

## Aussies 2022 – Board Riding Circular

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<b>Summary:</b> This Circular contains the relevant details for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2022 Board Riding Competition.

### 2022 BOARD RIDING COMPETITION

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2022 – Board Riding competition will be held from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Draft timetable for all board riding events can be found [here](#).

Primary location for board riding events will be Miami Beach. Daily location is not confirmed and will be confirmed via 'The Aussies 2022' Team App by 6:45am daily.

All competitors will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to competition venues.

This circular contains important information about this event that all competitors and team managers should make themselves familiar with.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at:

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### COMPETITION LOCATION

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2022 – Board Riding competition is fully MOBILE with the daily contest location chosen subject to prevailing conditions. Preferred location for competition is Miami Beach however daily contest location will be confirmed through ‘The Aussies 2022’ Team App by 6:45am daily.

All competitors need to be aware that they are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the venue.

### BOARD RIDING PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The program of events will be as follows:

Date	Event
2.30pm, Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Board Riding Competitor Briefing Marshalling – Held in person at Aussies 2022 Festival Zone Tent (Located northern side of Kurrawa SLSC)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2022	Open Male Longboard, Open Female Longboard – 1 bank
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Commence Open Male, Open Female , U19 M & F, U17 M & F Shortboard (not necessarily in that order) - 2 banks
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Continue with Open Male, Open Female, U19 M & F, U17 M & F Shortboard Commence U15 M & F, U14 M & F Shortboard (not necessarily in that order) – 2 Banks
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Continue with U15 M & F, U14 M & F Shortboard Commence U13 M & F Shortboard Commence Teams Event
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Commence Masters – 2 Banks Continue with any events not completed.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Completion of any events if required.

**Please note:**

Program is subject to change dependent on surf conditions and competitor numbers.

### KEY OFFICIALS

Name	Position
Ralph Bock	Area Referee
Terry Aldridge	Sectional Referee

## MARSHALLING

Please be advised that a briefing & marshalling of all competitors for ALL (Open, Youth & Masters) board riding events will be held on **Friday 1st April 2022 at 2.30pm at Aussies 2022 Festival Zone Tent (Northern side of Kurrawa SLSC).**

**All Competitors or their Team Managers must marshal in person.** It is important that only the competitors that will be competing marshal. This is requested to ensure accurate heats are drawn up, and to eliminate a number of “walkthroughs”, which adds time to the running of events. Heats, draws and the running schedule for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April will be arranged on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, and the outcomes will be posted on ‘The Aussies 2022’ Team App that afternoon.

**PLEASE NOTE: No marshalling or late entries will be done on the days of competition.**

These arrangements are to ensure that all competitors will be aware of when their heats are on, and to allow for a timely event.

## CONTACT LIST

At the board riding briefing, all board riding Team Managers are to provide their mobile contact numbers as an alternate option for direct contact to Team Managers and competitors. However please note the Team App smart phone application will be the main source of communication used.

## EVENT COMMUNICATION

‘The 2022 Aussies’ will be using the ‘Stack Team App’ smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors.

Please note it is imperative that you sign up for this application to receive important race information. Whilst Facebook and other channels will post periodic updates, the ‘Team App’ will be the main point of communication between the events team and competitors. This will be replacing the SMS text messaging service as the main source of communication used previously at Surf Life Saving Australia events.

Team App system will be used to notify the location of competition each day at 6.45am, after the early morning inspection has been made and the venue confirmed. This will eliminate the need for managers and competitors having to go to the Administration Centre to confirm the competition location.

The event will be run in accordance with the SLSA competition manual in conjunction with Surfing Australia rule book. All judges will be Surfing Australia accredited judges.

## TEAM MANAGER MEETINGS TIMES

Every endeavor will be made to brief team managers and meeting times will be notified. Meetings will be held when necessary with the Board Riding Area & Sectional Referees at 7.30am. Here, all relevant information will be distributed including heat draws, schedules, daily instructions, conditions brief etc.

## HEAT DRAWS

Heat draws will be posted online at [Liveheats.com](http://Liveheats.com).

## **EVENT RUNNING SCHEDULE**

The event running schedule will be released on a day by day basis and will be set according to prevailing surf conditions. A draft daily schedule will be provided to Team Managers the day prior and confirmed via Team App.

After initial & final competitor marshalling on Friday 1st April 2022, heats for all divisions will be drawn up.

The running schedule & heat draws will be posted on the LiveHeats by Saturday 2nd April 2022. The running schedule for each day will be communicated via LiveHeats.

Depending on the number of heats, each day may have one or two competition areas. These will be named Main Bank and Secondary Bank.

