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2023 NSW Masters Championships – Entry Circular

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

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Summary:	<p>Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2023 NSW Masters Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 1 – Thursday 2 March 2023
Action:	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via SEMS by Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 11:00pm.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Online late entries close Sunday 12 February 2023 at 11.00pm (<i>late fees apply</i>).</p> <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> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Team Manager Registration Form by Sunday 29 January 2023 at 11.00pm.</p>

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2023 NSW Masters Championships attracts competitors from the 30-75+ age groups, providing opportunity for surf lifesavers to unite over a two-day period, showcasing one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will again be held on the stretch of beach between Queenscliff SLSC and North Steyne SLSC in Sydney Northern Beaches Council from Wednesday 1 March – Thursday 2 March 2023. Freshwater SLSC will host the Lifesaving events.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2023 NSW Masters 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.**
- 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.**
- 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 team events*).**
- SLSNSW will send invoices to all Clubs after the Championships. Do not pay until the invoice is received.

4. 2023 NSW MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2023 NSW Masters 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

Championship Referee	David Unger
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 MASTERS SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2023 NSW Masters 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:

- Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- Injury management statistics
- Current weather predictions
- 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	Michael Day
Powercraft Coordinator	Adrian Hill
First Aid Coordinator	Australian Event Safety Services
WHS 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 the 2023 NSW Masters 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 for the 2023 Championships, replacing previous versions of the Officials quota from previous years. Officials, as a minimum requirement, must have a current Core Official accreditation.

Masters Championships Quota

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 to 4	0

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
5 to 10	1 Official
11 to 15	2 Officials
16 to 40	3 Officials
41 to 50	4 Officials
51+	5 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 on the Wednesday AND Thursday).

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 athletes can compete or not.

6.2 Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2023 NSW Masters 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 based on figures calculated after entries close 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 will be suspended from competition until such a time that requirements are met.

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.

7.3 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.

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](#)

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 Masters Championships is **\$59.55** (incl. GST).

SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the Championships. 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 Substitutions:

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 State Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into SEMS:

<https://sems.sls.com.au/> - Event Name: *2023 NSW Masters State Championships*.

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. SCHEDULED 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 and amending Bulletins and Circulars.

10.1 Lifesaving Events

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

- Open Champion Patrol will be conducted on Sunday 19 February
- 30-39, 40-49 & 50+ Champion Lifesaver will be conducted on Saturday 18 February
- Open First Aid Competition will be held on Sunday 26 February.

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

10.2 Surf Boat Events

Masters Surf Boat Events will be conducted on Friday 3 March 2023.

For more information, please see the Surf Boats Championships Entry Circular.

10.3 Scheduled Masters Events

Swimming Events			
	30-34 Years Male Surf Race		30-34 Years Female Surf Race
	35-39 Years Male Surf Race		35-39 Years Female Surf Race
	40-44 Years Male Surf Race		40-44 Years Female Surf Race
	45-49 Years Male Surf Race		45-49 Years Female Surf Race
	50-54 Years Male Surf Race		50-54 Years Female Surf Race
	55-59 Years Male Surf Race		55-59 Years Female Surf Race
	60-64 Years Male Surf Race		60-64 Years Female Surf Race
	65- 69 Years Male Surf Race		65-69 Years Female Surf Race
	70-74 Years Male Surf Race		70-74 Years Female Surf Race
	75 Years & over Male Surf Race		75 Years & over Female Surf Race
	110 Years min Male Surf Teams		110 Years min Female Surf Teams
	130 Years min Male Surf Teams		130 Years min Female Surf Teams
	150 Years min Male Surf Teams		150 Years min Female Surf Teams
	170 Years min Male Surf Teams		170 Years min Female Surf Teams

