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2023 NSW Age Championships – Entry Circular

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2023 NSW Age Championships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 23 February – Sunday 26 February 2023
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via SEMS by Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 11:00pm. <input type="checkbox"/> Online late entries close Sunday 12 February 2023 at 11.00pm (<i>late fees apply</i>). <p>NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events)*</p> <p>SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the Championships. Do not pay until the invoice is received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Team Manager Registration Form by Sunday 29 January 2023 at 11.00pm.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2023 NSW Age Championships attracts competitors from the under 9's to 14's, providing opportunity for young surf lifesavers to unite over a four-day period, showcasing one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held on the stretch of beach between Queenscliff SLSC and North Steyne SLSC in Sydney Northern Beaches Council from Thursday 23 – Sunday 26 February 2023. Freshwater SLSC will host the R & R and Lifesaving events.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2023 NSW Age 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 Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 11:00pm.**
- Online late entries close **Sunday 12 February 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 Registration Form](#) by **Sunday 29 January 2023 at 11.00pm**. This Team Manager Registration 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 Sunday 12 February 2023 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 AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2023 NSW Age 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.

Competition Committee Chairperson	Darren Moore
SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports	Donald van Keimpema OAM
Carnival Referee	Michael Bate
Local Organising Committee Representative	Craig Susans
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Joel Wiseman (TBC)
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Jim Pinnington

5. 2023 NSW AGE SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2023 NSW Age 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 SEC 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 (TBC)
Council Representative/Lifeguard	TBC
Assistant Safety and Emergency Management Coordinators	TBC
Deputy Carnival Referee	Carlo Villanti
Powercraft Coordinator	Adrian Hill
First Aid Coordinator	Australian Event Safety Services
WHS Coordinator	TBC
Water Safety Coordinator	TBC
SLSNSW Senior Competitions Coordinator	TBC

6. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Officials

A quota system for clubs to provide Accredited Officials based upon the number of competitors entered (not the number actually competing) is in place for both the 2023 NSW Age Championships. Online late entries will be added to the total number of competitors entered to ensure that the club's obligation is satisfied.

The Officials quota is new in 2023 and this replaces any previous versions of the Officials quota from previous years. Officials, as a minimum requirement, must have a current Junior Officiating or Core Official accreditation.

NSW Age Championships Officials Quota Daily Requirement

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1-4	—
5-30	1 Official
31-40	2 Officials
41-50	3 Officials
51-80	4 Officials
81-100	5 Officials
101-120	6 Officials
121+	7 Officials

Officials who want to share a role with someone else **MUST** communicate this to SLSNSW. Two officials sharing one role fulfils one official in the quota (the quota is based on attendance over two days for each Championships).

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 be able to compete at the Championships.

Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered into the event, not the number of competitors starting. Clubs are reminded before entering their competitors into the entry system that they **MUST** meet the officials' quota.

Officials undertaking duties to meet club's quotas, who have not already been appointed, will be requested to report to the Deputy Referee at Queenscliff SLSC by 7:00am each morning of competition. Procedure for this to be confirmed.

[It is essential that clubs work with their officials to ensure that they \(the officials\) understand the effect on the championships if they do not communicate with SLSNSW regarding non-attendance or changes to the Official's Appointments. Clubs should check that officials appointed are attending on the days that they are appointed for, as this could have a significant impact on whether children can compete or not.](#)

6.2 Water Safety

The following quota will apply for water safety during the 2023 NSW Age Championships. Water Safety relates to the personnel responsible for the 'in water' support during events. This is a separate quota requirement to the Powercraft and Officials requirements.

The following is the 2023 water safety ratio which was used at the 2023 NSW Age Championships and replaced any previous versions of the Water Safety quota.

NSW Age Championships Water Safety Quota

Competitors Entered	Water Safety Required
1 to 9	0
10 to 19	1
20 to 29	2
30 to 39	3
40 to 49	4
50 to 65	5
66 to 79	6
80 to 95	7
96 to 109	8
110 to 124	9
125 to 140	10
141 to 155	11
156 to 170	12
171 to 185	13
186 to 200	14

Note: There is no longer any cap on the water safety ratio. For every 15 competitors above 200, 1 more water safety personnel are required.

