



Memorandum

To: Branch Presidents, Branch Directors of Surf Sports.

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Subject: Cancellation of 2021 Interbranch Championships

The 2021 Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) Interbranch Championships were set to be held at Shelly Beach SLSC on 4 – 5 December 2021.

With uncertainty regarding the commencement of community sport under easing Public Health Orders, the NSW Director of Surf Sport, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, and representatives from SLSNSW met to discuss easing COVID – 19 restrictions, a roadmap for SLSNSW to recommencing community sport and the subsequent impact on staging of the 2021 SLSNSW Interbranch Championships with specific reference to its proximity to the state reopening date of 1 December.

SLSNSW has received feedback from all 11 Branch Presidents and Branch Directors of Surf Sports.

The feedback was very clear, Branch Presidents, Branch Directors of Surf Sports and SLSNSW are committed to the Interbranch Championships going forward.

However, concerns raised by the Branches with respect to inadequate athlete preparation time, a Branch Focus on returning to community sport and uncertainty regarding regional travel restrictions, have resulted in the SLSNSW Board determining a viable Interbranch Championships is not possible for season 2021/22.

Unfortunately, with the scheduling of other events including Aussies, there are no alternate dates which can be considered this season.

The 2022/23 Interbranch Championships are set to be held on the Central Coast on 3rd - 4th December 2022.