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2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships – Entry Circular 27-29 January 2022 – Cape Hawke SLSC

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.

Actioned by: Persons responsible for club entries.

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Summary:	Provides information for entering the 2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via SEMS by Sunday, 8 January 2023 at 11.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Online late entries close Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 11.00pm (<i>late fees apply</i>). <i>NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events)*</i> <input type="checkbox"/> SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the event. Do not pay until the invoice is received. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Team Manager Declaration Form by Sunday 8 January 2023

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships attracts Country Branch competitors from the Under 8's to Masters, providing an opportunity to unite over a three day period showcasing one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held at Cape Hawke SLSC, located in the Mid Coast Local Government Area from Friday, 27 January to Sunday, 29 January 2023.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2023 NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships. Please note that SLSNSW may issue subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in this Circular.

2. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reference is made to:

- The current [37th Edition Surf Sports Manual \(Revised August 2022\)](#)
- The proficiency competition requirements for 2022/23 Season:
 - [Circular 3734: Confirmation of Patrol Hours for Competition](#)

3. GENERAL CONTENT

Entries are to be completed online using the [Sports Events Management System \(SEMS\)](#).

- **Entries close on Sunday 8 January 2023 at 11:00pm.**
- Online late entries close **Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 11.00pm** (late fees apply).
- **No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events*).**
- SLSNSW will send invoices to all Clubs after online late entries close. Do not pay until the invoice is received.
- Clubs are reminded to complete the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) by **Sunday 8 January**. This Team Manager Declaration Form includes Clubs logging their team manager contact details. This is to ensure all event communications such as changes to timetables, re-locations etc. can be sent via SMS and Email. Details about the Team Managers meeting format will be available soon.
- **Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of late entries on Wednesday 18 January for any omissions and errors.**
 - **Note: SLSNSW will only respond to calls or emails from Team Managers/Club Registrars regarding entries. SLSNSW will be reverting all calls and emails from individual members back to clubs.**

4. 2023 NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2023 Country Championships Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may (subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual [37th Edition] and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Circular) postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.



SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports (Chair)	Donald van Keimpema OAM
Carnival Referee	Debbie Pawsey
Local Organising Committee Representative, Cape Hawke SLSC	Mal Flew
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Joel Wiseman
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Jim Pinnington

5. 2023 NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2023 Country Championships Safety Emergency Committee (SEC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each CCSEC meeting:

- a) Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- b) Injury management statistics
- c) Current weather predictions
- d) Competition statistics

The SEC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The SEC will then advise the CC.

The SEC is responsible for enacting the contingency plan for this event. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied by the Referee when considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair)	Joel Wiseman
Deputy Carnival Referee	Garry Howe
Powercraft Coordinator	Nigel Penn
First Aid Coordinator	TBC
Water Safety Coordinator	TBC
SLSNSW Senior Competitions Coordinator	Jess Mensforth

6. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Officials

There will be a quota system for clubs to provide accredited officials based upon the number of competitors entered. Officials, as a minimum requirement, must have a current Core Official accreditation.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
0 to 8	Nil
9 to 15	1 Official
16 to 25	2 Officials
26 to 35	3 Officials
36 to 50	4 Officials



51 to 65	5 Officials
66+ Competitors	6 Officials

If sufficient Officials are not provided according to the above quotas SLSNSW reserves the right to impose a monetary penalty or request the offending club to show cause why that club should or should not compete at the Championships.

Clubs are reminded before entering their competitors into the entry system that they meet the quota. **Please note that quotas are based on the number of competitors entered into the Championships, not the number of starters.**

6.2 Water Safety

All clubs are required to provide a minimum of two (2) water safety personnel per day on a roster system. SLSNSW will release the water safety roster prior to the Country Championships (after late entries close).

Water safety personnel will need to supply their own orange rash vest, cap, fins, rescue tube. All water safety personnel must have a minimum current proficient SRC. Rescue boards for water safety will be used at the discretion and direction of the Water Safety Supervisor in the respective competition area. In this instance boards will be made available by Cape Hawke SLSC.

