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2021 BATE BAY GOLD – ENTRY CIRCULAR Version 2 Updated 8 November 2021

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Summary	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the Bate Bay Gold to be held at Wanda SLSC on Saturday 20 November 2021
Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via SEMS by 11:59pm Sunday 14 November 2021 NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships* (*excludes changes to team events) <input type="checkbox"/> SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after online entries close. Do not pay until the invoice is received. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Handler Form by: 11:59pm Sunday 14 November 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Coach Declaration of Competency by: Wednesday 17 November 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Medical Form by: 11:59pm Sunday 14 November 2021
Summary of Changes	Section 1.1 COVID 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID vaccination requirements Section 2.1 Event Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRC Award not required for U14s competing in the U15 event Section 2.2 Race Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification around board paddler requirements for swimmers Section 3.2 Entry Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handlers no longer required to be entered into SEMS. Please notify SLSNSW of handlers via the Handler Form Section 5 Event Categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification around U17 events Section 14 Team App <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event communication will be transmitted via Team App

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1 KEY INFORMATION FOR BATE BAY GOLD 2021

- With NSW members unable to travel to attend the Coolangatta Gold 2021, Wanda SLSC with the assistance of SLSNSW will once again be hosting an endurance-based event over 19km in the Bate Bay area.
- The Bate Bay Gold will be held on **Saturday 20 November 2021**.
- **All competitors age 16 years and over entering the Bate Bay Gold must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have medical exemption per NSW Government regulations.**
- The Bate Bay Gold will be made up of the following legs;
 - Ski – 10km
 - Swim – 2km
 - Board – 4km
 - Run – 3km
- The Short Course Event (U15 Teams & Individuals, U17 Individuals) will be made up of the following legs;
 - Swim – 1.5km
 - Board – 2.5km
 - Run – 2km
- The following individual and team categories will be contested;
 - U15 individual & team (Short Course)
 - U17 individual (Short Course)
 - U17 team
 - U19 individual & team
 - Open individual & team
 - Elite individual
 - Masters (35+) individual & team
- All entries for Bate Bay Gold can be completed via [SEMS](#). **Entries close 11:59pm, Sunday 14 November 2021.**
- Prize money will be on offer to top five placegetters in Elite Male and Elite Female categories only.

***Please Note:** Those athletes competing for prize money (elite categories) will not be covered under work cover (Icare) arrangements as per legislative requirements. These competitors will only be covered under SLSA personal accident Insurance which may result in a different coverage level than via the work cover program.*
- Further information regarding Bate Bay Gold can be found at <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/events/2021-bate-bay-gold>

IMPORTANT DATES		
Sunday 14 th November 2021	11:59pm AEST	Event Entries close – SEMS Handlers to be entered into SEMS
		All Medical Forms completed and submitted
Friday 19 th November 2021	4:00pm AEST	Competitor & Officials Briefing – Online
	6:00pm AEST	First Aid & Powercraft Briefing – Online
Saturday 20 th November 2021	6:30am AEST	Marshalling begins – Competitors should be race ready
	7:30am AEST	Race starts – First Wave departs
	10:45am AEST	Presentations
	12:30pm AEST	Competition concludes

All above dates and times are subject to change

1.1 COVID-19

All competitors, officials and handlers aged 16 years and over will be required to show proof of double vaccination against COVID-19, as well as QR check-in upon entry into the event site. Athletes, officials, handlers, and guardians not double vaccinated (or equivalent) will not be permitted entry into the competition site.

SLNSW request that spectators remain in areas accessible to the public ONLY.

At all times, SLNSW will heed to the advice of the NSW Health and reserves the right to alter the scope of the event in relation to both event categories and number of participants based on such advice. In addition, it is encouraged that Members make their own assessments relating to current health advice.

The number of event staff, athletes, officials, handlers, and volunteers **will next exceed 1000 pax in total within the event site.**

2 ATHLETE ENTRY CONDITIONS – BATE BAY GOLD 2021

2.1 EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- Each competitor must hold the award relevant to their entry and have completed a proficiency test for the award. The details of these requirements are detailed in [SLSNSW Regulation 5.c.](#) and the [Surf Sports Manual](#).
- If team competitors are members of SLSNSW, they are not required to be from the same Surf Life Saving Club.
- The SRC Award will not be a requirement for U14s competing up in the U15 category of the Bate Bay Gold.
- All competitors who are entering in any category do so of their own accord and must follow SLSA competition conditions outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.
- Competitors will also be required to supply a [declaration of competency](#) from their coach.

