2022 NSW Interbranch Championships
Event Guide
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INTRODUCTION

This event guide contains information in reference to the conduct of the 2022 NSW Interbranch Championship to be held at Shelly Beach hosted by the Central Coast Branch and supported by Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW) on 3-4 December 2022. Final Event Information will be released in the week prior to the Championships.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds for competition withdrawals or competitors who did not compete will be available for this event.
Disclaimer:
This policy is intended to be a guide for competitors, teams, officials and spectators when making accommodation and travel plans and/or taking time off work. It is the responsibility of competitors, teams, officials and spectators to investigate their own personal situation and potential financial consequences and make their own decisions as to whether they wish to attend the Championship.

EVENT INFORMATION

Branches will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and coordinate their own arrangements regarding equipment, transportation of teams and outfitting as well as the financial obligations required of participating teams members.

Insurance for all competition equipment including tents, trailers and surf craft is the responsibility of the individual competitors or Branch Team Management. SLSNSW and/or SLS Central Coast will not accept the responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

BRANCH ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

Branches will be responsible for entering their competitors. SLSNSW will invoice each Branch after the Championship. *Please note: Entries will be via SEMS. More information to be provided.*

The entry fee for each competitor is $33.97 (excl. GST) per competitor.

Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if the event is cancelled or suspended.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2022/23 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

Please note that while Junior Activities members have until 31 Dec 2022 to have completed their relevant age requirements, U14 competitors are required to hold an SRC to be able to compete at this event.

It is a requirementof each Branch to ensure that all competitors are compliant. SLSNSW will conduct a competitor audits to ensure compliancy. http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/resources/administration. Reference is made to: the current Surf Sports Manual (SSM).

NSW INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The NSW Interbranch Championship Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The Competition Committee may, subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual (current edition) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Circular, postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all events, and alter the venue of the competition.

Director, SLSNSW – Chair of Surf Sports (Chair)	Donald van Keimpema
Carnival Referee	Michael Bate
Carnival Deputy Referee	Garry Howe
Local Organising Committee, Shelly Beach SLSC	Daniel Lockwood
Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	TBC
Host Branch Organising Representative, CC	Emma Benson
Sport Manager, SLSNSW	Jim Pinnington
Senior Competitions Coordinator, SLSNSW	Jess Mensforth

NSW INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The NSW Interbranch Championship Safety and Emergency Committee (SEC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition.

A Safety Operations Manual (SOM) is in place to ensure appropriate procedures are in place if an emergency occurs during a competition.

The objectives of the plan are to:

- Outline the facilities that will be utilised during the event.
- Identify those persons with the authority to initiate the plan.
- Outline command and control functions.
- State the activation methods for internal and external agencies and services.

The SEC shall determine the response to hazards as they occur, or otherwise as required and provide safety advice to the Competition Committee. The sole responsibility for suspension, cancellation, postponement or relocation of part or all of the competition rests with the Competition Committee.

The decision to enact the Contingency Plan is the responsibility of the Competition Committee. The Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC) is solely responsible to the Competition Committee for recommendations concerning competition safety.

Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair)	TBC
Powercraft Coordinator	Simon Cusack
Sport Manager, SLSNSW	Jim Pinnington
Carnival Deputy Referee	Garry Howe
First Aid Coordinator	TBC

EVENT CONDITIONS

The general competitive conditions as detailed in the current edition of the SSM and any subsequent Bulletins shall apply to the conduct of these events except where amended by these Championship rules.

All events where possible and, conditions permitting, shall be conducted as finals.

Please note the following:

a) Water Event Starts

Unless otherwise advised, all water events, with the exception of the Board Rescue 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 except for the Ski events where at the Competition Committee's discretion handlers may be utilised to hold the craft in the water to avoid the dragging/carrying of skis into the water.

b) Water Event Finishes

Unless otherwise advised, all water events, with the exception of Board Rescue, shall finish as per the Ironperson 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.

c) Change Over Area and Tagging for Relay Style Events

In all relay style events (except the Board Rescue) the Carnival Referee will designate a Changeover Area. In the Changeover Area a tag must take place between the incoming competitor and the outgoing competitor. The tag can take place on any part of the body. Any breach of the Changeover Rule may result in disqualification.

d) Entry Condition

If a Member has been injured and processed through iCare (WorkCover Authority New South Wales) and wishes to compete in a SLSA Competition or returning to SLSA Surf Patrol Duties etc, then they MUST complete and submit a Return to Surf Duties Form BEFORE returning to ensure full medical clearance.

