

2022 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series – Entry Circular

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Summary: This circular contains relevant details for U19 competitors in the 2022 Nutri-Grain Next-Gen IronMan and IronWoman Series.

This document has been prepared with the best intentions based on current State Health Authority information regarding COVID-19 restrictions and related border movements. However, as has been noted over many months this information is constantly changing and as such all athletes, coaches and supporters should be prepared to allow for some flexibility in their planning. The SLSA Team will do their best to provide advance notice on the listed options and possible further amendments however, again, as has been witnessed over many months COVID-19 restrictions can be amended with little to no notice by the various State Health Authorities.

All athletes, officials, members and spectators will be required to abide by current NSW and/or QLD Health orders in force at the time of each event as well as any local government requirement. This includes the Nutri-Grain Trial, Super Surf Teams League, U19 and Rounds 1 through to 6. Please be aware NSW and/or QLD Health orders and possibly local government approvals may include the requirement for all those in attendance to have received two (2) doses of an ATAGI approved COVID19 vaccine.

SUMMARY

This Circular should be used as reference information by all Athletes, Coaches, Team Managers, State/Territory centres and Officials appointed to the U19 Nutri-Grain Next Gen IronMan and IronWoman Series.

The overall winner of the male and female U19 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be awarded automatic qualification into the 2022/23 IronMan/IronWoman Series.

DATES & LOCATIONS

ROUND	FORMAT	DATE	LOCATION
1	Enduro	Friday 4 February 2022	Kurrawa, QLD
2	Specialist	Saturday 5 February 2022	Kurrawa, QLD
3	Eliminator	Sunday 6 February 2022	Kurrawa, QLD

ENTRIES

- Entry into the U19 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series can be done via [SEMS](#).
- Additional Information regarding the Nutri-Grain Next-Gen IronMan/IronWoman Series can be found at <https://ironseries.com.au/next-gen/>.
- Entries for Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will close at 11:59pm on Sunday 30th January.
- Entries for each round will not be accepted after these dates or on the day of competition.
- Entry fees for Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be \$60.



FORMATS

The revised formats and starting times for the U19 Next Gen rounds will be dependant on entry numbers and will be confirmed closer to the commencement of Round 1.

Formats could include either tradional style iron racing or M-shape racing across Enduro, Specialist or Survival formats. Once entry numbers and timetables are confirmed formats and start times will be published.

POINT SCORE SYSTEM

The 2021/22 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be conducted with the following point score to ensure individual round winners are recognised and rewarded. It will also provide an overall leader board where consistency is recognised and rewarded.

Every round will be a 1 to 20 point score for the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series. However, if an athlete fails to finish, disqualified or chooses not to take part in a round they will receive 20 points for that round.

Following the conclusion of 3 rounds the male and female athlete with the lowest overall point total will be awarded automatic qualification into the 2022/23 IronMan/IronWoman Series. A minimum of 2 rounds of the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series must be completed in order for final results and pointscores to stand. If less than two rounds are completed no positions will be awarded for athlete qualification into 2022/23 IronMan/IronWoman Series from the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series.

Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series

POSITION	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10
11	11	11	11
12	12	12	12
13	13	13	13
14	14	14	14
15	15	15	15
16	16	16	16
17	17	17	17
18	18	18	18
19	19	19	19
20	20	20	20




Countback

In the event athletes are tied at the conclusion of the series a countback based on each athlete's highest placing in each of the 3 rounds will be conducted as follows:

1. If both athletes are tied on 8 points. i.e. if 2 athletes are tied on 8 points and athlete A has the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 3rd, R3 – 4th, he/she will prevail over athlete B with the following places R1 – 2nd, R2 – 4th, R3 – 2nd
2. If both athletes were again tied after this process the countback will continue to their next best place. i.e. if 2 athletes are tied on 55 points and athlete A has the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 2nd, R3 – 5th, he/she will prevail over athlete B with the following places R1 – 3rd, R2 – 4th, R3 – 1st.
3. If athletes cannot be split on points or positions across all 3 rounds – the athlete with the highest place in the 3rd Round will prevail. i.e. if both athletes are tied on 8 points and Athlete A has the following places R1 – 2nd, R2 – 5th, R3 – 1st, he/she will prevail over Athlete B who has recorded the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 2nd, R3 – 5th.

COURSE BUOYS

SLSA will use the following buoys for the 2021/22 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series.

