

Memorandum



To:	Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Secretaries/CEOs, Club Competition Directors, Club Coaches, Competitors and Officials
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Subject:	Surf Sports Manual – Updates – May 2019 & SLSNSW Championships Age Groups

Background

SLSA has recently made amendments to the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (SSM). The amendments, which are outlined in [SLSA Bulletin 1 18 - 19](#) became effective immediately (1st May 2019).

The SSM with amendments and changes made can be accessed and downloaded via the following link:
<https://www.manula.com/manuals/surf-life-saving-australi/surf-sports/1/en/topic/introduction>

This memo further communicates some of the amendments and seeks to provide further clarification and awareness to members given the change to the age groups for individual and team events. Please note, this memo does not replace the wording in the SSM or Bulletin and is only intended to assist with understanding the amendments.

SLSNSW is implementing the amendments for all SLSNSW Championship events **unless** stated within the relevant event entry Circular. The purpose is to align with national events and reduce confusion by reducing exceptions. SLSNSW is drawing your attention to these changes in May/June 2019 to allow Clubs to plan for their State/Country/Interbranch selections and configuration of teams for 2019/2020 competition season.

SLSNSW is also advising that should competition organisers wish to add Supplementary Rules, these must be contained within the event entry Circular.

Summary of changes and what does it mean?

2.3.4 Participation on Individual and Team Events

Updates made to age restrictions within the participation in individual and team events table in 2.3.4 (a). Edits made to 12 years (proficient), 13 years (proficient), 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, 18 years, 19 years, 20 years, 21 years and 22 years categories.

What does this mean?

Competitors in U14 and/or younger age groups; competitors may only participate in their own age group in individual events but may compete in their own and/or up one age group only in team events.

Previously, U13s upon reaching the age of 13 and gaining the SRC could compete up in U15 individual and/or U15 team events. Previously, U14s could also compete up in U15 individual events.

For competitors in the U17 & U19 age groups, competitors may only compete in two (2) team ages only.

Previously, U17s could compete in U17, U19 and Open team events.

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2.3.5 Under 8 to Under 14 Years

New notes added addressing U13 and U14 age competitors and eligibility for individual and team events.

What does this mean?

Note 2: U13 age competitors must remain in the U13 age category for individual events and shall not be permitted to compete in any older age division in individual events even if they turn 13 during a season and obtain or are eligible to obtain to SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate. U13 competitors are eligible to compete in designated U14 team events only.

Note 3: U14 age competitors must remain in the U14 age category for individual events and shall not be permitted to compete in any older age division in individual events. U14 competitors are eligible to compete in designated U15 team events.

2.3.6 Under 15 years

Wording added to clarify minimum age for those participating in U15 age category events. In addition, a new note added regarding U13 and U14 age competitors eligibility to compete in U15 age category events.

What does this mean?

Note 2: U15 age competitors must remain in the U15 age category and shall not be permitted to compete in any older age division in individual or team events even if they turn 15 during a season and obtain or are eligible to obtain the SLSA Bronze Medallion/Cert II.

Note 3: U13 and U14 age competitors are not permitted to compete in U15 individual events. U13 competitors shall not be permitted to compete in U15 team events. U14 competitors are eligible to compete in U15 team events. (Refer also notes in section relating to Under 8 to Under 14 years)

2.3.7 Under 17 years

Wording and additional point added clarifying U17 age competitors are eligible to compete in only two team event age groups.

What does this mean?

U17 age competitors are eligible to compete in only two team event ages i.e. U17, U19, U21, U23, Open/Senior in each event discipline conducted at a competition.

2.3.8 Under 19 years

Wording and additional point added clarifying U19 age competitors are eligible to compete in only two team event age groups.

What does this mean?

U19 age competitors are eligible to compete in only two team event ages i.e. U19, U21, U23, Open/Senior in each event discipline conducted at a competition.

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