All Competitors must have their appropriate age group clearly marked on their arms, (i.e. U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, Open) as well as their unique competitor number on the back of their hand. These competitor numbers will be sent to Team Managers in the week leading into the Championship.

TEAMS

Branch Team

A Branch Team (46) will consist of the following:

- U12, U13, U14, U15, U17 and Open Age Groups
- U12, U13, U14, U15 and U17: Four females and four males per age group
- Opens: Three females and three males per age group, at least one female and one male must be U19.

Please note, there will be no drafting for the 2022 NSW Interbranch Championships.

Team Management

1 x Coach (Minimum Foundation Coach)	2 x Assistant Coach (Minimum Foundation Coach)
1 x Manager	3 x Chaperones

Note: The minimum Team Management composition must contain both Male and Female appointees. In this regard it is recommended that Branches appoint males and females proportionate to the team management size. There is no limit on the Team Management however only 2x Branch representatives will be nominated and permitted to act as Team Managers (for meetings, etc.).

Handlers

Each Branch is permitted two handlers to assist with craft. Handlers must wear a Branch competition cap and high visibility garment.

POINTSCORE

Placing in Finals

Placings in finals will be allocated points on an 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 11th, for each event contested.

Individual Events

In individual events, only the first competitor from each Branch to correctly complete the course shall earn points for their Branch team.

Relay Events

In the relay events the results shall be determined as per the finish order of correct completion of the race and points awarded as per the first paragraph. If it is not possible to conduct the Relays as finals, two heats shall be conducted. The first three place getters in each heat shall qualify for an "A" final and the remainder of the place getters in the heat shall contest a "B" final. Points shall be allocated in the "A" final on an 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 basis and 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for the "B" final (note that the highest points that can be earned in the "B" final is 5 points). If any team/individual in either the "A" or "B" finals is disqualified they will earn 0 points for their Branch.

Dead Heats

Dead heats in finals in both team and individual events shall be declared as per current Edition of the SSM (clause 2.24).

Overall Branch Pointscore

The Branch with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner. Further to this when the event has concluded and if there is a tied pointscore, the Branch team with the most 1st placings shall be declared the winner. Failing this, the Branch with the most 2nd placings to the last placing points awarded respectively will be taken into account to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the pointscore will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

COMPETITION AREAS

Both water and beach areas will be run concurrently. There will be one water area and one beach area on both Saturday and Sunday. Team Managers are to liaise directly with the Competitor Liaison Officer if there are any potential clashes.

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS

Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own surf craft. All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications and meet scrutineering requirements as outlined in .

Random scrutineering of equipment may also occur during the Interbranch Championship.

Please note: Each team member must have a pink high visibility vest to be eligible to compete in any water based event. It is a Branch decision if this is to be provided by the Branch or if members must supply their own.

PRESENTATIONS

Branch Teams will be competing for the NSW Interbranch Trophy and the NSW Interbranch Country Point Score Trophy. The Branch Teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the NSW Interbranch Championship will also receive Championship medals for all team members.

PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Competition Liaison Officer in accordance with the procedures set down in the SSM and any subsequent bulletins, and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based.

Protest Forms will be readily available from the Referee Steward. An "Appeals Fee" of $110.00 (incl GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication. If the appeal is upheld, then the Appeals Fee will be fully refunded.

INJURY/ILLNESS SUBSTITUTION

A Branch may replace an athlete in their team up until the commencement of the first event in the championship. After competition commences a Branch cannot make a replacement from outside of the team.

However, a Branch may substitute an athlete in the same nominated age category from within their team on the following basis:

- A team can substitute an athlete of the same nominated age in an individual event but only before participation in the first heat of the event.

- A team can substitute an athlete of the same nominated age in and out of a team event between heats and further rounds of the event.

In such circumstances the Marshall is to be informed at marshalling.

Further, a Branch may substitute an athlete of a younger nominated age category from within their team but only on the following basis:

- Application must be made through the Referee to the Competition Committee who will make a decision. The Championship Committee's decision shall not subject to protest or appeal.

- Application for substitution of an athlete can only be for injury or illness. Proof of injury or illness may be sought by the Competition Committee.

- The Competition Committee may permit an U12 to U14 age athlete to compete up one age group only.

- Once substituted the injured/ill athlete is not permitted to take any further part in the event.

MEDIA STATEMENTS

Branches will be permitted to promote the event and their team within their Branch. However, no competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson shall make media statements, which could bring the 2022 NSW Interbranch Championship event into controversy or disrepute. Complaints regarding the organisation of the Interbranch

Championship, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSNSW channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or Officers. All official complaints will be acknowledged.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA

SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at this competition by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.