The running schedule will be developed based on relevant weather predictions and conditions such as tides, wind and swell.

As previously mentioned, the Surfing window is between Sunday 3rd April and Friday 8th April and published timetable is a draft only.

The Official Board Riding running schedule will be posted throughout each day on LiveHeats.

The running schedule is always subject to change at all times during the event. Surf conditions will be continuously monitored throughout the day. Please check noticeboard for possible changes. Beware of walk throughs.

## **HEAT MARSHALLING**

Competitors will be called up for their heat 10-15 minutes prior to start of heat.

When a competitor is called up for their heat they must attend the marshalling tent, have their name ticked off and collect their coloured rash vest. The rash vest must be put on at the marshalling tent.

On completion of heat the rash vest is to be returned immediately to marshalling tent and name ticked off.

## **RULES & JUDGING**

Judging will be as per the current SLSA Rule Book in conjunction with the Surfing Australia rule book.

Judging of a ride commences when the Competitor's hands leave the rails of their surfboard to stand up.

The assumption is that all competitors are competent surfers and have a good understanding of the rules.

## **HEAT STARTING**

To signal the start and completion of heats, a system of siren and coloured feathers will be used.

(i) The start of heats – one blast of siren and green feather raised.

(ii) A 5-minute warning prior to the end of a heat – green feather lowered and yellow feather raised.

(iii) The finish of a heat – 2 blasts of siren and no feathers raised.

## HEAT FINISH

Once the heat is completed, all Competitors shall immediately return to the beach. Stand-up surfing on return to the beach shall not be permitted (Penalties may apply). Each Competitor returning from a preceding heat shall report to the Marshall and return their allocated vest.

## RIDING TIME

The riding time allowed for each heat & finals will be 20 minutes.

The maximum number of waves to be ridden is 10 waves. Surfers will not be scored once 10 waves are marked and must return to shore. The best 2 waves will be scored. The key is to be selective with wave choice.

## HEATS

The number of surfers in each heat & final may be 4-6.

At the 5-minute warning, the next heat will be instructed to paddle out. Competitors need to stay out of the competition area and not impede the previous heat.

Be aware of Walk Throughs. This can affect the running schedule.

## EQUIPMENT

All surfboards must be compliant as per rule 7.1. Surfboards may be measured to ensure compliance.

Shortboards - maximum length of less than 2.74m (9 feet) measured from the nose to tail on the deck of the surfboard.

Longboards:

(i) A minimum length of 2.74m (9 feet) measured from the nose to tail on the deck of the surfboard.

(ii) Minimum width dimensions to total 1194mm (47 inches) aggregate i.e. the total of the widest point, plus the width 305mm (12 inches) up from the tail and the width 305mm (12 inches) back from the nose.

(iii) The shape of the long board is to be traditional and may include multiple fins and channels, but cannot include add on tail or nose blocks.

## SCORING

The Surfing Australia accredited Judges will be using a computerized scoring system. Instant scores will be called and results of each available when surfer comes out of water. The scoring system is similar to what the WSL uses.

Each wave scored will be judged out of 10. As a guide the following applies:

- 0.0 – 2.0 points Poor
- 2.1 – 4.0 points Fair
- 4.1 – 6.0 points Average
- 6.1 – 8.0 points Good
- 8.1 – 10.0 points Excellent

The Judging Criteria is as per rule 7.4.1 Short Board Wave Riding Criteria and 7.4.2 Long Board Wave Riding Criteria.

## **MEDALS & TROPHIES**

All medals will be presented on site immediately following the conclusion of each division.

The following Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2022 overall point score categories and memorial trophies will be formally awarded at the main presentation are in the Aussies Festival Zone Tent on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

- Surf Board Riding Overall Masters Champion Club
- Surf Board Riding Overall Open Champion Club
- Teams Surf Board Riding 'Peter Doolan Trophy'

## **2022 BOARD RIDING TEAMS EVENT**

Nominations are now called for the Board Riding Teams Event to be held during the week of 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

This will be a maximum 8 team competition (2 Semi Finals of 4 teams, followed by a Final of 4 teams). Each Semi Final and Final will be up to a maximum of 60 minutes (dependent on number of surfers in each team).

The number of surfers in a team for this competition will be four. However, we may change this to either two or three surfers if there are not 8 clubs that can fill a team of four. This will be changed at the discretion of the Referee in consultation with Clubs on the day of competition.

If more than 8 Clubs nominate then the teams will be chosen based on 2021 results.

The configuration of the team will be any Male or Female Shortboard or Longboard surfer from U13 to Masters.

Medals will be presented for Gold, Silver & Bronze to each team member.

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