2.2 RACE REQUIREMENTS

- It is compulsory that each competitor wears the high visibility rash vest provided.
- It is compulsory for each U15s competitor (team or individual) to have a board paddler (handler) with them for the swim leg component of the course. This board paddler must, as a minimum, hold a Surf Rescue Certificate and be proficient. The board paddler must wear a fluoro shirt/rash vest and also wear their competitor's allocated number on their arm. They must always remain 5 metres in front of or to the side of their competitor. Please enter the name of the board paddler onto the [Handler Form](#) for the U15s age group.
- Board paddlers are not required for U17s and above.
- It is compulsory that each competitor wears the SLSA provided swimming cap for the swim leg of the course.
- Failure to pass through the gates on the ski leg may result in a penalty or disqualification.
- Competitors in the ski leg, are required to have a water storage device attached to their craft or their person. Competitors must have a minimum of two litres of water or other suitable drinking liquid.
- All competitors must adhere to decisions and direction provided by the Event Referee and all other Officials.

2.3 LIFE JACKETS

- All competitors must wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 life jacket whilst competing in the ski leg of the course.
- AS4758 Level 100, Level 150, Level 275, Level 50S or Type 3 are permitted to be worn if they meet the conspicuous colour requirements.

2.4 HANDLERS

- Competitors must have a minimum of one handler who will assist in the management of the competitor and their equipment.
- Handlers do not need to be a member of a Club or hold a Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion proficiency (excluding the Board Paddler Handler)
- At no time during the event, may a Handler, Coach or other person in a competitor's team or



club, cause an advantage, or appear to cause an advantage to or for a competitor. Such advantage may not be limited to, but includes, pacing, travelling alongside of and push starting. In addition to this, Handlers are:

- Not permitted to enter the water except to retrieve craft or take part in a rescue.
- Not permitted to leave the competition area in the immediate preceding ‘change over’ area, or the next ‘change over’ area except to travel directly between such areas.
- Not permitted to approach their competitor unless within the designated area at the aid stations located at Wanda.

Please note: Penalties incurred by Handlers will be applied to the competitor/s as if the competitor/s had committed the infringement.

- Handlers are no longer required to be entered into SEMS due to difficulties entering handlers from other Clubs. Please complete the [Handler form](#) by Sunday 14 November.
- Board Paddlers are no longer required for athletes competing in the U17s and above. Clubs competing in the U15 category will need to supply a board paddler per swimmer.

3 EVENT ENTRIES

3.1 ENTRY FEES

Bate Bay Gold 2021 Entry Fees are as follows:

Price Level	Entries Close	Competitor Category	Price (incl. GST)
Normal Entry	11:59pm AEST 14 November 2021	Youth Individual Entry	\$30.00
		Youth Team Entry	\$80.00
		Elite	\$200.00
		Individual Entry	\$100.00
		Team Entry	\$200.00

Entry Fees include the following:

- Entry into the relevant event that the participant has registered for at the Bate Bay Gold 2021.
- Competitor backpack
- Competitor lycra vest
- Competitor swim cap
- Two Handler bibs

3.2 ENTRY PROCESS

- All Bate Bay Gold 2021 entries are to be completed online via the [Sports Event Management System \(SEMS\)](#) by 11:59pm Sunday 14 November, 2021.
- Please refer to the [SEMS User Guide](#) and [SEMS Club Entry Webinar](#), before and during the entry process.
- Handlers are no longer required to be entered into SEMS due to difficulties entering handlers from other Clubs. Please complete the [Handler form](#) by Sunday 14 November.



- Competitors are also required to complete a [Medical Form](#) as part of the entry process.
- For team events, the entry should reflect the course leg each team member intends on racing
 - If a team member is racing in more than one leg of the course, they need only enter their starting leg (teams with fewer than the maximum allowed members will be accepted in the system as an ‘incomplete team’).

NOTE: Entries to the event will be restricted to comply with the advice at the time from the NSW Department of Health. At the time of release of this circular, entries are being accepted from all SLSNSW members.