SLSNSW will not be issuing any media/photography accreditation to team members or team management.

THEFT

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLSNSW or its sponsors, will immediately be brought before a Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLSNSW Judiciary for possible further action.

Please note that automatic disqualification of the team from the Championship will occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

ANTI-DOPING

Surf Life Saving Australia 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 event. It is highly recommended all competitors and club member (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.

BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their clubs.

Please refer to current Surf Sports Manual sections; 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.05 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Document Library > Governance/Policies).

MATCH FIXING

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.11 National Policy on Match-Fixing (available online at SLSA Members Area > Document Library > Governance/Policies) To assist members understand what Match-Fixing is and how it can affect our sport, it is recommended to complete the Match-Fixing online course at Sport Integrity Australia eLearning. This e-learning program is designed to help you understand what match-fixing is, its consequences, how to recognise it and report it. Once you have successfully completed the modules you will know how to effectively keep Australian sport honest and you will receive a congratulations email, please forward this

surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au   to have this award uploaded your surfguard profile as a recognised award. If you have previously completed the Match Fixing Certificate this is valid indefinitely.

Both the above Sport Integrity Australia online courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of Anti-Doping and Match-Fixing in sport. SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great inclusion to the structure of any Surf Lifesaving competition and provides vital education for any athlete, coach and official.

TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by TeamApp.

Team Managers, Coaches, Support Crew or any other attendees who are not registered competitors, will be required to register and RSVP via TeamApp.

TeamApp will be used in the lead up to and throughout the Competition 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 the Interbranch Championship event download TeamApp when entries 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 **"2022 NSW Interbranch"**
4. Click the "Become a member of this TeamApp" icon at the top of the screen then select the "Competitors" group. There will also be an "Officials" group and a closed "Team Managers" group.

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.

It is the responsibility of individuals and teams to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a TeamApp update is not an excuse for missing events.

Saturday 3 December 2022	
Time	**Description**
6.45am	Officials Briefing, Shelly Beach SLSC
7.15am	Team Managers Meeting
7.50am	Competitor and Officials Oaths to be read, Welcome to Country/Anthem
8am	Start of Interbranch Day 1
3pm	Estimated finish for Day 1
Sunday 4 December 2022	
8am	Start of Interbranch Day 2
1pm	Estimated finish for Day 2
2pm	Championship Presentation

EVENT COMPOSITION

Ironperson	Maximum two (2) competitors per branch per age group. Straight Final of 22, conditions dependant.
Board Relay	Two person board relay, single gender only. One team per branch per age group.
Cameron Relay	Four person Cameron relay, single gender only. One team per branch per age group.
U17-Open Mixed Taplin	Six person mixed Taplin relay, 3x males and 3x females (at least one U17 and one Open male and female). One team per branch.
All Age Board Relay	All Age Relay, U12-Open, teams can race in any order. One team per gender per branch.
All Age Beach Relay	All Age Relay U12-Open, teams can race in any order. One team per gender per branch.
U17-Open Ski Relay	Three person ski relay consisting of at least one U17 and one Open competitor. One team per gender per branch.
Beach Sprints	One competitor per branch per age group.
Beach Flags	One competitor per branch per age group.
Mixed Beach Relay	Four person teams consisting of 2 males and 2 females. One team per gender per branch per age group.
Beach Relay	Two person team. One team per gender per branch.
Beach Runs	One competitor per branch per age group.
Beach Run Relays	Two person team consisting of one male and one female. One team per branch per age group.
Board Rescue	U12-U13, U14-U15, U17 - one team per gender per branch. U12-U13 must have one U12 and one U13 competitor. U14-U15 must have one U14 and one U15 competitors Open Board Rescue – one mixed team per branch
6 a side swim	All Age Relay U12-Open, teams can race in any order. One team per gender per branch. Relay format.