6.3 Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the Championships, a Powercraft roster will be implemented. Clubs will be identified based on the total number of entries for the 2023 Championships.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

- **IRB Driver:** Be a current financial SLS member and be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
- **IRB Crewperson:** Be a current financial SLS member, be a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.
- **RWC Operator:** Be a financial SLS member and hold a proficient RWC Operator Certificate.
- **Both IRB and RWC:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and competent to deal in all surf conditions.

As the Powercraft requirements will be based on figures calculated after entries close for the 2023 event, **the Powercraft Roster will not be available until after normal entries close on Sunday 8 January 2023.**

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel via the Powercraft Form which will be available on Tuesday 10 January. All IRB Drivers and Crew personnel must also bring with them their current SLSNSW Powercraft licence.

Some Clubs may also be required to bring IRB equipment to the Championships. All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2022/2023 Gear and Equipment Inspection process and be entered on SurfGuard.



7. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2022/2023 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

Reference is made to the following documents which apply to this event:

- SLSA Policy 1.02 – Use of SLSA Equipment
- [Circular 3734: Confirmation of Patrol Hours for Competition](#)

The Proficiency requalification must be completed by close of “normal” entries to be eligible to participate in a SLS Championship or other event i.e. late entries will not be accepted for members who have not completed their proficiency requalification by the normal close of entries.

Late proficiency exemptions are required to be endorsed by both Club and Branch (on letter head) before being received by SLSNSW. This can be sent to countrychampionships@surflifesaving.com.au and will be forwarded to the State Director of Lifesaving for consideration. Any late proficiency exemptions should be received no later than Sunday 8 January, 2023.

Notwithstanding any flexibility/extension, all members must be proficient to participate in the Championships.

7.1 Age

For the 2023 Country Championships, competitors will be required to be proficient in the relevant Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation and/or SRC Award appropriate to their age group.

7.2 Opens & Masters

Reference is made to the following documents which apply to this event:

- [Circular 3734: Confirmation of Patrol Hours for Competition](#)
- SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility
- SLSA Policy 1.02 Use of SLSA Equipment

8. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2023 NSW Country Championships is **\$51.86** (incl. GST). This includes a \$4.00 levy per competitors to cover the cost of First Aid services to be provided by the Australian Event Safety Services (AESS).

SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the event. Clubs must not pay their entry fees prior to the Championships. Payment terms are as stated on the invoice.

Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships, or if events or the entire Championships are cancelled.

Late Entries:

All online late entries received after the initial closing date will incur a late fee of \$104.76 **including** the original entry of \$51.86 (i.e. \$52.90 + \$51.86 = \$104.76) incl. GST).

No individual late entries will be taken at the Administration Centre – Cape Hawke SLSC. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of SLSNSW e.g. a competitor must be a team member replacing another team member in a team already entered. It is suggested that Clubs still enter members if there is a chance that they will be competing and then withdraw their entry prior to the close of late entry.



Additional Events:

When additional events are entered for competitors (individual and / or team) a fee of \$20.30 per event / per competitor will be charged. Note: **The competitor must be already entered into the Carnival.**

Additional individual event entries must be received no later than one hour before the start of the particular event at the Carnival Administration.

No late fees will be charged for team event substitutions if the substitute is already entered into the carnival.

9. ENTRIES – SEMS

Club entries to the 2023 Country Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into SEMS: <https://sems.sls.com.au/>

Online entries will close at **11pm on Sunday, 8 January 2023.**

Online late entries close **Wednesday, 18 January at 11.00pm** (*late fees apply*).

Please refer to the [SEMS User Guide](#) and [SEMS Club Entry Webinar](#), before and during the entry process.

Note: Entries are restricted to Clubs from the Country Branches of NSW only. No interstate or metropolitan branch competitors can enter the Carnival.

10. LIVEHEATS

SLSNSW will be using LiveHeats for on-beach carnival management. 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.



11. EVENTS

The following events shall be conducted in their respective age group areas in accordance with the requirements of the 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual and amending Bulletins and Circulars.