The Water Safety roster will be finalised, distributed to all Team Managers and will be able to be downloaded from the State Championships event web page once the online late entries for the Age Championships have closed.

Water Safety personnel are required to hold the following minimum requirements (as per SLSA Water Safety Policy 1.2):

- A proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) and be a current financial SLS member (2022/23).

6.3 Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2023 NSW Age 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 current 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 including entries for the 2023 event, **the Powercraft Roster will not be available until after normal entries close on Wednesday 18 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 week commencing 23 January. All IRB Drivers and Crew personnel must also bring with them their current SLSNSW Powercraft licence.

Clubs that fail to meet their requirements or to attend rostered shifts at the Championships may be suspended from competition until such a time that requirements are met and/or charged a fine.

Some Clubs may also be required to bring IRB equipment to the Championships. All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2022/23 Gear and Equipment Inspection process, and be entered on SurfGuard.

6.4 First Aid

All first aid will be provided by SLSNSW's Australian Event Safety Services (AESS). This means there is no requirement on clubs to supply any volunteers for these roles.

7. 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.

For more information, please see:

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

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 statechampionships@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 12 February 2023.**

8. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2023 NSW State Age Championships is **\$59.55** (incl. GST).

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 **\$99.25** (incl. GST).

No individual late entries will be taken at the Administration Centre – Queenscliff. 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.

Team Substitution:

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 NSW Age Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into SEMS:

<https://sems.sls.com.au/>

Online entries will close at **11pm on Wednesday, 18 January 2023.**

Online late entries will close at 11pm on Sunday, 12 February 2023.

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

10. LIVEHEATS

SLNSW 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 current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual (37th Edition) and amending Bulletins and Circulars.

11.1 Age Events

Under 14 Events	
Male Surf Race	
Female Surf Race	
Male Surf Teams	
Female Surf Teams	
Ironman*	
Ironwoman*	
Male Board	
Female Board	
Male Board Relay	
Female Board Relay	
Male Board Rescue*	
Female Board Rescue*	
Male Cameron Relay	
Female Cameron Relay	
Male Beach Sprint	
Female Beach Sprint	
Male Beach Relay	
Female Beach Relay	
Mixed Beach Relay	
Male Beach Flags	
Female Beach Flags	
2km Male Beach Run	
2km Female Beach Run	
Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	
Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	
Under 12 Events	
Male Surf Race	
Female Surf Race	
Male Surf Teams	
Female Surf Teams	
Male Board	
Female Board	
Ironman*	
Ironwoman*	
Male Board Rescue*	
Female Board Rescue*	
Male Board Relay	
Female Board Relay	
Male Beach Sprint	
Female Beach Sprint	
1km Male Beach Run	
1km Female Beach Run	
Male Beach Relay	
Female Beach Relay	
Mixed Beach Relay	
Male Beach Flags	
Female Beach Flags	

Under 13 Events	
Male Surf Race	
Female Surf Race	
Male Surf Teams	
Female Surf Teams	
Male Board	
Female Board	
Male Board Relay	
Female Board Relay	
Male Cameron Relay	
Female Cameron Relay	
Male Board Rescue *	
Female Board Rescue *	
Ironman *	
Ironwoman *	
Male Beach Sprint	
Female Beach Sprint	
1km Male Beach Run	
1km Female Beach Run	
Male Beach Relay	
Female Beach Relay	
Mixed Beach Relay	
Male Beach Flags	
Female Beach Flags	
Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	
Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	
Under 11 Events	
Male Surf Race	
Female Surf Race	
Male Surf Teams	
Female Surf Teams	
Male Board	
Female Board	
Ironman*	
Ironwoman*	
Male Board Rescue*	
Female Board Rescue*	
Male Board Relay	
Female Board Relay	
Male Beach Sprint	
Female Beach Sprint	
1km Male Beach Run	
1km Female Beach Run	
Male Beach Relay	
Female Beach Relay	
Mixed Beach Relay	
Male Beach Flags	
Female Beach Flags	