SWIM	BOARD	SKI
Two Hard Large Boat Cans Cylinder Shape. Red with a black band across the middle.	Two Hard Large Boat Cans Cylinder Shape. White with a black band across the middle.	Two or three (course dependent), large inflatable cone shaped buoys. Orange with the SLSA roundel in the middle.
		

HANDLERS

Each competitor will be allowed one handler per event (this is not additional to the support person). Duties will be to assist in the deployment, and collection of the competitor/s equipment. Handlers are permitted access into the competition arena if they are dressed in the correct attire.

Each competitor must provide their own fluoro handler bib for their handler and this must always be worn by the handler in the competition area when assisting a competitor. No handler will be allowed within the competition area without their bib.

Handlers must not provide a competitive edge for any competitor. If a handler appears to be doing so, they could front a Carnival Disciplinary Committee and could have that athlete removed from competition.

Handlers when not assisting competitors MUST stay in the designated area on beach and are not allowed to wander around the competition area.

Note: Infringements incurred by handler, coach or other person in a competitor's team in this rule will be applied to the competitor as if the competitor had committed the infringement.

COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

A briefing for Team Managers and key Officials will be conducted by the Event Referee the morning of each round inside the host club, subject to COVID-19 rules and regulations.

Clubs should have a minimum of one and maximum of two personnel attend the briefing.

DRAWS

Once entries close, SLSA will create a random draw for all heats. The random draw will be published prior to the start of the event. All heats will be seeded as best as practicably and reasonably possible.

LYCRA PICK UP

Competitor hi-vis pink lycras will be available for collection at check in on the first round.

SLSA asks that all athletes use the same lycra given to them at the first round.

START of RACES

Unless otherwise advised, all races shall be started on the beach approximately 15 metres from the water's edge (run start). Craft will be placed in front of the start line and as close as practicable to the water's edge. Handlers are not required for the start of events.

FINISH of RACES

Unless otherwise advised, all races shall finish as per the IronMan and IronWoman races (run finish). Craft and paddles may be abandoned after rounding the last turning buoy of the swim course. Handlers are to be used to remove craft and paddles from the course.

CRAFT SCRUTINEERING

Boards and surf skis must meet current specifications of SLSA.

All competitor craft are subject to scrutineering at any time prior to, during or after the event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the event scrutineer and present their crafts for scrutineering prior to the commencement of each Round. Times to be confirmed.

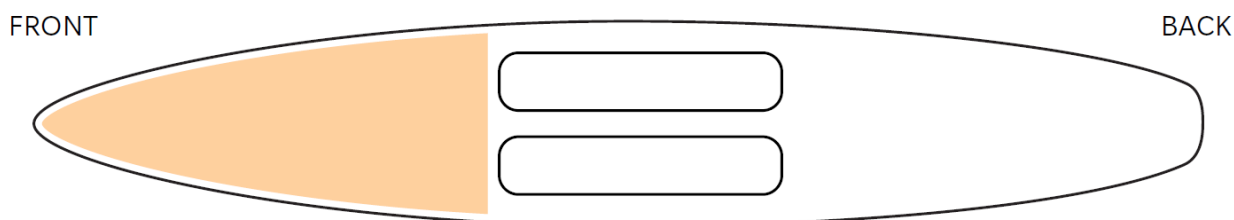
PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP

No personal sponsors are permitted to be advertised on athlete swimwear or bodies' as part of Next-Gen Series. Please be aware that the following National Sponsors have exclusivity in the following categories for the Nutri-Grain Next-Gen Series for 2020/21:

COMPANY	EXCLUSIVITY CATEGORY
Nutri-Grain / Kellogg	Breakfast category (bars, bites, ball and drinks/squeezer products)
DHL	Logistics
Isuzu	Automotive
Ampol	Fuel
Westpac	Financial Services
Engine	Swimwear
BRP	SeaDoo water craft & Can-Am/Power craft

Board

- Athletes must place a minimum one (1) Nutri-Grain sticker anywhere within the shaded area below on their board
- Nutri-Grain sticker for the Board measures 850mm x 100mm
- Nutri-Grain stickers cannot be cut or altered in any way
- No personal competitor sponsor branding is to encroach on the Nutri-Grain branding area selected by the athlete
- Personal sponsor branding may be placed anywhere away from the Nutri-Grain sticker.