11.1 Age Events

Under 14 Events	Under 13 Events	Under 12 Events
Male Surf Race	Male Surf Race	Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race	Female Surf Race	Female Surf Race
Surf Teams	Surf Teams	Surf Teams
Male Board	Male Board	Male Board
Female Board	Female Board	Female Board
Ironman	Ironman	Ironman
Ironwoman	Ironwoman	Ironwoman
Board Relay	Board Relay	Board Relay
Male Beach Sprint	Male Beach Sprint	Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint	Female Beach Sprint	Female Beach Sprint
Beach Relay	Beach Relay	Beach Relay
Male Beach Flags	Male Beach Flags	Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags	Female Beach Flags	Female Beach Flags
Male Board Riding *	Male Board Riding *	Male 1km Beach Run
Female Board Riding *	Female Board Riding *	Female 1km Beach Run
Male 2km Beach Run	Male 2km Beach Run	Male Surfboard Riding *
Female 2km Beach Run	Female 2km Beach Run	Female Surfboard Riding *

Under 11 Events	Under 10 Events	Under 9 Events
Male Surf Race	Male Surf Race	Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race	Female Surf Race	Female Surf Race
Surf Teams	Surf Teams	Surf Teams
Male Board	Male Board	Male Board
Female Board	Female Board	Female Board
Ironman	Board Relay	Board Relay
Ironwoman	Male Beach Sprint	Male Beach Sprint
Board Relay	Female Beach Sprint	Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Sprint	Beach Relay	Beach Relay
Female Beach Sprint	Male Beach Flags	Male Beach Flags
Beach Relay	Female Beach Flags	Female Beach Flags
Male Beach Flags		
Female Beach Flags		
Male 1km Beach Run		
Female 1km Beach Run		
Male Surfboard Riding *		
Female Surfboard Riding *		

Under 8 Events	Special Events	
Male Wade	Senior Board Rescue (U14, U13)	
Female Wade	Junior Board Rescue (U12, U11)	
Wade Relay	Senior Cameron Relay (U14, U13)	
Male Beach Sprint	Junior Cameron Relay (U12, U11)	
Female Beach Sprint	Junior March Past	



Beach Relay	All Age Beach Relay (U8-U14)	
Male Beach Flags	All Age Board Relay (U9-U14)	
Female Beach Flags	Buchanan Relay (U8-U10)	

* These events will only go ahead if entry numbers are sufficient to require the resources that are needed for these events.

11.2 Open & Masters Events

Swimming Events			
	Open Male Surf Race		Open Female Surf Race
	Under 19 Male Surf Race		Under 19 Female Surf Race
	Under 17 Male Surf Race		Under 17 Female Surf Race
	Under 15 Male Surf Race		Under 15 Female Surf Race
	30-39 Male Surf Race		30-39 Female Surf Race
	40-49 Male Surf Race		40-49 Female Surf Race
	50-59 Male Surf Race		50-59 Female Surf Race
	60 + Male Surf Race		60 + Female Surf Race
	Open Surf Teams		Under 19 Surf Teams
	Under 17 Surf Teams		Under 15 Surf Teams
	U15 Male Rescue Tube		U15 Female Rescue Tube

Ski Events			
	Open Male Ski		Open Female Ski
	Under 19 Male Ski		Under 19 Female Ski
	Under 17 Male Ski		Under 17 Female Ski
	30-39 Male Ski		30-39 Female Ski
	40-49 Male Ski		40-49 Female Ski
	50-59 Male Ski		50-59 Female Ski
	60 + Male Ski		60 + Female Ski
	30+ Male Ski Relay		30+ Female Ski Relay
	Open Male Ski Relay		Open Female Ski Relay
	Under 19 Male Ski Relay		Under 19 Female Ski Relay
	Under 17 Male Ski Relay		Under 17 Female Ski Relay
	Open Male Double Ski		Open Female Double Ski
	Open Mixed Double Ski		Under 19 Mixed Double Ski
			30+ Mixed Double Ski

Board Events			
	Open Male Board		Open Female Board
	Under 19 Male Board		Under 19 Female Board
	Under 17 Male Board		Under 17 Female Board
	Under 15 Male Board		Under 15 Female Board



	30-39 Male Board
	40-49 Male Board
	50-59 Male Board
	60 + Male Board
	Open Male Board Relay
	Under 19 Male Board Relay
	Under 17 Male Board Relay
	Under 15 Mixed Board Relay