Rescue Tube Events			
	30-34 Years Male Rescue Tube		30-34 Years Female Rescue Tube
	35-39 Years Male Rescue Tube		35-39 Years Female Rescue Tube
	40-44 Years Male Rescue Tube		40-44 Years Female Rescue Tube
	45-49 Years Male Rescue Tube		45-49 Years Female Rescue Tube
	50-54 Years Male Rescue Tube		50-54 Years Female Rescue Tube
	55-59 Years Male Rescue Tube		55-59 Years Female Rescue Tube
	60-64 Years Male Rescue Tube		60-64 Years Female Rescue Tube
	65-69 Years Male Rescue Tube		65-69 Years Female Rescue Tube
	70-74 Years Male Rescue Tube		70-74 Years Female Rescue Tube
	75 years and over Male Rescue Tube		75 years and over Female Rescue Tube

Multi-Discipline Events			
	30-34 Years Ironman		30-34 Years Ironwoman
	35-39 Years Ironman		35-39 Years Ironwoman
	40-44 Years Ironman		40-44 Years Ironwoman
	45-49 Years Ironman		45-49 Years Ironwoman
	50-54 Years Ironman		50-54 Years Ironwoman
	55-59 Years Ironman		55-59 Years Ironwoman
	60-64 Years Ironman		60-64 Years Ironwoman
	65-69 Years Ironman		65-69 Years Ironwoman
	70-74 Years Male Ironman		70-74 Years Female Ironwoman
	75 Years & over Male Ironman		75 Years & over Female Ironwoman
	110 Years min Male Taplin		110 Years min Female Taplin
	130 Years min Male Taplin		130 Years min Female Taplin
	150 Years min Male Taplin		150 Years min Female Taplin
	170 Years min. Male Taplin		170 Years min. Female Taplin

Board Rescue Events			
	30-34 Years Male Board Rescue		30-34 Years Female Board Rescue
	35-39 Years Male Board Rescue		35-39 Years Female Board Rescue
	40-44 Years Male Board Rescue		40-44 Years Female Board Rescue
	45-49 Years Male Board Rescue		45-49 Years Female Board Rescue
	50-54 Years Male Board Rescue		50-54 Years Female Board Rescue
	55-59 Years Male Board Rescue		55-59 Years Female Board Rescue
	60-64 Years Male Board Rescue		60-64 Years Female Board Rescue
	65-69 Years Male Board Rescue		65-69 Years Female Board Rescue
	70-74 Years Male Board Rescue		70-74 Years Female Board Rescue
	75 Years & over Male Board Rescue		75 Years & over Female Board Rescue

Ski Events			
	30-34 Years Male Single Ski		30-34 Years Female Single Ski
	35-39 Years Male Single Ski		35-39 Years Female Single Ski
	40-44 Years Male Single Ski		40-44 Years Female Single Ski
	45-49 Years Male Single Ski		45-49 Years Female Single Ski
	50-54 Years Male Single Ski		50-54 Years Female Single Ski
	55-59 Years Male Single Ski		55-59 Years Female Single Ski
	60-64 Years Male Single Ski		60-64 Years Female Single Ski
	65-69 Years Male Single Ski		65-69 Years Female Single Ski
	70-74 Years Male Single Ski		70-74 Years Female Single Ski
	75 Years & over Male Single Ski		75 Years & over Female Single Ski
	110 Years min Male Ski Relay		110 Years min Female Ski Relay
	130 Years min Male Ski Relay		130 Years min Female Ski Relay
	150 Years min Male Ski Relay		150 Years min Female Ski Relay
	170 Years min Male Ski Relay		170 Years min Female Ski Relay
	30-34 Years Male Double Ski		30-34 Years Female Double Ski
	35-39 Years Male Double Ski		35-39 Years Female Double Ski
	40-44 Years Male Double Ski		40-44 Years Female Double Ski
	45-49 Years Male Double Ski		45-49 Years Female Double Ski
	50-54 Years Male Double Ski		50-54 Years Female Double Ski
	55-59 Years Male Double Ski		55-59 Years Female Double Ski
	60-64 Years Male Double Ski		60-64 Years Female Double Ski
	65-69 Years Male Double Ski		65-69 Years Female Double Ski
	70-74 Years Male Double Ski		70-74 Years Female Double Ski
	75 Years & over Male Double Ski		75 Years & over Female Double Ski