Ski

- Athletes must place a minimum two (2) Nutri-Grain stickers anywhere within the shaded area below on their ski
- Nutri-Grain sticker for the Ski measures 980mm x 140mm
- Nutri-Grain stickers cannot be cut or altered in any way
- No personal competitor sponsor branding is to encroach on the Nutri-Grain branding area selected by the athlete
- Personal sponsor branding may be placed anywhere away from the Nutri-Grain stickers



SAFETY

All Competitors and Officials are referred to the Introduction on page (i) of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and in particular but not only paragraphs (d), (e) and (f). Paragraph (d) states:

“Surf lifesaving can be inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can and often do happen which may result in property damage, physical injury and even death. All members are assumed to have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in surf lifesaving.”

Water safety as part of the competition, is ultimately the responsibility of the Safety and Emergency Committee and Competition Committee, based on the advice of the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC), the Event Referee and Officials in determining postponement or

cancellation of any or all events, or relocation to an alternate venue in accordance with Section 1 - Competition Safety, of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

The Event Referee and SEMC will conduct safety briefings to Officials and Competitors before commencement of competition and during the event as required.

Risk assessors have been appointed to assist the SEMC to provide ongoing assessment of conditions and safety across the event area. They will create an effective communications channel to the SEMC and Competition Committee. Those Officials may seek advice from competitors and competitor representatives to ensure an informed opinion is provided and can be acted upon where appropriate.

COVID RESPONSE

Surf Life Saving Australia is continuing to monitor the COVID situation and working with QLD Health to develop a COVID Safe Plan that will allow the event to be conducted in a COVID Safe manner and allow the Series to be conducted within government guidelines.

Tracking of Those on Site:

SLSA will implement the QLD Government QR code system, that requires staff, participants, Officials, Coaches, Team Managers, Handlers, guardians and contractors to download the application and enter details for the purposes of identification. This information will be stored by QLD Health and SLSA will not have access to this information.

Sanitary Process/Requirements:

SLSA will be setting up sanitary stations to ensure that sanitiser is readily available for all.. Sanitary wipes will be available around the site and provided to the medical team and key Officials to allow the wiping down of readily used surface areas to occur on a regular basis.

Signage will be posted around the site to continuously remind participants and Officials to adhere to strict physical distancing guidelines.

Furthermore, SLSA will engage a cleaning contractor to have the site sanitised, as much as necessary to ensure appropriate COVID Safe measures are met. This will look to minimise the spread of any bacteria that may be present on site.

In addition to the conditions outlined above for the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series, it is recommended that everyone involved in the event continue to practise good hygiene by implementing the following measures:

Hygiene - Clubs

- Ensure spaces at each club tent/area, surfaces and objects are regularly cleaned with disinfectant.
- Provide hand washing guidance to all participants and volunteers (http://www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/).
- Promote regular and thorough hand washing by volunteers and participants.
- Provide sanitising hand rub to your participants and volunteers.

Hygiene - Individuals

- Athletes, Officials, volunteers and/or their parents/carers in the first instance, should carry hand sanitiser on them in order to enable good personal hygiene.
- If using tissues, place them directly in the bins provided.



- Seek to avoid the use of public toilets, however if necessary, ensure hands are washed thoroughly.
- An attendant to be in attendance to maintain a clean facility at all times.
- Each participant is to provide their own drink bottle that is clearly labelled and is only used by that individual. No sharing of drink bottles.
- No sharing of pens or clip boards, each volunteer must bring their own to the event.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.

Behaviour

- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash hands with soap and water often.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- No spitting at any time.
- Wipe down all surfaces and objects with appropriate anti-bacterial/disinfectant wipes or soap, particularly those frequently touched. This includes door handles, light switches, kitchen surfaces, bathroom surfaces, phones, remote controls and any other high touch areas.
- Do not share drink bottles.
- Practice physical distancing. If someone comes and stands next to you, move around and ensure you implement social distancing requirements.

MATCH FIXING AND ANTI-DOPING

Match Fixing

The SLSA National Policy on MatchFixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs including special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.

Anti -Doping

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy and Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available online in the SLSA Members Portal).

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module AND conduct at least one (1) anti-doping education activity with all competitors from the Club - <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>

Team App

The Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be using the 'Team App' smartphone application to send out updates and notifications to Team Managers and competitors. Download 'Team App' from the App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created your user login, search for '**Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series**' (with the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series logo). It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/fags>. The 'Team App' will be the main point of communication between the Events Team, Team Managers and competitors.