	30-39 Female Board
	40-49 Female Board
	50-59 Female Board
	60 + Female Board
	Open Female Board Relay
	Under 19 Female Board Relay
	Under 17 Female Board Relay
	30+ Mixed Board Relay

Beach Events

	Open Male Sprint
	Under 19 Male Sprint
	Under 17 Male Sprint
	Under 15 Male Sprint
	30-39 Male Sprint
	40-49 Male Sprint
	50-59 Male Sprint
	60 + Male Sprint
	Open Beach Relay
	Under 17 Beach Relay
	Under 15 Beach Relay
	Open Male Beach Flags
	Under 19 Male Beach Flags
	Under 17 Male Beach Flags
	Under 15 Male Beach Flags
	30-39 Male Beach Flags
	40-49 Male Beach Flags
	50-59 Male Beach Flags
	60 + Male Beach Flags
	Open Male 2km Beach Run
	Under 19 Male 2km Beach Run
	Under 17 Male 2km Beach Run
	Under 15 Male 2km Beach Run
	30-39 Male 2km Beach Run
	40-49 Male 2km Beach Run
	50-59 Male 2km Beach Run
	60+ Male 1km Beach Run
	Open March Past

	Open Female Sprint
	Under 19 Female Sprint
	Under 17 Female Sprint
	Under 15 Female Sprint
	30-39 Female Sprint
	40-49 Female Sprint
	50-59 Female Sprint
	60 + Female Sprint
	U19 Beach Relay
	30+ Beach Relay
	Open Female Beach Flags
	Under 19 Female Beach Flags
	Under 17 Female Beach Flags
	Under 15 Female Beach Flags
	30-39 Female Beach Flags
	40-49 Female Beach Flags
	50-59 Female Beach Flags
	60 + Female Beach Flags
	Open Female 2km Beach Run
	Under 19 Female 2km Beach Run
	Under 17 Female 2km Beach Run
	Under 15 Female 2km Beach Run
	30-39 Female 2km Beach Run
	40-49 Female 2km Beach Run
	50-59 Female 2km Beach Run
	60+ Female 1km Beach Run

Multi-Discipline Events

	Open Ironman
	Under 19 Ironman

	Open Ironwoman
	Under 19 Ironwoman



	Under 17 Ironman
	Under 15 Ironman
	30-39 Ironman
	40-49 Ironman
	50-59 Ironman
	60+ Ironman
	Open Male Board Rescue
	Under 19 Male Board Rescue
	Under 17 Male Board Rescue
	Under 15 Male Board Rescue
	30-39 Male Board Rescue
	40-49 Male Board Rescue
	50-59 Male Board Rescue
	60+ Male Board Rescue
	Open Male Taplin Relay (3 person)
	Open Mixed Taplin (6 person)
	Under 19 Male Taplin Relay
	Under 17 Male Taplin Relay
	Under 15 Male Cameron Relay
	Lifesaver Relay*

	Under 17 Ironwoman
	Under 15 Ironwoman
	30-39 Ironwoman
	40-49 Ironwoman
	50-59 Ironwoman
	60+ Ironwoman
	Open Female Board Rescue
	Under 19 Female Board Rescue
	Under 17 Female Board Rescue
	Under 15 Female Board Rescue
	30-39 Female Board Rescue
	40-49 Female Board Rescue
	50-59 Female Board Rescue
	60+ Female Board Rescue
	Open Female Taplin Relay
	Under 19 Female Taplin Relay
	Under 17 Female Taplin Relay
	Under 15 Female Cameron Relay
	Under 15 Mixed Cameron Relay

Surf Boats

	Open Male Surf Boat
	Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat
	Under 23 Male Surf Boat
	Under 19 Male Surf Boat
	120+ Male Surf Boats
	180+ Male Surf Boats

	Open Female Surf Boat
	Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat
	Under 23 Female Surf Boat
	Under 19 Female Surf Boat
	120+ Female Surf Boats
	180+ Female Surf Boats

