

Circular 3737

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2022/23 NSW Beach Stormers Series Entry Circular

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Presidents and Branch CEO/Secretaries.

Actioned by: Persons responsible for club entries.

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Summary	This circular provides information for clubs regarding entries and competition format for the 2022/23 NSW Beach Stormers Series
Action	Complete and submit event competitor entries via SEMS by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round 1 – North Steyne: 11pm Sunday, 30 October 2022• Round 2 – Bulli: 11pm Sunday, 13 November 2022• Round 3 – Coogee: 11pm Sunday, 4 December 2022• Round 4 – Terrigal: 11pm Sunday, 11 December 2022

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1 ABOUT

The Beach Stormers Series is an exciting new beach competition series which aims to provide current and prospective beach athletes with more opportunities to compete.

The NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on the following:

Round	Date	Start Time	Location
Round 1	Saturday 5 November	7.30am	North Steyne SLSC, SNB
Round 2	Saturday 19 November	3.00pm	Bulli SLSC, ILL
Round 3	Saturday 10 December	7:30am	Maroubra SLSC, SYD
Round 4	Saturday 17 December	7:30am	Terrigal SLSC, CC

Reference is made to the current edition ([37th Edition, Revised August 2022](#)) [Surf Sports Manual](#).

2 LIVEHEATS

All competitors are required to have a Live Heats Race Tag with them which will be used throughout the event. All competitors will be signed into the event using Live Heats, and all event racing will be marshalled and recorded using Live Heats.

Non-members will be required to loan a Live Heats tag for the competition, and return at the end of competition, from the administration desk.

3 ENTRIES

3.1 Member Entries

Entries via the Sports Events Management System (SEMS) <https://sems.sls.com.au>

Entry fees for SLSC members is **\$20.00** (incl. GST) per competitor per round. Entry fees are **not** refundable if competitors withdraw or do not take part in these events due to illness or injury.

SLNSW will forward an invoice to each club after each round of competition. Please do not pay until the invoice is received.

3.2 Non-Member Entries

Competitors who are not members of a Surf Life Saving Club will need to email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au with the following information:

- Full Name
- Email
- Mobile Number
- Events to be entered into (i.e. Sprints, Flags, Distance Runs)
- Proof of payment of entry fee

Entry fees for non-members is **\$35.00** (incl. GST) per competitor per round. Entry fees are **not** refundable if competitors withdraw or do not take part in these events due to illness or injury.

Entry Fees for non-members will need to be paid via EFT transfer to the following account:

Westpac
Surf Life Saving NSW
BSB: 032-123
Account Number: 353638
Description/Reference: Name and Beach Series Rd # (e.g. John Smith Beach Series Rd 1)

4 INSURANCE

The Beach Stormers Series carries prize money or prizes of a material value (TBC) and as such negates member's access to the icare (workcover insurance) scheme as indicated in the legislation.

For clarity you will not have access to the icare (workcover insurance) scheme. Any claim for personal accident injury resultant from the event may only be made under the SLS Group Personal Accident Policy ([Policy](#)). Please note the provisions under the Policy may not be as beneficial as those available under icare. Members should note all claims will be assessed by the insurer in accordance with the relevant terms of the policy including the insurer reserving the right to decline the claim.

With respect to event liability and liability coverage, as the event is owned and operated by a SLS entity, coverage for members such as officials, organisers and participants is covered via the SLS Group policy which all clubs and members are covered under. Non – Members will incur a \$0.80 levy per entry, with their entry fee to ensure liability coverage.

For more information regarding insurance coverage for surf sports events, please refer to [Memo: Insurance Coverage – Participation in Surf Sports Events/Special Events](#)

5 EVENT COMMUNICATION

Primary event communication will be via the SLSNSW Website Event Page and the 22/23 NSW Beach Stormers Series TeamApp.

Website Event Page: <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/event/beach-stormers-series/>

Please download Stack Team App, search for '**22/23 NSW Beach Stormers**' and request to join.

iOS: <https://www.teamapp.com/ios-app>

Android: <https://www.teamapp.com/android-app>

If you'd prefer the website version please click here:

<https://2223nswbeachstormers.teamapp.com? webpage=v1>

6 POINT SCORE

An overall point score will be accumulated over all four rounds of the series with participants receiving points per round as stipulated in section 8.3. Prizes will be awarded to overall series point score winners.

7 PRIZES

There may be cash equivalent prizes awarded for both individual rounds and overall series point score. As such, coverage under iCare will not be applicable throughout the Beach Stormers Series.

Further information regarding prizes will be distributed in due course.

8 ROUND 1 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 1 of the 22/23 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday, 5 November 2022 at North Steyne SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition. Further information about the remaining rounds will be released in the coming weeks.

8.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	North Steyne SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	2km Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach in front of club house
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Relays / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

8.2 Competition Details

Beach Sprint Events – Straight Up Round

Beach Sprints	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
U14/U15s, U17s & Opens	70m	70m	80m	80m	90m
Masters (10-year age groups)	50m	50m	60m	60m	70m

Every competitor does five rounds of sprints, if there are multiple heats (more than 8 competitors) for an age group then the heats will be distributed to ensure everyone races each other.

The heats will be staggered between age groups (i.e., Round 1 U15 Male & Female, U17 Male & Female, Open Male & Female, Masters Male & Female, followed by Round 2 etc.).

Each round will have a distributed “random” draw, ensuring each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible.

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places.

Bonus Points: The total points for a competitor will be doubled if they compete in all five rounds.

Beach Relays

Formats are dependent on how teams will be pulled together, based on attendance numbers –

- Teams may be made up of mixed or single genders
- Teams may be made up of single clubs or composite teams
- Teams may be made up of multiple age groups

For U14/15s, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team, of same age category

For U17s and Opens, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team. from either of the U17 and/or Open age categories.

For Masters, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team. from any of the following age categories – 170 Years, 200 Years, 230 Years

All Relays run over 70M, heats through to a final as required.

Beach Flags – By The Rules Round

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either 8 or 9 is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Distance Runs

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U14/U15s	1km	500m	250m	-
U17s & Opens	1km	750m	500m	250m
Masters (10-year age groups)	1km	500m	250m	-

Points will be allocated for each round, as per the Point Score Allocation table in section 8.3.

8.3 Point Score Allocation

In the individual sprints and flags, points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

9 BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

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

Please refer to 37th (Revised) Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5)

10 MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the event to be used for promotional material by SLSNSW. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers may be attending and material available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area. Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

Media:

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the event, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding about the event will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at the event 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.