Board Events			
	30-34 Years Male Board		30-34 Years Female Board
	35-39 Years Male Board		35-39 Years Female Board
	40-44 Years Male Board		40-44 Years Female Board
	45-49 Years Male Board		45-49 Years Female Board
	50-54 Years Male Board		50-54 Years Female Board
	55-59 Years Male Board		55-59 Years Female Board
	60-64 Years Male Board		60-64 Years Female Board

	65-69 Years Male Board
	70-74 Years Male Board
	75 Years & over Male Board
	110 Years min Male Board Relay
	130 Years min Male Board Relay
	150 Years min Male Board Relay
	170 Years min Male Board Relay

	65-69 Years Female Board
	70-74 Years Female Board
	75 Years & over Female Board
	110 Years min Female Board Relay
	130 Years min Female Board Relay
	150 Years min Female Board Relay
	170 Years min Female Board Relay

Beach Events			
	30-34 Years Male Beach Sprint		30-34 Years Female Beach Sprint
	35-39 Years Male Beach Sprint		35-39 Years Female Beach Sprint
	40-44 Years Male Beach Sprint		40-44 Years Female Beach Sprint
	45-49 Years Male Beach Sprint		45-49 Years Female Beach Sprint
	50-54 Years Male Beach Sprint		50-54 Years Female Beach Sprint
	55-59 Years Male Beach Sprint		55-59 Years Female Beach Sprint
	60-64 Years Male Beach Sprint		60-64 Years Female Beach Sprint
	65-69 Years Male Beach Sprint		65-69 Years Female Beach Sprint
	70-74 Years Male Beach Sprint		70-74 Years Female Beach Sprint
	75 Years & over Male Beach Sprint		75 Years & over Female Beach Sprint
	140 Years min Male Beach Relay		140 Years min Female Beach Relay
	170 Years min Male Beach Relay		170 Years min. Female Beach Relay
	200 Years min Male Beach Relay		200 Years min. Female Beach Relay
	230 Years min Male Beach Relay		230 Years min Female Beach Relay
	30-34 Years Male Beach Flags		30-34 Years Female Beach Flags
	35-39 Years Male Beach Flags		35-39 Years Female Beach Flags
	40-44 Years Male Beach Flags		40-44 Years Female Beach Flags
	45-49 Years Male Beach Flags		45-49 Years Female Beach Flags
	50-54 Years Male Beach Flags		50-54 Years Female Beach Flags
	55-59 Years Male Beach Flags		55-59 Years Female Beach Flags
	60-64 Years Male Beach Flags		60-64 Years Female Beach Flags
	65-69 Years Male Beach Flags		65-69 Female Beach Flags
	70-74 Years Male Beach Flags		70-74 Years Female Beach Flags
	75 Years & over Male Beach Flags		75 Years & over Male Beach Flags
	30-34 Years Male 2km Beach Run		30-34 Years Female 2km Beach Run
	35-39 Years Male 2km Beach Run		35-39 Years Female 2km Beach run
	40-44 Years Male 2km Beach Run		40-44 Years female 2km Beach Run
	45-49 Years Male 2km Beach Run		45-49 Years Female 2km Beach Run
	50-54 Years Male 2km Beach Run		50-54 Years Female 2km Beach Run
	55-59 Years Male 2km Beach Run		55-59 Years Female 2km Beach Run
	60-64 Years Male 1km Beach Run		60-64 Years Female 1km Beach Run
	65-69 Years Male 1km Beach Run		65-69 Years Female 1km Beach Run
	70-74 Years Male 1km Beach Run		70-74 Years Female 1km Beach Run
	75 Years & over Male 1km Beach Run		75 Years & over Female 1km Beach Run

11.4 Supplementary Information

- All Taplin Relays will be 3 person relays
- All Ironperson events will include the ski

11.5 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.

11.6 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

11.7 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).

11. 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.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1 Championship Point Score

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for the Masters Championship (1st 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)

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. HEALTH & WELLBEING

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

SLSNSW 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, 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.

17. 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

18. 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 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).

19. 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.

20. TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by 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 any 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 **“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.

21. 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

22. MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