Board Riding *

	Open Male Board Riding *
	Under 19 Male Board Riding *
	Under 17 Male Board Riding *
	Under 15 Male Board Riding *
	30-39 Male Long Board *
	40-49 Male Long Board *
	50-59 Male Long Board *
	60-69 Male Long Board *
	70+ Male Long Board *
	30-39 Male Short Board *
	40-49 Male Short Board *
	50-59 Male Short Board *

	Open Female Board Riding *
	Under 19 Female Board Riding *
	Under 17 Female Board Riding *
	Under 15 Female Board Riding *
	30-39 Female Long Board *
	40-49 Female Long Board *
	50-59 Female Long Board *
	60-69 Female Long Board *
	70+ Female Long Board *
	30-39 Female Short Board *
	40-49 Female Short Board *
	50-59 Female Short Board *



	60- 69 Male Short Board *
	70+ Male Short Board *

	60 - 69 Female Short Board *
	70+ Female Short Board *

* These events will only go ahead if entry numbers are sufficient to require the resources that are needed for these events.

11.3 Restriction of Events

Please note that there is a restriction to the number of teams that can compete for certain events. Please see the list below:

Buchanan Relay (U8-U10) – Two (2) teams per club

Senior Board Rescue (U14, U13) – Two (2) teams per club

Junior Board Rescue (U12, U11) – Two (2) teams per club

Senior (U14, U13) Cameron Relay - Two (2) teams per club

Junior (U11, U12) Cameron Relay - Two (2) teams per club

All Age Beach Relay (U8-U14) – One (1) team per club

All Age Board Relay (U9-U14) – One (1) team per club

Beach Relays – Two (2) teams per club

Lifesaver Relay – 1 team per club

11.4 Supplementary Information

Open Mixed Taplin (6 person):

- Team to consist of 3 males and 3 females
- Each gender is to compete one leg of swim, board ski

Open Mixed Events:

- Mixed events across U15s, U17s, U19s, Opens and Masters age groups must have a minimum of 1 male and 1 female in each team

U8-U14 Relays:

- All U8-U14 Relays are mixed and must have a minimum of 1 male and 1 female in each team

Buchanan Relay:

- Buchanan Relays consists of 6 athletes:
 - Four U8 Competitors: 1x Wade & 3 x Runners
 - One U9 Competitor and One U10 Competitor who will either be the swimmer or board paddler

Junior & Senior Cameron Relay:

- The Junior (U11-U12) and Senior (U13-U14) Cameron Relays will be run with four person teams.



- In the Junior and Senior Cameron Relays, as a minimum, a female must take the position of either board paddler or swimmer.

All Age Relays

- All Age Beach Relay: U8-U14
- All Age Board Relay: U9-U14

Lifesaver Relay

- All Lifesaver Relay teams must check in at the Team Managers meeting on Wednesday 25 January in order for the event to go ahead. If teams do not check in, the event will be cancelled.

11.5 Restriction of Masters Events

Masters competitors may only compete in their own age group in individual events and in only one age category in each different team event entered.

Note: This section does not preclude a qualified Master competitor from participating in their Masters individual Age Group and also in Open age events. A minimum of one starter is required provided that the competitor/team correctly completes the course. Where Championship events are contested all place getters shall be awarded placing medals (1st, 2nd & 3rd).

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1 Championship Point Score

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for the championships (1st through to 6th).

12.2 Results

In the case of a dead heat for positions 1st, 2nd or 3rd each competitor will receive a respective medal and the following medal allocations will apply:

- Dead heat for 1st place: Two (2) Gold and One (1) Bronze will be awarded (no Silver will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, dead heat for 2nd place: One (1) Gold and two (2) Silver will be awarded (no Bronze will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, one competitor in 2nd place, dead heat for 3rd place
 - One (1) Gold, one (1) Silver and two (2) Bronze will be awarded
- Dead heat for 1st place and dead heat for 2nd place: Two (2) Gold and two (2) Bronze will be awarded (no Silver will be awarded)

12.3 Handlers

Handlers will not be required to be entered into the SEMS system. It is highly recommended that handlers are current financial members of a SLSNSW club. Those who handle for a competitor that are not financial members of a SLSNSW club will not be covered under the SLSNSW Insurance Policy. Handlers are required to wear a pink high visibility vest (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a pink high visibility bib/jacket type garment).



