

Circular 3662

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2021 SLSNSW Surf Boat Interbranch Championships

Attention: Branches, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors Managers and Competitors

Actioned by: Persons responsible for entries

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Summary	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2021 NSW Surf Boat Interbranch Championships
Key Strategic Goal	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement
Strategic Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grassroots level through structures and appropriately tiered programs. 2. Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life. 3. Establish best practice event management for the delivery of surf sports events. 4. Deliver surf sports events to our members which appeal to a broad participation base. 5. Strengthen development and high-performance activities in surf sport events and activities.
Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Boat Series Organisers/Branches to distribute and circulate this information to Surf Boat Crews and Sweeps. 2. Nominating Crews who would like to be considered are required to be entered by 11pm, Sunday 24 January 2021 by using the following link: Carnival Entry

Competition	Date	Location
NSW Surf Boat Interbranch Championships	February 7 th , 2021	Queenscliff SLSC

INTRODUCTION

The NSW Surf Boat Championships is the premier Surf Boat event for crews (in all divisions)

The NSW Surf Boat Interbranch Championships will be held on **Sunday 7 February 2021** hosted by **Queenscliff SLSC** (Sydney Northern Beaches).

COVID-19

A number of precautions will be put into place to create a COVID Safe environment. SLSNSW will have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for this events. SLSNSW will run these events 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-COMPLAINE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. OFFENDING MEMBERS 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.

BRANCH ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for each competitor is \$30.38 (incl GST) per competitor including Sweeps.

Entries for each Branch are to be entered at this link: <https://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport>

Branch Teams are also to be sent through to SLSNSW in excel format

Each Branch has been given a Username and Password. 1 representative from each Branch (i.e. Team Manager) will need to contact SLSNSW on (02) 9471 8000 to obtain Branch Username and Password should they no longer have it. SLSNSW will invoice each Branch after the Championships (including for any drafted competitors). Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if the event is cancelled or suspended.

EVENTS CONTESTED

Open Female
Open Male
Female Reserve Grade
Male Reserve Grade
Under 19 Female
Under 19 Male
Under 23 Female
Under 23 Male
Surf Boat Relay

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.

[Members Resources](#). Reference is made to: 36th Edition Surf Sports Manual.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, **for the 2020/2021 Season only**, SLSNSW have determined that the patrol and service hour requirement will be **15 hours** (i.e. hours completed between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020).

IMPORTANT DATES & DRAFTING ARRANGEMENTS

SLSNSW will facilitate a competitor draft to ensure:

- Each Branch has the opportunity to field a crew in each division
- That non-selected (from primary Branch) athletic talent is spread around teams requiring draft competitors.
- It is desirable; over time Branch teams become less reliant on drafting to fill the team.

The draft process shall be as follows:

1. Branches will need to submit an Expression of Interest to SLSNSW as to their capability to nominate crews in each division. This will allow SLSNSW to plan the draft process.
2. All Branches shall advise SLSNSW of any drafting requirements by **Monday 4 January via the EOI process**. Branches not requiring drafts shall advise SLSNSW of the likely number and availability of crews for the draft.
3. Branches who will not be drafting must announce their teams by **Friday 15 January** Crews not selected for their Primary Branch Team will need to OPT OUT of the NSW Interbranch Draft. To be clear the drafted crews will need to discuss with draft Branch as to which, if any costs are to be reimbursed. Branch shall supply a Team Competition cap as a minimum for use at the Interbranch. SLSNSW will invoice the draft Branch for the entry fee for any drafted crews
4. SLSNSW will create a pool of draft Interbranch crews from Branches and this will close on **Monday 18 January** at 11pm.
5. SLSNSW to email all nominated draft crews to confirm availability for the draft on **Tuesday 19 January**.
6. SLSNSW will release a list of the available draft competitors to each eligible Branch on **Wednesday 20 January**.
7. There will be a teleconference facilitated by SLSNSW Chair of Selectors (or their nominee) on **Thursday 21 January** with eligible Branch Director of Surf Sports and/or Manager to complete their draft picks.
8. SLSNSW will conduct a random draw for Branch order in the draft. With the first Branch drawn having first pick, second Branch drawn having second pick and so forth until the first rotation of picks is complete. The rotation will continue until all Branches have a complete team or until the draft pool is exhausted. If a Branch completes their Team, they will drop out of the draft at that point and the order of picks shall remain the same.
9. Should a drafted crew subsequently not be available the drafting rotation will not be recommenced, but the position filled from the next available eligible crew.
10. SLSNSW will publish the list of all Team Lists on Tuesday 26 January. All Branches will need to have completed their online entries by 5pm on **Monday 25 January**.
11. The initial drafting process is to be completed by SLSNSW and crews advised of their selection by their selected Branch team manager.
12. Once a crew has been advised of their draft they will not be able to be selected for their own Branch unless injury or illness occurs. In such circumstances the Branch is to advise SLSNSW in writing of the need to reclaim a crew. The drafted Branch must release the crew to their Primary Branch.
13. It is permitted for the drafting process to continue up until 5pm **Wednesday 3 February**. After this time, any further drafts will be at the discretion of SLSNSW.

Any drafted competitors are eligible to earn 100% of their placing points towards their drafted Branch point score.

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS

Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their Surf Boats.

All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications and have been scrutineered and passed for use in SLSNSW competition.

Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the Interbranch Championship.

***Note: Each team member must have a pink high visibility vest to be eligible to compete in any water-based event. It is a Branch decision if this is to be provided by the Branch or if members must supply their own.**

DRONES

SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at this event by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW.

MISBEHAVIOUR/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 36th (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).

ANTI-DOPING

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 antidoping 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.

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 SLSNSW in order to be recognised.

For further information regarding the courses please contact Surf Sports (02) 9471 8000 or surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any further additional information, please refer to the event guides to be published on the [event webpage here](#)