EVENT PROGRAM

	Saturday 3 December 2022		
	Water Events		**Beach Events**
8am	Open M/F Iron Person	**8am**	U12 M/F Beach Sprint
	U17 M/F Iron Person		U13 M/F Beach Sprint
	U15 M/F Iron Person		U14 M/F Beach Sprint
	U14 M/F Iron Person		U15 M/F Beach Sprint
	U13 M/F Iron Person		U17 M/F Beach Sprint
	U12 M/F Iron Person		Open M/F Beach Sprint
	Open M/F Board Relay		U12 M/F Beach Relay (SF/F)
	U17 M/F Board Relay		U13 M/F Beach Relay (SF/F)
	U15 M/F Board Relay		U14 M/F Beach Relay (SF/F)
	U14 M/F Board Relay		U15 M/F Beach Relay (SF/F)
	U13 M/F Board Relay		U17 M/F Beach Relay (SF/F)
	U12 M/F Board Relay		Open M/F Beach Relay (SF/F)
	U17-Open 6 Person Mixed Taplin		U12 Mixed Beach Relay (SF/F)
			U13 Mixed Beach Relay (SF/F)
			U14 Mixed Beach Relay (SF/F)
			U15 Mixed Beach Relay (SF/F)
			U17 Mixed Beach Relay (SF/F)
			Open Mixed Beach Relay (SF/F)
			All Age M/F Beach Relay
		Approx. 2pm	U12 M/F 1km Beach Run (F)
			U13 M/F 2km Beach Run (F)
			U14 M/F 2km Beach Run (F)
			U15 M/F 2km Beach Run (F)
			U17 M/F 2km Beach Run (F)
			Open M/F 2km Beach Run (F)
			U12 Mixed 2x500m Beach Run Relay (F)
			U13 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
			U14 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
			U15 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
			U17 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
			Open Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)

	Water Events		Beach Events
	Sunday 4 December 2022		
	Water Events		**Beach Events**
8am	U17-Open M/F Ski Relay (F)	**8am**	U12 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
			U13 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U12-13 M/F Board Rescue (F)		U14 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U14-15 M/F Board Rescue (F)		U15 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U17 M/F Board Rescue (F)		U17 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	Open Mixed Board Rescue (F)		Open M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U12 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		
	U13 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		
	U14 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		
	U15 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		
	All Age M/F Board Relay (F)		
	U12-Open M/F 6 Aside Swim Relay (F)		

APPENDIX

Appendix A: Previous Results

YEAR	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
2019 Bulli, ILL	SNB	SYD	HUN	CC	FNC	ILL	CS	MNC	LNC	FSC	LNC
2018 Black Head, LNC	SNB	SYD	HUN	CC	FNC	ILL	SC	MNC	NC	FSC	LNC
2017 Stockton, HUN	SNB	SYD	HUN	CC	FNC	ILL	SC	NC	MNC	FSC	LNC
2016 Soldiers Beach, CC	SYD	SNB	CC	HUN	FNC	ILL	SC	MNC	NC	FSC	LNC
2015 Cape Hawke, LNC	SNB	SYD	CC	HUN	FNC	ILL	NC	SC	MNC	FSC	LNC
2014 Catherine Hill Bay, HUN	SNB	SYD	CC	HUN	FNC	ILL	SC	MNC	NC	FSC	LNC
2013 Soldiers Beach, CC	SYD	SNB	CC	HUN	FNC	ILL	SC	NC	MNC	LNC	FSC
2012 Black Head, LNC	SNB	SYD	CC	HUN	ILL	SC	FNC	NC	MNC	LNC	FSC
2011 Redhead, HUN	SNB	SYD	CC	HUN	ILL	SC	FNC	NC	MNC	LNC	FSC
2010 The Lakes, CC	SYD	SNB	CC	HUN	SC	ILL	FNC	NC	MNC	LNC	FSC
2009 The Lakes, CC	SYD	CC	SNB	HUN	SC	ILL	FNC	NC	MNC	LNC	
2008 Catherine Hill Bay, HUN	SNB	SYD	CC	HUN	ILL	FNC	SC	NC	MNC	LNC	
2007 Umina, CC	CC	SNB	SYD	HUN	ILL	FNC	SC	MNC	NC	LNC	FSC

YEAR	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
2006 Crowdy Head, LNC	SNB	CC	SYD	HUN	ILL	FNC	SC	NC	LNC	MNC	FSC
2005 Fingal Beach, HUN	CC	SYD	SNB	HUN	ILL	FNC	SC	LNC	NC	MNC	FSC
2004 Soldiers Beach, CC	CC	SNB	SYD	ILL	HUN	SC	FNC	LNC	NC	MNC	FSC
2003	CC										
2002	SYD										
2001	CC										
2000	CC										
1999	CC										
1998	SNB										
1997	SYD										
1996	CC										

Appendix B: Branch Competition Caps

Far North Coast	**North Coast**	**Mid North Coast**	**Lower North Coast**

Hunter	**Central Coast**	**Sydney Northern Beaches**

Sydney	**Illawarra**	**South Coast**	**Far South Coast**