	Under 12 Cameron Relay
	Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
	Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
Under 10 Events	
	Male Surf Race
	Female Surf Race
	Male Surf Teams
	Female Surf Teams
	Male Board
	Female Board
	Male Board Relay
	Female Board Relay
	Male Beach Sprint
	Female Beach Sprint
	Male Beach Relay
	Female Beach Relay
	Mixed Beach Relay
	Male Beach Flags
	Female Beach Flags

	Under 11 Cameron Relay
	Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
	Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
Under 9 Events	
	Male Surf Race
	Female Surf Race
	Male Surf Teams
	Female Surf Teams
	Male Board
	Female Board
	Male Board Relay
	Female Board Relay
	Male Beach Sprint
	Female Beach Sprint
	Male Beach Relay
	Female Beach Relay
	Mixed Beach Relay
	Male Beach Flags
	Female Beach Flags

***Not included in SEMS.**

11.2 Special Events

The All Age Board Relay and All Age Beach Relay will be held as the first events on Saturday 25 February, 2023. The event will consist of U9-U14 competitor

All Age Board Relay (Not included SEMS)

All Age Beach Relay (Included in SEMS - Age Championships)

11.3 March Past

The March Past will be the first event at Queenscliff SLSC at 8am Sunday 26 February 2023.

March Past (included in SEMS – Age Championships)

11.4 R&R Events

All R&R events will be held at Freshwater SLSC for the 2023 NSW Age Championships on Friday 24 February 2023.

U10/U11 2 Person R&R

U13/U14 2 Person R&R

U12 2 Person R&R

U14/U15 2 Person R&R

U13-U15 5 Person R&R

Note 1: An Under 14 aged competitor is permitted to participate only in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 age category but not both.

Note 2: With the exception of the U13 - U15 5 Person R&R, an Under 13 aged competitor is permitted to participate only in the U13/U14 age category

Note 3: The U13 - U15 R&R may be contested by any combination of male and female U13, U14 and U15 aged competitors.

Note 4: U13 aged competitors competing with U14s in team events are permitted under SLSA rules as detailed in Sections 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 of the Surf Sport Manual (SSM).

Note 5: At the NSW State Age Championships the composition of U13/14 2 Person R&R teams shall be any

combination of U13 and U14 aged competitors.

Note 6: At the NSW State Age Championships an Under 14 aged competitor is permitted to participate in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 R&R team age category but not both.

11.5 Inclusion Events

The Inclusion Events will take place from on Sunday, 26 February 2023 at North Steyne SLSC:

- Surf Race
- Board Race
- Wade
- Beach Flags
- Beach Sprint

For more information, please see the Inclusive Championships Entry Circular.

11.6 Lifesaving Events

Lifesaving events will be held at Freshwater SLSC and will be held on the following days:

- U14 Champion Lifesaver will be conducted on Friday 17 February

The U14 Champion Lifesaver event will be conducted in separate male and female categories.

Note 1: There shall be no U13 Champion Lifesaver conducted as an eligibility prerequisite for this event includes a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate.

Note 2: U13 aged competitors are ineligible to compete in individual U14 aged events including the Champion Lifesaver.

For more information, please see the Lifesaving Championships Entry Circular.

11.7 Supplementary Information

- During the Age Championships, all Cameron and Iron events will have a standard leg order of swim followed by board.
- U13 aged competitors competing with U14s in team events are permitted under SLSA rules as detailed in Sections 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 of the Surf Sport Manual (SSM).
- Teams entered in 'mixed gender' events (event code No. prefix '3') may contain a combination of both male and female competitors in each team.

Cameron Relay

- The Cameron Relay will be a 4 person event (1 x swimmer, 1 x board paddler, 2 x runners)
- In the Cameron Relays as a minimum, a female must take the position of either board paddler or swimmer. There should be both a Male and Female runner.

Mixed Beach Relay

- Teams will comprise of two (2) males and two (2) females

All Age Relays (Beach & Board)

- Teams will comprise of a minimum of three females.