3.3 REFUND POLICY

- Entry Fees are non-refundable. Changes will be considered subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances.
- All entry cancellations are to be sent in writing to surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- There are no refunds for competitors that do not start or do not complete the course.
- Teams that have not entered all intended competitors in SEMS prior to close of entries will not be eligible for a refund and only those that are entered will be eligible to compete.

4 ENTRY CRITERIA

All entrants must be SLSNSW financial members and meet SLSNSW award and proficiency requirements for competition eligibility. See [SLSNSW Regulation 5.c.](#) and the [Surf Sports Manual](#) for more details.

Members of the public who enter this competition do so of their own accord and must follow SLSA competition conditions/regulations.

5 EVENT CATEGORIES

All individual events are aged-based categories, with the exception of Elite Male and Elite Female, which are Open categories. Competitors may not compete in both Elite and their age category (i.e. Elite Male and U19 Male).

All team events are age-based categories, with the exception of Open Teams – Male/Female/Mixed, in which each team member can be of any eligible age.

Competitors may only enter one event.

SHORT COURSE – 6KM				
Categories	Male	Female	Mixed	Legs
U15 Individual	●	●		Swim, Board, Run Only
U15 Teams	●	●	●	Swim, Board, Run Only
U17 Individual*	●	●		Swim, Board, Run Only

**U17 Individual Competitors wishing to complete the full course with ski included will need to enter the U19s*

STANDARD COURSE – 19KM				
Categories	Male	Female	Mixed	Legs
Elite Individual*	●	●		Ski, Swim, Board, Run
U19s, Opens & Masters (35+) Individuals	●	●		Ski, Swim, Board, Run
U17s, U19s, Opens & Masters (35+) Teams	●	●	●	Ski, Swim, Board, Run



* Elite Category is attached to prize money and has restrictions on insurance cover

5.1 TEAM EVENTS

- For team events, a team will consist of any competitor combination with a minimum of two people and maximum of four people.
- Each leg must be completed by one individual only.
- If a team has less than 4 people, each individual can complete more than one leg of the course.
- Teams must have a minimum of two handlers.
- Teams can be:
 - Female Teams – 2-4 females
 - Male Teams – 2- 4 males
 - Mixed Teams – any combination of 2-4 competitors with a minimum of 1 female and 1 male
- Members of a team are not required to be from the same Surf Life Saving Club.
 - Competitors wishing to make up a composite team must complete the [Composite Team Form](#) and SLSNSW will have to enter the team manually. Contact surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au if you have any issues.
- Individual competitors in the individual race categories, who, due to unforeseen circumstances are unable to complete the entire course on their own, are eligible to transfer their entry to a team category prior to close of Late Entries. Additional entry fees will apply.

6 PRIZE MONEY

Prize money is awarded to the following places in the Elite Male and Elite Female category:

Elite Male and Elite Female	
Place	Prize Money
1	\$4,500
2	\$2,250
3	\$1,500
4	\$1,000
5	\$500

Please Note: For those participating for prize money (elite categories), please note athletes in these groups will not be covered under work cover and should refer to the participant disclaimer Item 15 - Insurance for clarity. Further, all competitors in this specific category will only be covered under personal accident insurance. Public competitors (i.e. those not a member of an affiliated SLS club) will compete at their own risk as per the entry declaration.

7 RACE START

- The race start time for the first wave will be 7:30am, unless advised by SLSNSW Staff or the Referee. Each wave will begin between 5-10 minutes after the preceding wave. Wave allocations will be advertised before the day of competition.
- The start will be a dry or traditional ski start, dependent on conditions. The Referee will advise competitors of the start method.

Please Note: The Competition Committee reserve the right to amend the course and/or postpone



and/or cancel a category or the event if deemed necessary in the interest of safety for competitors.

8 COURSE

- Every competitor must compete in the manner determined and presented by the Competition Committee and in accordance with the event rules.
- Competitors must follow the direction and instructions of the Referee and associated Officials. Failure to do so may result in a penalty or disqualification.
- Drink stations will be provided along the event course.
- It is the competitor’s responsibility to wear their timing chip appropriately so that a time will be recorded when going through the transition points. Instructions will be provided at the Competitor Briefing prior to competition.
- More details, including maps, to follow.

