-74 Years Male Beach Sprint	2332	70-74 Years Female Beach Sprint
1333	75 Years & over Male Beach Sprint	2333	75 Years & over Female Beach Sprint
1335	140 Years min Male Beach Relay	2335	140 Years min Female Beach Relay
1336	170 Years min Male Beach Relay	2336	170 Years min. Female Beach Relay
1337	200 Years min Male Beach Relay	2337	200 Years min. Female Beach Relay
1338	230 Years min Male Beach Relay	2338	230 Years min Female Beach Relay
1343	30-34 Years Male Beach Flags	2343	30-34 Years Female Beach Flags
1344	35-39 Years Male Beach Flags	2344	35-39 Years Female Beach Flags
1345	40-44 Years Male Beach Flags	2345	40-44 Years Female Beach Flags
1346	45-49 Years Male Beach Flags	2346	45-49 Years Female Beach Flags
1347	50-54 Years Male Beach Flags	2347	50-54 Years Female Beach Flags
1348	55-59 Years Male Beach Flags	2348	55-59 Years Female Beach Flags
1349	60-64 Years Male Beach Flags	2349	60-64 Years Female Beach Flags
1350	65-69 Years Male Beach Flags	2350	65-69 Female Beach Flags
1351	70-74 Years Male Beach Flags	2351	70-74 Years Female Beach Flags
1352	75 Years & over Male Beach Flags	2352	75 Years & over Male Beach Flags
1360	30-34 Years Male 2km Beach Run	2360	30-34 Years Female 2km Beach Run
1361	35-39 Years Male 2km Beach Run	2361	35-39 Years Female 2km Beach run
1362	40-44 Years Male 2km Beach Run	2362	40-44 Years female 2km Beach Run
1363	45-49 Years Male 2km Beach Run	2363	45-49 Years Female 2km Beach Run
1364	50-54 Years Male 2km Beach Run	2364	50-54 Years Female 2km Beach Run
1365	55-59 Years Male 2km Beach Run	2365	55-59 Years Female 2km Beach Run
1366	60-64 Years Male 1km Beach Run	2366	60-64 Years Female 1km Beach Run
1367	65-69 Years Male 1km Beach Run	2367	65-69 Years Female 1km Beach Run
1368	70-74 Years Male 1km Beach Run	2368	70-74 Years Female 1km Beach Run
1378	75 Years & over Male 1km Beach Run	2378	75 Years & over Female 1km Beach Run

***Masters competitors are to have their age marked on both of their upper arms.***

#### **12.4. Restriction of Events**

- Masters competitors may only compete in their own age group in individual events and in only one age category in each different team event entered.

**Note:** This section does not preclude a qualified Master competitor from participating in their Masters individual Age Group and also in Open age events. A minimum of one starter is required provided that the competitor/team correctly completes the course. Where Championship events are contested all place getters shall be awarded placing medals.

#### **CLASHING OF EVENTS:**

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

#### **12.5. Special Circumstances**

Any competitor wishing to obtain special circumstances approval **MUST** supply documentation regarding their disability by close of entry nominations. Documentation will not be accepted during the carnival. For more information, please see Section 2.4(c) and Section 2.2.1(e) of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Please supply Surf Sports SLSNSW with the required information and documentation [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au)

## **12.6. Handlers**

**NOTE:** Handlers will not be required to be entered into the carnival manager system, however, they will need to pre-register with SLSNSW. More information on this process to follow. 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 wear a pink high visibility vest (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a pink high visibility bib/jacket type garment).

## **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 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)

## **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. More details on scrutineering will be available soon.

## **15. 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.

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

## **16. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **16.1. 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.

## 16.2. 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.

## 16.3. Links for Results

- **Masters Beach & Water Championships:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Swansea Belmont SLSC
  - Final Results: <http://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/130/1>
  - All Results: <http://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/130/0>

## 16.4. Event Hashtag:

The official hashtag for the event is #STATEChamps21

## 16.5. 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.

## 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 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.

## 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 [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)

## **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 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.

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 6.5 – 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 protest is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

## **21. 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 NSW State Championships 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 group 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.

## 22. LAKE MACQUARIE

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

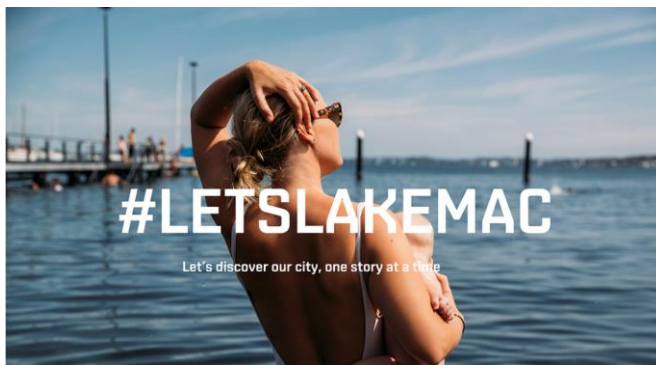
In Lake Macquarie, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer for competitors, officials, family and friends, with an option to suit every taste and budget. Choose from holiday parks, self-contained holiday houses and cottages, hotels, motels and more.

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.



Swansea Channel, Lake Macquarie





### 23. MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

