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## 2021 NSW Surf Boat Championships – Entry Circular 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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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2021 NSW Surf Boat Championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 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> <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 Surf Boat Championships attracts competitors from the Under 19 to Masters age groups, providing opportunity to unite over a 3 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 Surf Boat 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 Surf Boat 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 Surf Boat events will be run at Blacksmiths Beach (Swansea Belmont SLSC) and will be considered 1 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 2020 at 11pm
- No late Entry Nominations will be permitted (exceptions may be made in exceptional circumstances).

### 2.3. Rules

- 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.

### 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:
  - **Surf Boat Open Championships:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Swansea Belmont SLSC  
<https://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/128>
  - **Surf Boat Masters Championship:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Swansea Belmont SLSC  
<https://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport/132>
- 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 late 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 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.**

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.
- 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 SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

The 2021 NSW Surf Boat 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 AND SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

The 2021 NSW Surf Boat 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 Opens and Masters Championships. Competitor numbers from the 2021 NSW Surf Boats Championships will be included in these quotas. 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.

### Masters Championships:

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

### Opens Championships:

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. 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 Surf Boat 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. 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 Open & 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 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 Entry Nominations:**

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.

**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 Entry Nominations to the 2021 State Surf Boat 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 SURF BOAT 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.

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. Open Surf Boat events will contribute to the overall Open Championship Pointscore. Masters Surf Boat events will contribute to the overall Masters Championship Pointscore.

### **12.1. Lifesaver Relay**

It is intended that the components of the lifesaver relay are to be run separately in their own bio-zone i.e. Water legs to be run during Open Championship and Boat leg to be run at Surf Boats, however the requirements around this are still to be confirmed. The Lifesaver Relay entry conditions are described in the 36th Edition of the Surf Sports Manual and age and gender requirements will be strictly adhered to.

<b>12.2. Surf Boat Open Events</b>			
148	Open Male Surf Boat	248	Open Female Surf Boat
149	Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat	249	Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat
150	Under 23 Male Surf Boat	250	Under 23 Female Surf Boat
151	Under 19 Male Surf Boat	251	Under 19 Female Surf Boat
352	Open Surf Boat Relay		
<b>12.3. Surf Boat Masters Events</b>			
1263	120 Years min Male Surf Boat	2263	120 Years min Female Surf Boat
1264	140 Years min Male Surf Boat	2264	140 Years min Female Surf Boat
1265	160 Years min Male Surf Boat	2265	160 Years min Female Surf Boat
1266	180 Years min Male Surf Boat	2266	180 Years min Female Surf Boat
1267	200 Years min Male Surf Boat	2267	200 Years min Female Surf Boat
1268	220 Years min Male Surf Boat	2268	220 Years min Female Surf Boat
1269	240 Years min Male Surf Boat	2269	240 Years min Female Surf Boat
1270	260 Years min Male Surf Boat	2270	260 Years min Female Surf Boat

### **12.4. Surf Boat Sweeps**

All Surf Boat Sweeps entered in the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships are required to have completed their Development Coach – Surf Boat Award, Sweeps Accreditation Assessment Tool and have been issued with a Sweeps Accreditation Number. Surf Life Saving NSW will audit of all the sweeps entered into the carnival for compliance.

### **12.5. Surf Boats and Double Dipping**

"Double dipping" (i.e. competing in more than one division or age category of rowing) by crews will not be permitted at the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships. Exceptions to this condition are as follows:

Sweep Oarsmen may continue to compete in multiple divisions and age categories but, as per existing SLSA rules, shall only compete in a particular division or category once irrespective of whether they are sweeping or rowing.

1. Individual rowers from an age crew who are also competing with another crew (i.e. not the same four rowers) in an older age category are permitted to row in a second category at the Championships provided that the other crew members are not also doubling up to form separate crews.
2. Should a member of any crew become indisposed they may be replaced subject to approval of the Carnival Referee provided they comply with the requirements for the event.
3. If an U19 or U23 competitor is rowing in an older age category made up of mixed age groups they can continue to row in that older age category even if their own individual age division is suspended or cancelled. However, a crew made up entirely of rowers from suspended or cancelled age or gender group(s) shall not be permitted to compete.

## **12.6. 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.

## **12.7. Handlers:**

**NOTE:** Handlers will not be required to be entered into the carnival manager system, however, they will need to pre-register with SLSNSW if they are not already entered as a competitor. 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. Please refer to the Scrutineering Memo which will be released on the [event webpage](#).

## **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

- **Surf Boat Open Championships:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Swansea Belmont SLSC
  - Final Results: <http://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/128/1>
  - All Results: <http://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/128/0>
- **Surf Boat Masters Championships:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Swansea Belmont SLSC
  - Final Results: <http://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/132/1>
  - All Results: <http://sportnsw-carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/132/0>

### 16.4. Event Hashtag & Instagram

The official hashtags for the events are #STATEChamps21 #NSWSurfboats

The official Instagram for the events is NSWSurfboats

### 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 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 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.

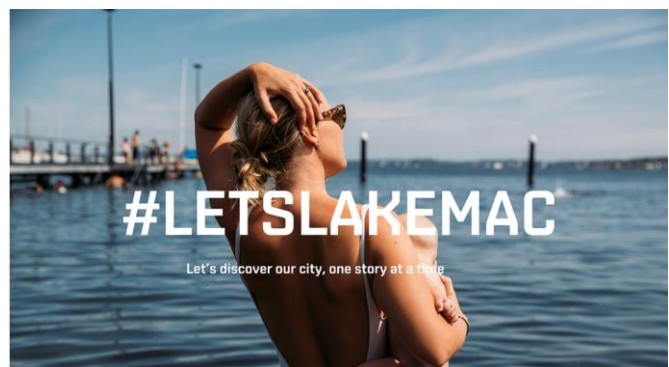
In Lake Macquarie, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer for competitors, officials, family and friends, with an option to suit every taste and budget. Choose from holiday parks, self-contained holiday houses and cottages, hotels, motels and more.

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.



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**23. SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS**