8.1 COURSE DETAILS

SHORT COURSE – 6KM		
Leg	Distance	Location (starting from Wanda Beach)
Swim	1.5km	South to North Cronulla Beach Return to Wanda Beach
Board	2.5km	South to South Cronulla Beach Return to Wanda Beach
Run	2km	South towards North Cronulla Beach North towards Greenhills Beach Return to Wanda Beach

STANDARD COURSE – 19KM		
Leg	Distance	Location (starting from Wanda Beach)
Ski	10km	South via Shark Island to Hungry Point Return North to Wanda Beach
Swim	2km	South past North Cronulla beach Return to Wanda Beach
Board	4km	South past South Cronulla Beach North to Greenhills Beach Return to Wanda Beach
Run	3km	South to North Cronulla Beach North to Greenhills Beach Return to Wanda Beach

Note: Course details are subject to change at the discretion of the Referee and Competition Committee.

9 RETIREMENT FROM THE EVENT

- Competitors may retire from the event at any point during the course. In some instances, the Referee, Officials or Medical officers will determine whether a competitor can or cannot continue and they will be instructed to retire. This will be communicated to the competitor and/or the competitor’s handler/s who shall immediately remove the competitors’ equipment from the competition area.
- Medical Officers have full authority to prevent or restrain a competitor from continuing in the event if they deem it unsafe for the competitor to continue.



- Competitors who fail to complete a leg of the course within a period of time stipulated by the Competition Committee must retire from the event. SLSNSW accepts no responsibility for those competitors who fail to complete a leg in the required time. Those competitors will be automatically disqualified from the event and their timing chip will be removed. If the competitor continues to participate in the event, they do so at their own risk and SLSNSW take no responsibility for their safety or welfare.

10 SLSA ANTI DOPING POLICY

Surf Life Saving NSW supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an anti-doping policy, which will be adhered to for this event.

Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the 2021 Bate Bay Gold.

It is highly recommended all competitors and club members (including coaches, handlers and support personnel) complete the SIA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/> Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activity as a group.

It is recommended all competitors and club member (including coaches, handlers and support personnel) utilise the SIA [Check Your Substances](#) reference site, or phone 1300 027 232.

11 CLOTHING AND NUMBERING

- Each competitor and handler/s must wear their assigned number/s on the sides of their upper arms and on the sides or back of both calves. The numbers will be applied using numbered tattoos provided by SLSNSW in the competitor kits. Numbers must remain visible at all times and cannot be covered at any stage. If numbers are not visible competitors cannot start.
- During the swim leg, competitors must wear the nominated coloured swimming cap. A cap will be provided in the competitor kits.
- SLSA members are permitted to wear their club caps during the Ski, Board and Run legs of the course.
- Costumes must be SLSA approved as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (Section 2.5). Any variance to costumes must be approved by the Referee prior to competition.
- Swimming costumes are to be worn at all times. They must be SLSA approved, as designated in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual. Any variance to SLSA approved costumes may be approved by the Referee prior to the commencement of the event.
- SLSA will supply lycra race singlets which must be worn by competitors as outer garments on all legs of the event, except the ski leg when a minimum Level 50 lifejacket must be the outermost garment.
- Costumes must not carry any commercial identification except the garment manufacturer and/or their Surf Life Saving Club. Please refer to the Personal Sponsorship section of this Circular.
- The Event Referee has the authority to require the removal of costumes or other garments which the Referee considers to be offensive.



- Footwear is permitted for the running leg of the course.
- Swim goggles and/or face masks are permitted for the swim leg of the course.
- Swim flippers or any other swimming aids are not permitted as part of the swim leg of the course.
- Wetsuits are permitted to be worn, if, at 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the event, the Referee deems the water to be below 18 degrees Celsius. Please refer to Section 2.5 of the current Surf Sports Manual for approved wetsuits. Wetsuits may not carry any commercial or sponsorship identification other than that of the wetsuit manufacturer. This wetsuit manufacturer identification can only be the size which is standard to off-the-rack wetsuits of that company.
- Handlers must wear mandatory event Handler bibs as outer garments for the duration of the event.

12 GEAR & EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS & SCRUTINEERING

- Surfboards, surf skis and wetsuits must meet the current specifications of SLSA.
- Lifejackets must meet the specifications detailed in this entry circular.
- All competitor craft, life jackets and wetsuits (if required) are subject to scrutineering at Wanda and at any time, during or after the event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the Scrutineer Officials and present their craft and lifejackets for scrutineering.
- Scrutineering at the start of the event at Wanda will include checks on:
 - Craft
 - PFD
 - Water or other drink
 - Numbering on craft
 - Numbering on athlete (both arms, both legs)
 - Lycra singlet

13 PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP

The below outlines the Sponsorship Policy for the Bate Bay Gold 2021 which must be complied with whilst participating in the Competition.