12. RESTRICTION OF EVENTS

- **Surf Teams (U9 to U14)** – Three (3) Male teams and Three (3) Female teams per club per age group

- **Ironperson (U11-U14)** - Branch selection via quota – **not included in SEMS. To be sent to Branches.**
- **Beach Relays (U9 to U14)** – Three (3) Male teams and three (3) Female teams per club per age group
- **Cameron Relay (U11 to U14)** – Two (2) teams per metropolitan club and one (1) team per Country club.
- **Board Rescue (U11 to U14)** – Branch selection via quota – **not included in SEMS. To be sent to Branches.**
- **Board Relay (U9 to U14)** – Three (3) Male teams and three (3) Female teams per club per age group.
- **All Age Beach Relay (U9 to U14)** – One (1) team per club. The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5) & U14 (6). There will be a minimum of three females.
- **All Age Board Relay (U9 to U14)** – Two (2) teams per metropolitan branch and one (1) team per Country branch (U9 to U15 years) **not included in SEMS. To be sent to Branches.** The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5) & U14 (6). Competitors' arms must be marked with the number. A reminder that as this is an ALL AGE event, competitors must compete in their own age group and are not allowed to compete up an age. E.g. an U11 cannot do the U12 leg. There will be a minimum of three females.
- **Mixed Beach Relay (U9 to U14)** – Two (2) teams per metropolitan club and one (1) team per Country club.

NOTE: There will be a separate entry process for the restricted events of the Ironman, Board Rescue and All Age Board Relay events. Branches are to complete the form by **Sunday 12 February 2023**. More information to be sent directly to branches.

NOTE: No special consideration will be given to competitors who attempt to compete in more than one (1) area. (i.e. Events will not be delayed for this reason).

NOTE: 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 provide their own and wear a pink high visibility vest (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a pink high visibility bib/jacket type garment).

13. GENERAL INFORMATION

13.1 Championship Point Score

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for Age Championships (1st place to 6th place), and the highest overall Country Club point score (1st place to 6th place).

13.2 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)

13.3 Clashing of Events

While every effort will be made to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes will have to decide to contest one or the other.

13.4 Special Circumstances

Any competitor wishing to obtain special circumstances approval **MUST** supply documentation regarding their disability by close of entry nominations. Documentation will not be accepted during the carnival. For more information, please see Section 2.4(c) and Section 2.2.1(e) of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition.

Please supply Surf Sports SLSNSW with the required information and documentation statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au

14. SCRUTINEERING

Whilst it is encouraged that 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 Scrutineering Sticker.

Random scrutineering of craft and equipment will take place throughout the duration of the carnival. No craft or equipment is exempt from random scrutineering as deemed appropriate by scrutineers. Finalists may be required to have their craft scrutineered prior to racing in event finals. Scrutineering will be available for all members at no cost however members should expect to experience significant delays.

15. SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2023 NSW State 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 State Championships. See SSM (12.1, d, xviii).

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.

SLSNSW advises each competitor must have their age clearly numbered on the upper arm..

16. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

15.3 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

SLNSW will run this event in accordance with NSW Government and NSW Health guidelines, which are subject to change.

SLNSW reserves the right to alter event competitor eligibility & attendance and spectator & official attendance should any Public Health Orders in force during the event place limits on the number of attendees and/or the vaccination status of attendees.

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 State Championships **MUST** seek medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition, SLNSW 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, SLNSW 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.

SLNSW 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. SLNSW 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. TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by TeamApp.

TeamApp will be used in the lead up to and throughout the NSW State 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 State 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.

22. NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL

Northern Beaches Council is thrilled to welcome the NSW Surf Life Saving State Championships to Queenscliff in 2023.

The Northern Beaches offers an array of ocean beaches, coastal rock pools, a 36km coastal walkway, five aquatic reserves brimming with sea life, national surfing reserves at Manly-Freshwater and Narrabeen, and so much more.

With an unlimited list of things to see, do, eat, drink and buy, you're going to want to stay for a few days! Choose from 5-star hotels, holiday apartments, B&Bs or camping.

While you are here, enjoy delicious food and drinks and outdoor adventures. If you need a steer in the right direction, head to our online visitor information centre, Hello Manly at hellomanly.com.au

23. AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