12.4 Boat Sweeps

All Surf Boat Sweeps entered in the Country Championships are required to have completed their Development Coach – Surf Boat Award, Sweeps Accreditation Assessment Tool and have been issued with a Sweeps Accreditation Number. SLSNSW will conduct an audit of all the sweeps entered into the carnival for compliance.

12.5 Team Managers Meeting

A compulsory Team Managers Meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, 25 January. It is expected that Team Managers and/or dedicated Club personnel are in attendance to receive vital event specific information.

Further information to be provided at a later date.

13. SCRUTINEERING

Whilst it is encouraged that all Members and clubs have their craft and equipment inspected regularly by an accredited scrutineer/s, all surf craft carrying manufacturers compliance decals and/or a SLSA endorsed sticker should guarantee the craft meets SLSA standards and therefore, does not require a NSW Scrutineering Sticker.

Random scrutineering of craft and equipment may take place throughout the duration of the carnival. Finalists may be required to have their craft scrutineered prior to racing in event finals. No craft or equipment is exempt from random scrutineering as deemed appropriate by scrutineers.

14. SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2023 NSW Country Championships will be issued an official high visibility pink competition lycra vest. It is a requirement for all competitors to wear the supplied Lycra vest in competition at the 2023 NSW Country Championships. See SSM 2.5.1.

Clubs must ensure that competitors wear the approved lycra vest in competition, no other branded vests may be worn. Competitors may be requested to wear the approved lycra vest as part of medal presentations.

Lycra Vests will be available for collection at the 2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships Administration and Help Desk which will be located on the lawn in front of Cape Hawke SLSC. Further information to be provided at a later date.

15. TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by TeamApp.

TeamApp will be used in the lead up to and throughout the NSW Country Championships 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 any NSW State Championships event download TeamApp when Entry Nominations 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 “2023 NSW Country Championships”



- 4) Click the “Become a member of this TeamApp” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate group you wish to receive notifications from

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.

PLEASE NOTE: It is an individual’s/Club’s obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a TeamApp update is not an excuse for missing events.

16. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

16.1 Drones

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public. SLSNSW and its telecast production contractors will be operating UAV’s for both surveillance and capturing of event footage.

16.2 Photography

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW.

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

Professional photographers will be attending and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Clubs 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.

16.3 Media Statements

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the State Championships, 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 the State Championships will be made by authorised spokespeople.

17. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors is of paramount importance and athletes or their parent / guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at the 2023 Country Championships **MUST** seek medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition, SLSNSW may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and Surf Life Saving NSW are not placed at risk.



18. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete both the [Sport Integrity Australia](#) Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport. Moving forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great addition to the structure of any touring team and/or squad and is vital for elite competition and athlete development.

SLSNSW fully supports the new SLSA Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Area > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1 1 & 5.02). Following the completion of each course, a completion certificate/email must be forwarded to Surf Sports surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au. SLSNSW have organised with SLSA to have these courses uploaded on to SurfGuard as an award. Once completed, the courses do not have to be completed again, unless there is an update in information from the organisations. If anyone has previously completed either course, proof must be sent through to Surf Sports in order to be recognised.

For further information regarding the courses please contact Surf Sports, on (02) 9471 8000 or surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

19. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct while at the Championships will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the Championship. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters, particularly those appointed as Officials, are not allowed to assist competitors during the competition. Any breach of this policy may result in the disqualification of an athlete from the remainder of the competition and is at the discretion of the Referee.

Parents or supporters must also understand that they are role models for young athletes. Clubs should make sure that parents and supporters understand that abuse of officials, other competitors or clubs will not be tolerated. Team Managers and Club Presidents should ensure that their parents and supporters understand their role at this competition and that expected standards of behaviour are clearly explained.

Please refer to 37th Edition 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 > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.05).

20. PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 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 are available from the Liaison Officer. An “Appeals Fee” of \$110.00 must accompany all documentation when the process is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.



21. MIDCOAST COUNCIL

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22. COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