13.1 EVENT SPONSORS & CATEGORIES

The companies and matching categories listed in the table below have exclusive rights at the Bate Bay Gold 2021.

No personal sponsorship can be worn by a competitor that is of the same category as the companies listed below.

COMPANY	EXCLUSIVITY CATEGORY
Nutri-Grain / Kellogg's	Breakfast category (bars, bites, ball and drinks/squeezer products)
DHL	Logistics
Isuzu	Automotive
Ampol	Fuel

Westpac	Financial Services
FINZ	Swimwear
BRP	SeaDoo water craft & Can-Am /Power craft

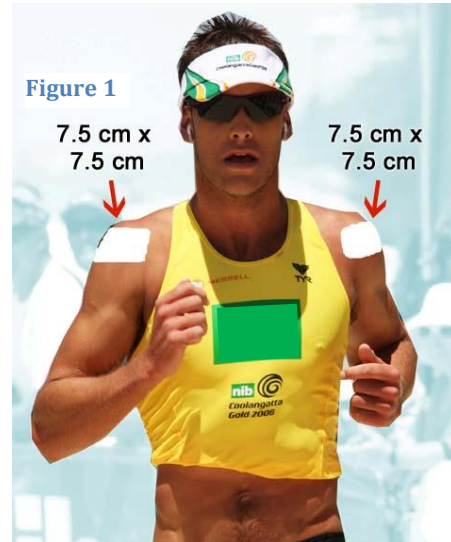
Current as of the 21/05/2021. SLSA has the right to update and change this at any time prior to the Event commencing.

13.2 PERSONAL

Competitors may be required to wear Event sponsor’s branding whilst participating in the Event and during any pre or post event media attendances.

Upper arms of competitors must be uncovered for identification numbering.

Competitors are able to place 1 personal sponsor logo on each shoulder. They must be from the same sponsor and cannot be larger than 7.5cm x 7.5cm as per figure 1. Legs are to be free of any personal sponsor logos. Any personal sponsor logos must be pre-approved by SLSNSW prior to 14 November 2021 by emailing surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au SLSNSW retains sole discretion to withhold approval of any sponsor logos and is not required to provide any reasons for not giving approval.



During any presentations or media appearances, competitors must wear the event lycra race singlet, branded cap, and/or a supplied Event shirt. Any personal sponsor branded gear must not be in conflict with Event sponsors (as listed above).

13.3 CLOTHING

SLSNSW Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee, SLSNSW Director of Sport, and/or the Referee may require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes, lifejackets and/or other garments which contain commercial identification deemed not to be in the interests of the official event sponsors. Please also refer to clothing information on page 10 of the circular.

13.4 EYEWEAR

Competitors may wear sunglasses whilst competing in the competition providing that the brand of sunglasses does not conflict with any Event sponsors.

Competitors are not to place sunglasses over any Event sponsor, i.e. on peak of cap.

Competitors may wear their own swim goggles in the appropriate legs.

13.5 PENALTIES

The following penalties apply:

- Failure to carry required Sponsor identification, as stipulated: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory Lycra race singlets (competitor)/race T-Shirt (handlers) during event: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory cap and Lycra race singlets at the presentation (competitor): penalty or forfeiture of competitor’s total share of prize money.



13.6 SURF CRAFT

Competitors may be required to compete with a Go Pro or similar device, within reason, attached to equipment for the purpose of obtaining the best possible footage to promote the sport, unless the competitor can prove to SLSA that such an attachment would hinder their performance.

13.7 SPONSOR STICKERS

If supplied, compulsory sponsor stickers must be affixed to craft prior to, or during scrutineering and other stickers may be required to be removed or otherwise covered.

Competitors may be called upon to remove from craft all other identification, save for personal and/or official Club sponsor identification, which is considered to be of a conflicting nature to a Event sponsor.

The Competition Committee will nominate the approximate area on the craft for such numbers or identification.

14 TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by TeamApp.

TeamApp will be used in the lead up to and throughout the NSW Country 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 Bate Bay Gold”
- 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 NOTE: 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.